

**Application for Independent Study, Research or Honors Research in Biological Sciences**

**Registration for research is in person only with the Director of Advising:**

**[biology.rutgers.edu/advising](http://biology.rutgers.edu/advising). DEADLINE for registration is the third Friday of each semester**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ RU ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Current Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Bio GPA (Honors Only) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand the requirements for Independent Study/ Research/ Honors in Biology. I must test a specific hypothesis and collect data in order to support or refute that hypothesis. I must work at least 4-5 hours per week per credit. I am aware that I must submit a written, graded paper (for guidelines, see [biology.rutgers.edu/biological-sciences/research](http://biology.rutgers.edu/biological-sciences/research)) and that this is due to Nelson B-112, graded by my research supervisor, on the last day of classes for the semester.**

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Credits

119: 201 / 202	307 / 308	406 / 407	408 / 409	_____
Independent Study	Research	Research	Honors Research	

Faculty Research Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor's Department \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that students conducting research in the Biological Sciences must test a specific hypothesis and must collect data. I further understand that students must complete a research paper in the style of a manuscript to be submitted to a peer reviewed journal and that I must grade this paper and return it to the student for submission. 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, graded, by the last day of classes. The grade in the research course is determined both by the quality of the student's lab work and 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](mailto:advisor@biology.rutgers.edu)) if you have any additional questions.**

Faculty Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Student: Attach a one page research proposal, written by you, to this application. The proposal must have a description of the background information necessary to understand and justify the work, a specific hypothesis to be tested, a detailed description of the data that you will collect, and a prediction about the results you will obtain. The proposal should also justify the number of credits for which you would like to register. Note that each credit of research requires 4-5 hours of work for each credit. Please see the advisor and this page (<http://biology.rutgers.edu/biological-sciences/research>) for further information.**