

HISP685: Directed Studies

Guidelines and Criteria

In the Department of Hispanic Studies, 685 courses are special courses calling for individual work to meet specific needs of a specific student. 685s are NOT for general use as electives and must apply directly to a student's chosen area of concentration (literature, linguistics-pedagogy, cultural studies, or bilingual-bicultural studies). A student wishing to enroll in a 685 must have a specific reason for taking this approach rather than a regular course. No more than three can be listed on a student's degree plan.

Prerequisites are:

1. Permission of the supervising faculty member
2. Approval of the Director of Graduate Studies

It is further understood that:

1. Individual consultation and agreement between student and faculty will precede this formal, written request.
2. A final report will be submitted by the faculty directing the 685. This report comments on the student's overall work, the final project, and the grade for the course. It will be filed permanently in the student's departmental file.
3. Although clock hours are not absolute, limiting or monitored, a general guideline is the expenditure of a minimum of 45 clock hours per semester hour of credit requested. This includes actual student-faculty contact hours as well as the time a student spends preparing for regularly scheduled meetings.
4. There will be regular meetings between the student and the faculty supervisor as agreed upon at the beginning of the project.

**DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC STUDIES
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
HISP 685: DIRECTED STUDIES
CONTRACT**

Date: _____ **Student's name:** _____

Student's UIN: _____ **Semester:** __ Fall __ Spring __ SSI __ SSII year: _____

Enrollment in HISP 685 - section: _____ **In Absentia:** ____ Yes ____ No

Faculty offering course: _____ *In Office Use - (UIN: _____)*

Purpose of the course/objective: (Briefly describe the course content.)

Describe the requirements to be completed, including papers, reading, etc. (Attach a copy of the course syllabus.)

I have read and understood the general directions on the first page of this application.

Signature of Student

Signature of Director of Graduate Studies

Signature of Faculty Member

Date

*Distribution: Head
 Faculty Supervisor
 Student
 Student's Departmental File*