Courses, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Limited-Duration
Extracted from the SDSU Senate Policy (August 31, 2023)

(Numbered 296, 496, 580, and 596, and General Studies 250, 350, 550)

1.0 The 496 number shall designate defined, selected topics not specifically treated in regular Catalog courses. It may thus be used either as an experimental precursor to a new course proposal or as a vehicle to explore current interests through a standard course format, including syllabus, texts of bibliography, explicit procedure or methodology, and an appropriate student population. Unlike the 499 Special Studies course, the topics course should be subjected to a reasonable department or school review for need, relevance, and substance in order to pass a series of reviews before being included in the Class Schedule.

2.0 Residence Courses: Proposals for experimental and interdisciplinary limited-duration courses shall follow the same procedure as regular undergraduate curricular proposals but with the following exceptions:

2.1. Proposals shall not be constrained by General Catalog and committee deadlines for regular course proposals; they shall be dealt with on demand and shall be completely processed during one semester for implementation the next semester.

2.2. Proposals may go concurrently to the college curricular screening body, the dean of the college, and the Associate Vice President for Enrollment or designee. The process shall conclude with the Undergraduate Topics Subcommittee, which shall report to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, which in turn shall report to the Senate.

3.0 Extension Courses: Proposals for experimental and interdisciplinary limited-duration courses offered for academic credit by Global Campus shall be reviewed by the Undergraduate Topics Subcommittee, which shall report to the Curriculum Committee, which shall report to the Senate.