

**January 2021**

**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 Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m. in William James Hall.** We 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 record this meeting.

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 Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 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 they are confident that you will be able to complete your program this year.

### **Senior Focus Field/Plan of Study**

Your senior focus field and plan of study are due in hard copy, signed by your academic advisor, in the Social Studies office by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board of Instruction will review your focus field and plan of study and work with you if changes need to be made. You must have an approved focus field on file by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **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) and send it to Katie Greene as an attachment no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board of Instruction will review your form and let you know if your petition can be approved by April 15<sup>th</sup>.