

The **Research Portfolio Option** is one of the three options (along with the Practicum Option and the Thesis Option) for fulfilling the capstone requirement for the MA degree. The Research Portfolio consists of two papers based on independent research in specially-designated Research Seminars, as well as a short overview that describes the overall theme of the portfolio. *Note: These Research Seminars are also available as electives for students who are not taking them to fulfill the requirements of the Research Portfolio option.*

Students receive guidance from Research Portfolio Seminar instructors in writing their Research Portfolio papers. Instructors provide feedback on topic development and assistance with literature and research strategies. Students also receive guidance from concentration chairs, advisors, and other relevant faculty before, during, and after taking the research seminars.

The Research Portfolio Option is fulfilled by completing the two papers (each is a minimum of 8,000 words, excluding references, and both must receive a minimum grade of B+) and a short Overview Essay (1,000-1,500 words) that describes the overall theme of the portfolio. The Overview Essay must be read and signed by the Research Portfolio Supervisor and turned in to the SGPIA Front Desk with the Research Portfolio Cover Sheet and two Portfolio Papers.

The two Research Portfolio Seminars are ordinarily taken in the final two semesters, but can be taken earlier when appropriate. Each semester, a number of electives across the concentrations are designated as Research Portfolio Seminars, readily identifiable by their 6000-level NINT course numbers.

When students choose to pursue the Research Portfolio Option, they must do the following:

- submit the [Research Portfolio Declaration](#) to the program
- register for a total of two Research Portfolio seminars
- register for a no-fee, 0-credit co-requisite for each of the two RP courses—for the first RP course: Research Portfolio Status I (NINT 6970), for the second: Research Portfolio Status II (NINT 6971)
- deposit with the program the completed Research Portfolio, consisting of the Overview Essay and Cover Sheet, both signed by the Portfolio Supervisor, and the two Portfolio Papers.
- Check the [Research Portfolio Guidelines](#) for more information.

Fall 2019 Research Portfolio Option Seminars & No-Fee Co-Requisites

CRN	SUBJ	CRSE	SGPIA – Fall 2019 Research Portfolio Seminars	Concentration
2997	NINT	6022	Postcolonial & Feminist Theories	CS/GR
4177	NINT	6294	The Evolution of Warfare	CS/GR
7202	NINT	6357	Ethnic Conflict and Genocide	CS
3266	NINT	6258	Gender Equality: Global Perspectives on Economic & Political Empowerment	DEV/GR
7485	NINT	6122	The Futures of Work	DEV/GR
7482	NINT	6359	Global Health Crises & Human Rights	DEV/GR
5425	NINT	6354	Slums and Urban Development	CSJ/DEV
3691	NINT	6970	Research Portfolio Status I	
3692	NINT	6971	Research Portfolio Status II	