

# Cover Sheet: Request 13749

## Request for a new ARA course

### Info

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Description of request	The request is for a new course ARA 4906 - Honors Thesis that will be available for students who seek to do supervised research and write an honors thesis .

### Actions

Step	Status	Group	User	Comment	Updated
Department	Approved	CLAS - Languages, Literatures and Cultures 011686001	Youssef Haddad		3/20/2019
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College	Conditionall Approved	CLAS - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Joseph Spillane	The College Curriculum Committee conditiionally apporoves this request, with the following: 1) the request uses both ARA4906 and ARA 4935, please reconcile the difference; 2) this is NOT a variable credit course, please correct this; 3) change weekly contact hours to "3" to be consistent with university policy	4/22/2019
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**Submitter:** Youssef Haddad yah@ufl.edu

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## Responses

### Recommended Prefix

*Enter the three letter code indicating placement of course within the discipline (e.g., POS, ATR, ENC). Note that for new course proposals, the State Common Numbering System (SCNS) may assign a different prefix.*

Response:

ARA

### Course Level

*Select the one digit code preceding the course number that indicates the course level at which the course is taught (e.g., 1=freshman, 2=sophomore, etc.).*

Response:

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### Number

*Enter the three digit code indicating the specific content of the course based on the SCNS taxonomy and course equivalency profiles. For new course requests, this may be XXX until SCNS assigns an appropriate number.*

Response:

906

### Category of Instruction

*Indicate whether the course is introductory, intermediate or advanced. Introductory courses are those that require no prerequisites and are general in nature. Intermediate courses require some prior preparation in a related area. Advanced courses require specific competencies or knowledge relevant to the topic prior to enrollment.*

Response:

Advanced

- 1000 and 2000 level = Introductory undergraduate
- 3000 level = Intermediate undergraduate
- 4000 level = Advanced undergraduate
- 5000 level = Introductory graduate
- 6000 level = Intermediate graduate
- 7000 level = Advanced graduate

*4000/5000 and 4000/6000 levels = Joint undergraduate/graduate (these must be approved by the UCC and the Graduate Council)*

**Lab Code**

*Enter the lab code to indicate whether the course is lecture only (None), lab only (L), or a combined lecture and lab (C).*

Response:  
None

**Course Title**

*Enter the title of the course as it should appear in the Academic Catalog.*

Response:  
Honors Thesis

**Transcript Title**

*Enter the title that will appear in the transcript and the schedule of courses. Note that this must be limited to 21 characters (including spaces and punctuation).*

Response:  
Honors Thesis

**Degree Type**

*Select the type of degree program for which this course is intended.*

Response:  
Baccalaureate

**Delivery Method(s)**

*Indicate all platforms through which the course is currently planned to be delivered.*

Response:  
On-Campus

**Co-Listing**

*Will this course be jointly taught to undergraduate, graduate, and/or professional students?*

Response:  
No

**Co-Listing Explanation**

*Please detail how coursework differs for undergraduate, graduate, and/or professional students. Additionally, please upload a copy of both the undergraduate and graduate syllabus to the request in .pdf format.*

Response:  
N/A

**Effective Term**

Select the requested term that the course will first be offered. Selecting "Earliest" will allow the course to be active in the earliest term after SCNS approval. If a specific term and year are selected, this should reflect the department's best projection. Courses cannot be implemented retroactively, and therefore the actual effective term cannot be prior to SCNS approval, which must be obtained prior to the first day of classes for the effective term. SCNS approval typically requires 2 to 6 weeks after approval of the course at UF.

Response:  
Earliest Available

**Effective Year**

Select the requested year that the course will first be offered. See preceding item for further information.

Response:  
Earliest Available

**Rotating Topic?**

Select "Yes" if the course can have rotating (varying) topics. These course titles can vary by topic in the Schedule of Courses.

Response:  
No

**Repeatable Credit?**

Select "Yes" if the course may be repeated for credit. If the course will also have rotating topics, be sure to indicate this in the question above.

Response:  
No

**Amount of Credit**

Select the number of credits awarded to the student upon successful completion, or select "Variable" if the course will be offered with variable credit and then indicate the minimum and maximum credits per section. Note that credit hours are regulated by Rule 6A-10.033, FAC. If you select "Variable" for the amount of credit, additional fields will appear in which to indicate the minimum and maximum number of total credits.

Response:  
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**S/U Only?**

Select "Yes" if all students should be graded as S/U in the course. Note that each course must be entered into the UF curriculum inventory as either letter-graded or S/U. A course may not have both options. However, letter-graded courses allow students to take the course S/U with instructor permission.

Response:  
Yes

### Contact Type

Select the best option to describe course contact type. This selection determines whether base hours or headcount hours will be used to determine the total contact hours per credit hour. Note that the headcount hour options are for courses that involve contact between the student and the professor on an individual basis.

Response:

Supervision of Teaching/Research

- Regularly Scheduled [base hr]
- Thesis/Dissertation Supervision [1.0 headcount hr]
- Directed Individual Studies [0.5 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Student Interns [0.8 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Teaching/Research [0.5 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Cooperative Education [0.8 headcount hr]

Contact the Office of Institutional Planning and Research (352-392-0456) with questions regarding contact type.

