Boise State University
Foundational Studies Program Course Application Form

Due to the Foundational Studies Program by August 19, 2011

After the Foundational Studies Program has approved a course, departments will continue through the regular department and college procedures. The approved course should be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee by October 1, 2011.

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Instructions:
1. Complete one form per course.
2. Attach this Foundational Studies Course Application Form to the back of the University Curriculum Committee “Request for Curriculum Action” form. Both forms should be submitted to the Foundational Studies Program Office by August 19, 2011.

Part I. Course Information:

Course Number and Title: GERMAN 498 Senior Seminar

Type of Foundational Studies Course – (Choose One):
[ ] DLS (Disciplinary Lens – Social Science)
[ ] DLL (Disciplinary Lens – Literature and Humanities)
[ ] DLV (Disciplinary Lens – Visual and Performing Arts)
[ ] DLM (Disciplinary Lens – Mathematics)
[ ] DLN (Disciplinary Lens – Natural, Physical, and Applied Sciences)
   Includes Lab: [ ] Yes [ ] No
[ ] CID (Communication in the Discipline)
[x] FF (Finishing Foundations)

Delivery Format(s) – (Check all that apply):
[x] Face to Face
[ ] Fully Online
[ ] Hybrid
[ ] Concurrent Enrollment
[ ] Other (briefly describe):
Part II. Syllabus Statement:

In the space below, include the syllabus statement for this course which will appear on the first page of the syllabus for each section of this course. (Template and examples are appended to this application form.)

Boise State's Foundational Studies Program provides undergraduates with a broad-based education that spans the entire university experience. GERMAN 498: Senior Seminar satisfies 3 credits of the Foundational Studies Program's Finishing Foundations requirement. It supports the following University Learning Outcomes, along with a variety of other course-specific goals:

1. Write effectively in multiple contexts for a variety of audiences;
2. Engage in effective critical inquiry by defining problems, gathering and evaluating evidence, and determining the adequacy of argumentative discourse;
3. Think creatively about complex problems in order to produce, evaluate, and implement innovative possible solutions, often as one member of a team.

GERMAN 498: Senior Seminar is designed to provide a culminating experience for students’ disciplinary studies. This course helps to achieve the goals of the Foundational Studies Program by focusing on the following course learning outcomes. After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Effectively evaluate and synthesize ideas from sources in German; document sources according to disciplinary conventions;
- Improve writing in German across a series of drafts that are the result of drafting, revising and editing in response to feedback;
- Apply standards of correct German grammar, syntax and spelling;
- Clearly identify and describe in German the questions and issues at stake, explain how they fit within a discipline’s sphere of inquiry;
- Support an original thesis statement through the construction and development of a logical argument in German;
- Formulate an original thesis statement in German;
- Support an original thesis by incorporating ideas from scholarly sources, including those in German.

Part III. Design for Accessibility:

In the space below, briefly describe plans for providing access to course materials and activities (or equivalent alternatives) to all students in adherence with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Although these plans may vary from instructor to instructor, the descriptions provided below should be representative of intended departmental and instructor practices. (See example statements appended to this form.)
Part V. Evidence of Quality Course Design:

Please use the table below (column headings for this table should not be changed) to provide evidence that the course has been carefully designed and is clearly aligned with Foundational Studies Program desired ULOs. All sections of the course should share similar student learning outcomes. Teaching and Learning Activities and Assessment Methods may vary from instructor to instructor. Please use the table to report representative strategies that may be used. Assessment activities used for reporting to the Foundational Studies Program should be consistent across different sections of the course.

Part V. Additional Justification (Optional):

If the brief justification provided to the University Curriculum Committee in the proposal to accompany the “Request for Curriculum Action” is not sufficient to make the case for including the course in the Foundational Studies Program, additional (optional) narrative can be added here.

GERMAN 498: Senior Seminar is the capstone course and exit requirement for a major in German. While the general format of the class will be similar from semester to semester, the specific topic of the class may vary. The instructor of the class chooses these topics, and they usually focus on a specific literary period, genre, author or theme. There will be additional course learning outcomes that are more closely related to the specific topic of the course.
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| **ULO 1: Writing**      | • Write effectively: Sources. Evaluates and synthesizes ideas from sources well; documents sources according to disciplinary conventions  
                          • Write effectively: Revision. Improves across a series of drafts that are the result of drafting, revising and editing in response to feedback | • Effectively evaluate and synthesize ideas from sources in German; document sources according to disciplinary conventions. | • Multiple drafts of research paper in German. | • Class discussions in German of Modern Language Association citation conventions. Feedback from professor on multiple drafts of research paper. |
<p>| <strong>ULO 1: Writing</strong>      | • Write effectively: Mechanics. Controls mechanical features such as syntax, grammar, and punctuation | • Apply standards of correct German grammar, syntax and spelling. | • Multiple drafts of research paper in German. | • Feedback from professor on multiple drafts of research paper in German. |
| <strong>ULO 3: Critical Inquiry</strong> | • 3A - Articulating the Problem/Question/Issue: Clearly identifies and describes the problem; explains how it fits within the discipline’s sphere of inquiry; describes multiple candidate approaches to addressing it. | • Clearly identify and describe in German the questions and issues at stake, explain how they fit within a discipline’s sphere of inquiry. | • Oral Presentation. Multiple drafts of research paper in German. | • Group or partner activities and class discussions in German of primary and secondary texts and their cultural contexts. Short reflection papers in German about particular themes, questions or issues. |</p>
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<td>ULO 3: Critical Inquiry</td>
<td>• 3D - Demonstrative Reasoning: Makes effective use of evidence and principles to produce chains of reasoning that are of superior quality, as determined by discipline-specific evaluative standards.</td>
<td>• Support an original thesis statement through the construction and development of a logical argument in German.</td>
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<td>ULO 4a: Innovation</td>
<td>• 4a.5 - Innovative Thinking: Extends a novel or unique idea, question, format or product to create new knowledge or knowledge that crosses boundaries.</td>
<td>• Formulate an original thesis statement in German.</td>
<td>• First draft of research paper in German.</td>
<td>• Individual consultation between student and professor. • Class discussions.</td>
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<td>ULO 4a: Innovation</td>
<td>• 4a.6 - Connecting, Synthesizing, Transforming: Transforms ideas or solutions into entirely new forms.</td>
<td>• Support an original thesis by incorporating ideas from scholarly sources, including those in German.</td>
<td>• Literature review in German and in English to assess what others have done. Summary and presentation in German of a scholarly article. Multiple drafts of research paper in German.</td>
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