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Course Approval Form - GEOL 498 Undergraduate Thesis

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if taking your 1 st GEOL 498 unit. Thesis proposal will be due at the end of semester. See general grading scheme on page 2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if taking your 2 nd or 3 rd GEOL 498 unit. You must attach a copy of your thesis proposal using the bottom below*.
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*Note that the thesis proposal shows up under attachments once you click the paper clip symbol on the tab to the right.

Semester:		Date:		Number of units:	
Student Name		Student Email:			
CWID #:					
Faculty advisor:		5-digit Schedule #			
Undergraduate Thesis Title (if known):					

To register for 1st unit of GEOL 498	<i>Required signatures</i> <hr/> Student signature Date <hr/> Faculty Advisor signature Date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Discuss a thesis topic with your advisor. 2) Complete this form with proper rubric semester, schedule number, number of units. Rubric for 1st unit is on page 2. 3) Email this form to faculty advisor for signature. 4) Your thesis advisor will submit it to the office staff. They will add permit to register for the class and inform you. 5) Once you receive the permit, register for the class. 	

To register for 2nd or 3rd unit (or both) of GEOL 498	<i>Required signatures</i> <hr/> Student signature Date <hr/> Faculty Advisor signature Date <hr/> Undergraduate Advisor signature Date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Attach a copy of your completed thesis proposal to this form (unless submitted with prior 498 course approval form) and submit to faculty advisor and undergraduate advisor for signature. Click the button to attach a grading rubric if 2nd unit only*. 2) Undergraduate advisor will email form to the office staff. They will add registration permit and inform you. 3) Once you receive the permit, register for the class. (see next page for grading rubric for 3rd unit) 	

*Note that the 2nd unit only rubric shows up under attachments once you click the paper clip symbol on the right tab.

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Grading Guidelines: Specifics of your final grade should be discussed with your advisor. In general, grade guidelines for GEOL498 are:

GRADING GUIDELINES FOR GEOL 498 (1st unit only):

- A Proposal Completed. Proposal text and figures reviewed and approved with no revisions.
- B Proposal Incomplete. Draft of text and figures reviewed, but minor revisions pending.
- C Proposal Submitted. Draft of text and figures reviewed with major revisions pending.
- D Proposal Started. Draft of figures and text begun, but not submitted for review.
- F Proposal Not Started.

Plus/minus grades will be evaluated within the framework of the grade outline above.

GRADING GUIDELINES FOR GEOL 498 (2nd unit only):

In this case, you have already taken one unit and have finished your proposal, but will still have one unit after this semester. Your grade will be evaluated based on grading scheme/rubric agreed upon by you and your advisor – PLEASE ATTACH GRADE EVALUATION RUBRIC – This rubric should outline expectations and how grade will be determined.

GRADING GUIDELINES FOR GEOL 498 (3rd unit only, 2nd and 3rd units only, or ALL 3 units):

In this case, you have either already taken one or two units of your 498 course or you plan on completing all requirements in one semester. Specifics related to your final grade should be discussed with your advisor. In general, grade guidelines for GEOL498 will be evaluated as follows:

- A Thesis Completed. Final text and figures with no revisions.
- B Thesis Incomplete. Draft of text and figures submitted with minor revisions required.
- C Data Collection Complete. Data collected and submitted in a transferable format; thesis text and figures outlined or requiring major revisions.
- D Data Collection Started. Incomplete data set collected; thesis text and figures not outlined.
- F Data Collection Insufficient.

Plus/minus grades will be evaluated within the framework of the grade outline above.

Note that 3 units of GEOL 498 fulfills the CSUF upper-division writing requirement for the BS in Geology or BA in Earth Science, thus it is expected that extensive writing and feedback on writing will occur over the course of the 3 units of GEOL 498.