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Well folx,

I sent the big email and then got a flurry of questions because I should have clarified the research and values requirement questions! 

Yes, you can substitute any course that is listed as (RESEARCH) in the 4990 Special Topics classes for the SOWK 4900 required 3 credit research course. Any of these courses listed as research will suffice, including a combination of the 3 research courses that are listed as 1 credit each, if a student takes all 3 of those classes to fulfill the 3 credit research requirement. These courses will be offered again in the spring quarter to allow time to take all 3. The intention was to create 3 "stackable" courses that offer you a variety of approaches to research to fulfill this requirement.

- What would happen if a student only takes one of these?
  - You could either do a 2 credit independent study with a research professor, or you could end up with one extra credit.
  - The same idea applies if you took 2 of these one-credit research courses, you could do a 1 credit independent study for the 3rd credit.
- The point is, **you all need 3 credits of concentration level research to graduate.**
- Some of you may have room in your elective credits to take one of these classes separately, but *one of these 1 credit research classes on its own does not fulfill the requirement.*

If you have specific questions about one of the new courses, please reach out to the instructor.

The same holds true for the special topics courses listed as (VALUES) on the list. These courses will count for your VALUES requirement of 3 credits, unless you are in a concentration or stipend program that has a specific Values Course requirement. If you have already taken a Values course, you can take additional values courses as electives.

Lastly, the courses that are listed as (METHODS) may work for a choice under the required Methods courses in your concentration, if approved by the Concentration lead. For example Evidence Based Wellness for Social Workers course could work for one of the choices in the methods in the Health and Wellness Concentration, if approved by the Concentration lead. Transformative Approaches to Youth Engagement could fulfill a concentration method choice requirement if approved by the Concentration Lead. If you have questions about these methods courses, ask your concentration lead and/or speak to the course instructor to learn more about the content.

If you need to refresh your memory on what is required for your concentration, please go to the

[GSSW Student Resource Portal Course Planning Tools Denver](#) tab and scroll down to the bottom, where there are detailed concentration course plans available for you.

I hope this helps clarify the situation and I appreciate those of you who reached out right away with questions. It make me happy to know how enthusiastic you are about the new courses.

Happy Monday, week 9!

**Thank you!**

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