

Independent Study Course Permission Form: Biology
New York University Shanghai

Independent Study – Biology

Prerequisite: Foundations of Science I-III (or Physics I&II, Foundations of Chemistry I&II, Foundations of Biology I&II), and a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and in all science and mathematics courses required for the major, permission of a biology faculty member (at NYU-Shanghai, NYU-Abu Dhabi, or NYU-New York) who will act as a sponsor and mentor, and approval of the Discipline Leader in Biology. The faculty mentor must be selected in consultation with the Discipline Leader in Biology. Offered in the Fall, Spring or Summer. 2 to 4 points per term for a maximum of 4 points.

This course aims at engaging students in research. It is designed to offer students an opportunity to observe biological research up close and gain hands-on research experience by working as a member in an active research team. Independent Study I and II can be done with the same supervisor or two different supervisors. No lectures will be given. Student researchers are expected to attend and actively participate in lab/supervision meetings. A Proposal for Independent Study form must be filled out, signed by the Discipline Leader in Biology as well as the Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs, and submitted to the student's academic advisor. Requires a written report on the research to be evaluated by the faculty sponsor, with a copy submitted to the Discipline Leader in Biology and a copy to the Dean of Arts & Sciences.

Student name: _____ ID Number: _____

Major: _____ Year: _____ Semester of course: _____

Course number _____ Number of credits: _____

Grading Option: Letter grade _____ Pass-fail (only if it still fulfills a requirement) _____

Faculty Sponsor: Please write below or attach a description of the work the student is to complete for this course:

Faculty Sponsor: Please write below or attach the grading criteria for the course:

The faculty member who will supervise this independent study should sign below (the Registrar will contact the instructor for midsemester and final grades):

Faculty permission: _____ Date: _____

Student Agreement: _____ Date: _____

Student's advisor: _____ Date: _____

Discipline Leader in Biology: _____ Date: _____

Asst. Provost, Academic Affairs: _____ Date: _____