Erin & Eddie-

Please find the attached pair of new course proposals for ESF 899 & ESF 999. These two courses have been developed in response to recent glitches in our past practice of requiring all graduate students to register for 1 research credit during summer semester if they wish to defend or complete thesis/dissertation revisions necessary to have their graduate degree conferred during summer term. Evolving rules for federal state/financial aid do not allow the practice of “rolling” unused summer credit into the fall term, necessitating another option for students who are unable to follow through on summer graduation plans without financial penalty. We’ve consulted with the Graduate School at Syracuse University, and after reviewing their “GRD 998 – Degree in Progress” course listing, we propose adopting a similar no credit course option (one for masters level, and one for doctoral level) serving the same purpose.

Thanks-
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