

Contract for Independent Study in Biological Sciences

DEADLINE for registration: Third Friday of each semester

DEADLINE for *First time* applicants: Last Day of Drop/Add Period

Please register in person with the Director of Advising (biology.rutgers.edu/advising).

Student Name _____ RU ID# _____

Student RU Email: _____ Current Overall GPA _____

Student: Please attach a one page research proposal, written by you, to this application.

-The proposal should outline the topic to be investigated

-The proposal should also justify the number of credits for which you would like to register.

-Please see the advisor and <http://biology.rutgers.edu/biological-sciences/research> for further information

Student: please read and initial:

____ I understand the requirements for Independent Study.

____ I understand a term paper in appropriate scientific format, including a full literature cited section referencing peer reviewed primary and secondary sources must be completed.

____ An edited rough draft is required mid-semester (students will notified of deadline).

____ The final paper must be at least 10 pages per registered credit.

____ The completed, graded paper is due, graded by the Independent Study Faculty mentor, by 5 pm of the second reading day of the semester

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Circle the appropriate course number (ask the advisor if you have questions)

Credits

Independent Study 119: 201 / 119:202

Faculty Research Advisor's Name _____

Faculty Advisor's Department _____ phone # _____

Email address: _____

Faculty: Please read and initial:

____ I understand that students completing Independent Research in Biology must complete both a rough draft mid-semester and a final written research paper (10 pages per credit).

____ I further understand that I must grade this paper and return it to the student for submission. A rubric will be provided.

____ It is the student's responsibility to give me the paper in a timely manner in order to meet the deadline of having it ready for submission and graded by the second reading day at the end of the semester.

____ The grade in the course is determined by the quality of the paper.

____ Work that is mostly a literature review should be registered as an Independent Study 119:201 or 202. Please email the Biological Sciences advisor (advisor@biology.rutgers.edu) if you have any additional questions

Faculty Advisor's Signature: _____ Date _____