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Affairs/SGPIA  
Research Portfolio Option: Guidelines  
Fall 2020 Advising and Registration**

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: some are readily identifiable by their 6000-level NINT course numbers; others are 5000-level. In either case they are designated as RP courses.

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

- submit the Capstone Declaration Form 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 2020 Research Portfolio Option Seminars & No-Fee Co-Requisite**

CRN	SUBJ	CRSE	TITLE	Concentration
8960	NINT	8960	Politics of Humanitarianism	CS/GR
9316	NINT	5465	Global Pandemics in an Unequal World: Learning from COVID-19	CS/DEV/GR/CSJ/MC
5842	NINT	5429	Contending Economic Analyses	DEV/GR
9077	NINT	6359	Global Health Governance: Histories, Politics, Knowledge Production	DEV/GR
8960	NINT	8960	Politics of Humanitarianism	CS/GR
9095	NINT	6964	PIA I: Critiquing & Advocating Policy	GR
9038	NINT	5038	Indigenous Political & Environmental Justice	CS/DEV/GR
8959	NINT	5417	Infrastructure & Social Compact	CSJ
9519	NINT	6357	Pathways to Genocide: Identities, Interests and Conflict	CS/GR
8964	NINT	5381	The Global Politics of Sports	MC

3691	NINT	6970	Research Portfolio Status I
3692	NINT	6971	Research Portfolio Status II