

STUDENT/FACULTY CONTRACT FOR HONORS RESEARCH BIOLOGY 4995

If you are an undergraduate biology honors student you are required to complete at least 3 semesters of independent research (Biology Honors Research 4995 or Biology Research 4955 or other research in a laboratory approved by the Biology Honors Faculty Advisor).

To enroll in BIOL 4955/4995 for the honors program please follow the steps below:

(1) Find a Faculty Honors Research Supervisor in the biosciences. If you cannot find a lab or need help please contact your Honors faculty advisor immediately. It is expected that students will find an honors research lab in their freshmen or sophomore year. Please also make sure to meet with your honors advisor in the honors college to make sure you are on track for completing all honors program requirements.

(2) With your Faculty Honors Research Supervisor (Research PI) make a plan of your research duties and academic requirements for the semester and complete the contract below. Determine Credit Hours: 1 credit hour = 3 hours lab work/week, 2 cr = 6 hr/week, 3 cr = 9 hr/week.

(4) Make an appointment to meet with your honors faculty advisor (Dr. Naina Phadnis). Discuss your research project and get approval and a permission code for BIOL 4995.

(5) Submit the completed and signed form below to Dr. Phadnis within the first two weeks of classes.

Honors Research BIOL 4995 Contract

I. In exchange for ___ credit hours , I _____ (Student's Name) agree to spend ___ hours per week on a project directed by _____ (Research Supervisor's Name) and to undertake the research project listed below. I will carry out this research in _____ (Semester, Year) and this will be my _____ (First, Second, Third) semester of taking 4995 towards completing my honors degree. As part of my honors research, I will meet with my Faculty Research Supervisor _____ times per week. I will meet with my honors thesis advisor Dr. Naina Phadnis at least twice during the semester and it is my responsibility to make sure I arrange these meetings. I understand that my thesis work will be evaluated in the last week of classes by my research supervisor and my honors faculty advisor. I will also need to submit a written report of my research work to my honors faculty advisor.

II. Please provide a detailed description of your research goals for the semester you are seeking credit. The goals should include a hypothesis and research methods.

III. As Faculty Research Supervisor, I agree to supervise and direct the student's research and if needed, send a letter of evaluation and grade to the Honors Faculty Advisor by the last day of class.

Faculty Research Supervisor Signature _____

Date _____ Department Affiliation of Research Supervisor _____

Phone _____ Email of Research Supervisor _____

IV. Student's Signature _____

Email Address: _____

UID #: _____