

Request for Undergraduate Research to be Counted as Upper Division Biology Elective Credit
(Due dates for all proposals are as follows: Fall, 9/15; Spring, 2/15; Summer, Spring sem. Study Day)

**This proposal must be written by the student, with input and guidance from the mentor.*

Name _____

Telephone/email address _____

Academic Classification _____

Credit Hours/Semester Requested _____

Research Advisor(s) Printed Name _____ I have read this proposal and approve the request.

Signature and Date of Mentor's Approval _____

**Please be aware that biology students are not allowed to receive credit AND financial compensation for their work.*

1. Title of Project:

2. Problem Statement (if research proposal) or **Statement of Need** (if credit for off-campus course is requested):

3. Literature Review:

For a research project, explain the context of your project using past and current literature as background. Make sure to refer to primary literature (include journal and review articles in your reference list; internet web sites are not generally acceptable references).

If taking an off-campus course, describe in detail the instructional methodology of the course (including a syllabus is strongly recommended). Include the target academic classification for the course, what prerequisite courses are required, and what reading the course requires (textbook, outside reading, etc.). Describe the special opportunities afforded by the off-campus course (e.g. travel, access to unusual facilities, etc.).

4. Methods (Research projects only):

- What methodologies will you use to accomplish your research project?
- Will other students, faculty, etc. work with you to accomplish the goals of this project?
- How much work will you do independently of others?

5. Will the project take place on or off campus? If off-campus, explain why facilities/resources off campus are necessary for this research.

6. How many hours per week will you devote to this project? How many weeks will it take to complete?

7. What will the project require as a final report/project output at completion of the work?

8. Explain why this research project will be more beneficial to your academic program of study than enrolling in one of the upper division courses offered by the Biology Department.