### Weekly Contact Hours

Indicate the number of hours instructors will have contact with students each week on average throughout the duration of the course.

Response:

3

### Course Description

Provide a brief narrative description of the course content. This description will be published in the Academic Catalog and is limited to 50 words or fewer. See course description guidelines.

Response:

Directed research leading to an honors thesis on a topic approved by the thesis director. Not a substitute for a required course in Foreign Languages and Literatures - Arabic Specialization or Minor in Arabic Studies.

### Prerequisites

Indicate all requirements that must be satisfied prior to enrollment in the course. Prerequisites will be automatically checked for each student attempting to register for the course. The prerequisite will be published in the Academic Catalog and must be formulated so that it can be enforced in the registration system. Please note that upper division courses (i.e., intermediate or advanced level of instruction) must have proper prerequisites to target the appropriate audience for the course.

Response:

Minimum 3.5 GPA and instructor permission

Completing Prerequisites on UCC forms:

- Use "&" and "or" to conjoin multiple requirements; do not use commas, semicolons, etc.
- Use parentheses to specify groupings in multiple requirements.
- Specifying a course prerequisite (without specifying a grade) assumes the required passing grade is D-. In order to specify a different grade, include the grade in parentheses immediately after the course number. For example, "MAC 2311(B)" indicates that students are required to obtain a grade of B in Calculus I. MAC2311 by itself would only require a grade of D-.
- Specify all majors or minors included (if all majors in a college are acceptable the college code is sufficient).
- "Permission of department" is always an option so it should not be included in any prerequisite or co-requisite.

*Example: A grade of C in HSC 3502, passing grades in HSC 3057 or HSC 4558, and major/minor in PHHP should be written as follows:  
HSC 3502(C) & (HSC 3057 or HSC 4558) & (HP college or (HS or CMS or DSC or HP or RS minor))*

### **Co-requisites**

*Indicate all requirements that must be taken concurrently with the course. Co-requisites are not checked by the registration system.*

Response:  
None

### **Rationale and Placement in Curriculum**

*Explain the rationale for offering the course and its place in the curriculum.*

Response:  
Students who would like to write an honors thesis to graduate with honors may take this course to achieve that. The course is also relevant to students in the University Scholars Program or similar programs.

### **Course Objectives**

*Describe the core knowledge and skills that student should derive from the course. The objectives should be both observable and measurable.*

Response:  
Students are expected to  
- work independently and in a sustained way on a research project;  
- attend regular meetings with their advisor;  
- formulate research questions clearly and develop an approach to address them;  
- demonstrate depth of knowledge in their field of inquiry;  
- find, annotate, engage and critique appropriate sources in their field of inquiry;  
- refine arguments through revision and engagement with their advisor  
- write a clear, well-structured, substantive thesis.

### **Course Textbook(s) and/or Other Assigned Reading**

*Enter the title, author(s) and publication date of textbooks and/or readings that will be assigned. &nbsp;&nbsp; Please provide specific examples&nbsp;&nbsp; to evaluate the course.*

Response:  
MLA Handbook 8th Edition. 2016. The Modern Language Association of America.

Other references depend on the student's research project and may be found in the library.

### **Weekly Schedule of Topics**

*Provide a projected weekly schedule of topics. This should have sufficient detail to evaluate how the course would meet current curricular needs and the extent to which it overlaps with existing courses at UF.*

Response:  
Meeting at least once a week to discuss ideas, progress, etc.

## Links and Policies

Consult the syllabus policy page for a list of required and recommended links to add to the syllabus. Please list the links and any additional policies that will be added to the course syllabus.  
Please see: [syllabus.ufl.edu](http://syllabus.ufl.edu) for more information

### Response:

#### Attendance and make-ups

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at:  
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

### Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu> . Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/> .

### Class Demeanor

Students are expected to arrive to meetings on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please avoid the use of cell phones and restrict eating to outside of the classroom or meeting time. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all.

### University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conducthonor-code/> ) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

### Accommodations

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. For more information see <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>.

### Resources Available for Students

#### - HEALTH AND WELLNESS

U Matter, We Care: [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu); 392-1575

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx> ; 392-1575

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS): Student Health Care Center; 392-1161

University Police Department: <http://www.police.ufl.edu/> ; 392-1111 (911 for emergencies)

#### - ACADEMIC RESOURCES

E-learning technical support: [Learningsupport@ufl.edu](mailto:Learningsupport@ufl.edu); <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml> ; 352-392-4357 (opt. 2)

- Career Resource Center: Reitz Union; <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/> ; 392-1601

- Library Support: <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>

- Teaching Center: Broward Hall; 392-2010 or 392-6420

- Writing Studio: 302 Tigert Hall; <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/> ; 846-1138



**Grading Scheme**

*List the types of assessments, assignments and other activities that will be used to determine the course grade, and the percentage contribution from each. This list should have sufficient detail to evaluate the course rigor and grade integrity. Include details about the grading rubric and percentage breakdowns for determining grades.*

Response:

To earn a Satisfactory grade on this course, students must show consistent and good progress at every stage of their research project.

**Instructor(s)**

*Enter the name of the planned instructor or instructors, or "to be determined" if instructors are not yet identified.*

Response:

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