SPRING 2023 Inside-Out Course Application

HC 431H Social Sciences Colloquium

**Autobiography as Political Agency**

Instructor: Prof. Anita Chari, Associate Prof. of Political Science

*Spring 2023 / OSCI / Thursdays /* ***4pm-10pm\****

This class explores the autobiography as a form of both personal and political expression. We begin by complicating, questioning and demystifying the divide between the personal and political by linking personal stories and histories with narratives of broader social structures, such as capitalism, patriarchy, slavery, and colonialism. We will read autobiographies from diverse sources, including letters, quasi-fictionalized autobiographies, poetry, and autobiographies of political activists. We will also engage with theories of social structure and agency in order to theorize the interface between personal experience and political agency.

In this course, we will view the autobiography as a vehicle for making personal experience something that is politically significant. The autobiography, one could say, births political agency, hence our course title, “Autobiography *as* Political Agency.” Therefore, we are reading autobiographies to think about how the autobiography as a form creates possibilities for both individual and collective agency.

Application Instructions

Submission deadline: Deadline: **Wednesday, Feb 15th**

**→ Email completed application to**

**uoprisoned@uoregon.edu and anitac@uoregon.edu**

You will be notified of a phone or in-person interview, if selected for one,

shortly after the applications are submitted.

**More information about the program can be found at** [**prisoned.uoregon.edu**](http://prisoned.uoregon.edu/)

\*Note: the class itself runs from 6 – 8:30. The 4:00–10:00 timeframe above is the time commitment for class each week.

Logistics

**Last Name: First Name:**

**Email: Phone:**

**Major(s): Student ID:**

**Class Standing: Freshman 𑂽 Sophomore 𑂽 Junior 𑂽 Senior 𑂽 Fifth Year + 𑂽**

Short Answers Please respond to each with no more than a few sentences

**[1] How did you hear about Inside-Out? / What attracts you to this course?**

**[2] How does this course fit into your educational goals / life goals as a person?**

**[3] What do you seek to gain from this experience?**

**[4] What life experiences - if any - have you had that might prepare you for this**

**course?**

**[5] What do you feel you could bring to this course?**

**[6] How do you feel about interacting with others whose life and experiences differ from your own?**

**[7] Do you have any concerns about taking this class?**

**Additional Information**

**Have you previously been involved with Inside-Out?**

𑂽Yes! I have already taken an Inside-Out course

𑂽Yes! I applied for a spot in a previous Inside-Out course (but didn’t take it)

No, but I am applying to another Inside-Out class spring term

𑂽No, This is my first application

If you answered any but the final question, please note the following information about the other Inside-Out course you applied to or took:

**Term / Academic Year: Professor:**

**Institution: 𑂽**

**References** Please provide the contact information of two individuals who can speak to your character and academic experience. At least one must be a professor; additional references may come from graduate students, graduate employees, or other faculty.

Reference 1 | Name: Email:

Reference 2 | Name: Email:

Thank you for your interest and time filling out this application.

We will be in touch with you within a few days of receipt of your application.