Political Science Department

POLS 199RA Petition

Independent Research Assistance for Juniors or Seniors

(Rev. 3/16/2026)

Name:_____ Date: _____

Perm number:_____ Email address: _____

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Guidelines

- Students must be of Junior or Senior standing. Requires a 3.0 GPA in all GPA (UCSB cumulative; POLS overall major; and POLS upper division major) categories.
- Once your petition is approved, the Undergraduate Advisor will send you an add code to enroll in one of these sections.
- POLS 199RA petitions should be submitted for review by WEDNESDAY of WEEK 2 of the quarter so that they can be approved prior to the add/drop deadline. After this date, students may incur additional registration fees.
- For Political Science majors, POLS 199RA credit defaults to Area D, POLS upper division elective credit, but may be reallocated to a subfield area requirement upon petition after completion.
- Students may enroll in a maximum of 5 units per quarter, and with no more than 8 units applied toward the major.

What to Submit

Students wishing to enroll in POLS 199RA **must attach a 1-2-page project description to this petition.** The project description should include a method of evaluation (frequency of student-professor meetings, required written assignments, and submission deadlines). The instructor must indicate approval by signing below. Return this form to the POLS Advising Office (3838 Ellison Hall), or via email to Advising@polsci.ucsb.edu

Units (1-5):_____ Instructor Name: _____

Instructor Signature: _____

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Department ONLY

Petition Approved: ____ Yes ____No POLS ***Overall*** GPA: _____

UCSB ***Overall*** GPA: _____

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Undergraduate Program Coordinator (If non-major) Major & GPA: _____

Add Code: _____ Date: _____