

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION MENTOR AGREEMENT

(Note to faculty advisors: A student cannot register for Independent Investigation until this form is completed)

To: _____, Chairman
Department of Biology

Through: _____
Independent Investigation Coordinator
Biology Department

From: _____ (Please print)
Name of Prospective Independent Investigation Mentor

Signature of Prospective Independent Investigation Mentor

Date

I hereby agree to supervise the independent investigations project that will be conducted by

_____ (Please print)
Name of Student

ID# _____

during the _____ semester of _____ (academic year)

I understand that the student will write independent investigation report, based on the research conducted in this course (Independent Investigations) and that in order to receive credit for Independent Investigations, the student must:

- (1) Submit to the independent investigation coordinator by mid-semester (of each semester of independent investigation research) a proposal/statement of the work to be done, and
- (2) present, at the end of the semester, to assembled faculty and other independent investigations students, a report of the research conducted during that semester. (The time and place of the presentation will be announced by the honors coordinator.

Final Grade

The final grade for Independent Investigation will be given by the Independent Investigations departmental coordinator on the recommendation of the research mentor, provided that the above requirements have been met.

Three (3) credits. This course involves pursuit of an independent research problem in a sub-discipline of Biology under the direction of a faculty mentor. Research may involve field and/or laboratory work, depending in the area. Students are strongly urged to discuss potential projects with the faculty mentor before the semester in which the research is to be done.