

BUTTE COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

FREN 95 - Special Studies-FREN

1 - 3 Unit(s)

Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor

Recommended Prep: NONE

Transfer Status: CSU

Supervised study in researching an area in the student's academic major. Any student interested in registering for a Special Studies course should contact a full-time instructor or chair/coordinator in the appropriate area no later than the last day of the tenth week of instruction. 51–153 hours Independent Study. Students may enroll in this course up to 3 unit(s) to complete the entire curriculum of the course.

II. OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Develop a set of research notes based on personal observations, readings, discussions and media presentations. Notes must be orderly, legible and meaningful for future reference, and include analytical questions.
- B. Produce a summary research report with supporting notes that is orderly, legible and meaningful for future reference; including an index and bibliography.
- C. Draw from their notes sufficient data as to be able to write a logically ordered analytical essay of at least 1,500 words in a proper research-paper form, on a chosen topic that is pertinent to the special study theme.

III. COURSE CONTENT

A. Unit Titles/Suggested Time Schedule

| | | Lab | |
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| <u>Topics</u> | | | <u>Hours</u> |
| 1. | | | 51.00 - 153.00 |
| a. | Identification of the problem/study | | |
| b. | Conducting the study | | |
| c. | Work in progress | | |
| d. | Final analyses and conclusion | | |
| Total Hours | | | 51 - 153 |

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- A. Discussion
- B. Problem-Solving Sessions
- C. Reading Assignments

V. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Research Projects
- B. Portfolios
- C. Oral Presentation
- D. Demonstration
- E. Essays and research papers

VI. EXAMPLES OF ASSIGNMENTS

A. Reading Assignments

1. Identification of a reasearch project which will include extensive reading, writing (1,500 words minimum), and a presentation of completed work to the instructor.

B. Writing Assignments

1. Identification of a reasearch project which will include extensive reading, writing (1,500 words minimum), and a presentation of completed work to the instructor.

C. Out-of-Class Assignments

1. Not applicable.

VII. RECOMMENDED MATERIALS OF INSTRUCTION

Materials Other Than Textbooks:

- A. The materials will vary depending upon the specialized project of each student.

Created/Revised by: Current Curriculum Chair

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