

**Independent Readings Contract (required for the Sociology Program)**

An Independent Readings course is an overload for professors and must be approved by the Department Head. Undergraduate Independent Readings courses are for students to be able to expand upon topics to which they were introduced in an undergraduate course or topics not currently included in the curriculum but in a field within which a particular faculty member has an expertise.

The general rule for undergraduate students is that they will read at least 1000 to 1300 pages, give a written report on each work read, and complete at least three hours of oral reporting per credit hour earned. The instructor may vary the workload depending upon the nature of the material and may add as much to this contract as the instructor deems appropriate.

The student is required to submit this form with all signatures to the department administrative associate before being accepted for enrollment in Sociology 4900.

I request to enroll in Sociology 4900 for \_\_\_\_\_ hours, during \_\_\_\_\_ semester, \_\_\_\_\_.

I will be working with \_\_\_\_\_

My proposed course of study within the \_\_\_\_\_ specialty area is as follows:

Topic:

Assigned Readings:

Writing Assignments:

Oral Presentations:

Basis for Grade:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (print) and Student Number

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Instructor's Signature of Approval

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Sociology Department Head's Signature of Approval