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 __________

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