Undergraduate Research Course Authorization Form

Use this form to get authorization to add BIOL 5800 or 5810 credits. Students should fill out the top, meet with their faculty research mentor to identify a research project and designate the number of research credits, have the faculty member sign, then bring or send this form to the Biology Advising Center (BNR 101). Upon Department approval, the Academic Advisor will do the override and notify the student when he or she can add the authorized credit(s).

(Check appropriate one)  
☐ BIOL 5800 – Undergraduate Research  ☐ Fall Year______  
☐ BIOL 5810 – Bachelor’s Thesis ☐ Spring Year______  
☐ Summer Year______

Would you like to participate in the Presentation Competition judged by a selected committee? (This is not mandatory for symposium participation. Awards will be given to winners of each category.)  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Credits: _ (1-3). Up to 3 BIOL 5800 credits can count as Biology Electives. When adding this class, the default is 1 credit. If you’re taking the course for more than 1 credit, click the hyperlink and choose 2 or 3 credits. Each credit is typically equivalent to 2-3 lab hours per week, although this varies by lab and should be worked out with the faculty research mentor and the student.

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student A Number: ________________________________________________________

Student E-mail: ____________________________________________________________

Student Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Research Topic: ____________________________________________________________

*Faculty Mentor: ____________________________________________________________

*Faculty Signature: _________________________________________________________

Faculty E-mail: ____________________________________________________________

Faculty Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Department Approval: ______________________________________________________

*If a faculty instructor is NOT a member of the Department of Biology, a letter from the instructor MUST BE ATTACHED explaining the relationship of the faculty member to the University and the biological nature of the student’s coursework as well as contact information for the faculty advisor.

Please return this form with the required signatures (and letter if needed) to the Biology Advising Office, BNR 101.

Biology Undergraduate Research Symposium: Students who enroll in BIOL 5800 Undergraduate Research will be REQUIRED to report their research at the end of the spring or fall term at the Biology Undergraduate Research Symposium. Summer research will be presented at the fall symposium.

Undergraduate Research Scholar: Undergraduates who are involved in research for at least two semesters should consider applying for the Undergraduate Research Scholar designation.


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SPAPPR Override: __________________________________________________________

Initials and date