

Current language:**ADVANCED TOPICS: 190, 290, 390**

Each department may set up a course or courses in selected special or advanced topics, the intent being to examine a special and somewhat detailed area in its field. The course numbers are 190, 290, and 390, and registration is permitted by the head of the department and instructor.

Advanced topics carry a maximum, and normally three semester hour credits. These courses are not to be confused with Independent Study 380, which is planned for study by a single student. A course in selected or advanced topics should be a regular class and must have the approval of the dean for academic affairs.

Please be certain to submit the title of the advanced topic to the registrar. The basis for course designation is as follows:

- 190 – Special Topics. This designation will be for any special topic within a department that is designed for freshmen and sophomores. The course should have no prerequisites.
- 290 – Special Topics. This designation will be for any special topic within a department that is open for students of any rank, but the emphasis should be on upper-class students. There should be no prerequisites.
- 390 – Advanced Topics. This designation will refer to courses which are advanced in nature and which require junior-senior status. Presumably there would be prerequisites for the advanced nature of the study.

Proposed language:**SPECIAL TOPICS: 190, 290, 390**

Each department may set up a course or courses in selected special topics. Special topics courses examine content not covered by the current curriculum.

The course numbers are 190, 290, and 390. These courses are not to be confused with Independent Study 380, which is planned for study by a single student. Submit the title of the special topic to the registrar. The basis for course designation is as follows:

- 190 – Special Topics. This designation will be for any special topic that is designed for freshmen and sophomores.
- 290 – Special Topics. This designation will be for any special topic that is open for students of any rank, but the emphasis should be on upper-class students.
- 390 – Special Topics. This designation will refer to courses that are advanced in nature and would require junior-senior status or permission of instructor.

Note: It is recommended that departments use special topics courses as a way to offer a new course, but it is expected that courses that have been offered as special topics for 2 semesters be proposed as catalog courses if the course will be taught on a regular basis.