

January 2017

To: First Term Seniors
From: Anya Bassett
Re: Senior Meeting, Requirements, and Petitions

As the course head for Social Studies 99, the Senior Thesis in Social Studies, it is my pleasure to welcome you back for your senior year.

Nicole and I will be holding a mandatory meeting for first semester seniors on Wednesday, January 25th at 5 p.m. in William James Hall 350 (the “Hobbes” room) to discuss your senior thesis. I will be reviewing the calendar for the year, providing information about the structure of a senior thesis, and describing the resources that are available for senior thesis writers. **Please make every effort to attend this meeting** as we will not repeat this information in another venue.

In the meantime, please make note of the following information:

Completing Social Studies Requirements

In preparing your program of study for this year, you need to make sure that you will be able to complete all Social Studies and College requirements for graduation. If you have any outstanding requirements in Social Studies (in addition to Social Studies 99), you and your academic advisor will receive an email from Kate Anable by Monday, January 23rd listing any Social Studies requirements that remain. Please review this email carefully and discuss it with your academic advisor, who will not release the hold on your study card until he or she is confident that you will be able to complete your program this year.

Petitioning to “Unconc” courses for a secondary field

Social Studies seniors can petition the Board of Instruction to “unconc” a course or courses in a social science or history department for use in a secondary field. Please note that you can only “unconc” courses for this purpose. To petition, fill out an “unconc” form (part of this registration packet), secure your advisor’s signature, and bring it to the Social Studies office no later than Monday, March 6th. The Board of Instruction will review your form and let you know if your petition can be approved by April 15th.