Proposal for Independent Study Class  
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Credits: 3 *depending on things that are approved to be done.

For the independent study class I would like to do some research on Black-Face Minstrelsy. I think that this type of theatre has not been introduced to many students because of the negative connotation that it carries, but I would like to opportunity to research and inform students and faculty about this type of theatre.

The following is a list of things I am thought about doing.

- Research Paper on Minstrel shows
- Research Project- (PowerPoint) on Minstrel shows
- Show Documentary of Minstrel Shows/with clips of actual shows.
- (Also I would apply for cultural event credit. I would opt to charge $1.00 for admission to this show and donate the money to either a worthy charity or to theatre research.)
- Possibly encourage some type of dialogue between attendees and some theatre professionals and students within the department to speak about some of the changes in theatre from the time of Minstrel Shows until now
- I would try to work with House Management Class to get people to work the tickets booths for the night of the showing of the movie.

Approved Credit Hours:_______

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Student Signature  

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Faculty Signature  

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