

Independent Study in Biology Syllabus 01:119:201 and 202

Course Time:	Hours by Arrangement
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Class Website	sakai.rutgers.edu
Pre-Requisite Courses:	119:115, 116, 117 or by special permission
Add. Requirements:	2.8 Cumulative GPA, declared Biological Sciences major or minor
Credits:	1-4 credits permitted (10 pages per credit)

Course Description: Independent Study in Biology (119:201 and 202) is intended to augment the Biological Sciences curriculum by giving students an opportunity to expand their studies into areas not specifically addressed by the formal course offerings. Students work under the direct supervision of a faculty mentor to delve into a subject of mutual interest.

Learning Goals:

By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- A) Demonstrate both factual and conceptual knowledge of the field of science covered in their research paper.
- B) Demonstrate the ability to analyze, present, and interpret scientific data.

Research Paper Guidelines:

10 pages per registered credit required

Abstract (1 page)

Table of Contents (optional)

Content (8-9 pages)

-Should include an Introduction of the Research Topic (1-2 pages) and a Conclusion/Future Directions Section (1 page)

References (1-3 pages), APA style

1.5 line spacing, 12 pt. font

DUE DATES:

I. Rough Draft Research Paper – Monday March 26th

A draft of at least half the length of the final paper and referenced must be submitted to:

- A) Your Independent Study Faculty Mentor for review
- B) The *Independent Study in Biology SAKAI site* for our records (submit under Rough Draft assignment) by midnight Monday March 26th.

II. Final Graded Research Paper- Due Wednesday May 2nd

It is recommended you submit your paper to your Faculty Mentor one week in advance (April 25th), to provide time for them to grade your final paper.

The final, edited paper must be submitted to:

- A) The *Independent Study in Biology SAKAI site* by midnight May 2nd.

The completed, signed **Grading Sheet** (see Sakai site: Resources) must be scanned and emailed by your Faculty Mentor to Dr. Carr-Schmid at schmid@biology.rutgers.edu. Cover pages will not be accepted from student accounts or hand-delivered.

Please note that failure to submit your paper or grade in a timely fashion may impact May graduation, if the course is required to fulfill your Bio major and graduation requirements!

For an extension on the May 2nd due date the Faculty Mentor should contact Dr. Carr-Schmid by email with the new date. This should be done prior to the paper deadline. Students should not submit their final research papers to their faculty supervisors on May 2nd and expect them to read and complete grading that day. They should be submitted several day (ideally one week) in advance. Discuss this deadline with your faculty member, to ensure they are not out of town or unavailable during this time frame. Faculty may take students' failure to submit their drafts or final papers on time into consideration when determining students' final grades. Please plan ahead if an extension is required!

Research Paper grades are determined by your faculty research mentor. Issues regarding grading should first be discussed with your mentor. If a problem persists, please contact Dr. Carr-Schmid to discuss.

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Current Academic Integrity Policy:

<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy/>

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<http://codu.co/cee05e>

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(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901/ www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/

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(848) 932-1181 / 3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / www.vpva.rutgers.edu/

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