COMMUNICATIONS 494
Application for Undergraduate Research Credits

PURPOSE AND GUIDELINES:
Undergraduate research and creative opportunities in the College of Communications allow students to gain experience in their specified field of study while earning course credit. Working with College of Communications faculty members in COMM 494, students learn hands-on research and creative skills such as coding, website/project management, website design, database searches, creative writing, analytical writing and more.

Faculty members are looking for exceptional students who have a desire to learn research skills and grow in their communications field. Students who enroll in COMM 494 to assist faculty members with research are required to complete the University’s Scholarship and Research Integrity requirements.

Students should begin the application process by contacting the faculty member listed with the project that best fits their skills and needs. The student and faculty member offering the research should discuss 1) the nature of the project and how it relates to the student’s academic and career goals and 2) the amount of time and nature of the work required of the student to be a valuable member of the project (Students are expected to provide 40 hours of work per credit).

Students may not register for 494 until an approved application is on file.
Questions about the application process should be directed to the College of Communications Director of Undergraduate Research (Dr. Susan Strohm, sms14@psu.edu).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. STUDENTS - COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

   Student Name: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________
   Student ID #: ______________________________ Current GPA: ___________
   Major: ___________________________ Current Semester Standing: _______
   Proposed number of credits for this application: _______
   Semester in which credits will be taken: ____ FA ____SP ____ SU Year _______
   Faculty Supervisor: _____________________________________________________

2. SUPERVISING FACULTY MEMBER – PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH BEING DONE AND THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITIES BELOW:

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3. STUDENTS – SIGN ON THE LINE BELOW, AND THEN OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES:

______________________________________________________________
(Student Applicant)   ( Date)

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(Supervising Faculty Member)   (Date)

Department Head: These credits are approved as:

_______ Major Requirement (list requirement)

_______ Elective

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(Department Head)   (Date)

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(College of Communications Director, Undergraduate Research Susan Strohm, 104 Carnegie)   (Date)

4. TAKE THE COMPLETED FORM TO 204 CARNEGIE FOR REVIEW BY THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

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(Associate Dean, College of Communications)   (Date)

Application approved and Student enrolled in Comm 494 on _______ (date) by _______ (initials).