APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENT: This application form is for those students who are performing research within an NYU lab and would like to receive research credits.

1. Please make sure that you answered YES to all the question in Part 1 before you apply for Independent Study.

2. Independent study credits cannot be offered if you are performing research in a paid position.

3. You must have an NYU biology faculty who has agreed to mentor you on your research project. You must also have been in his/her lab for the past 3 months.

4. Discuss with your research mentor your research objectives and how you will be evaluated.

5. Please print information in PART I on both the application form and the mentors grade form.

6. Attach with the application form a signed in-depth description of your Independent Study project from your research mentor.

7. If you plan to use this research credit to fulfill the At the Bench course requirement. Please make sure that your mentor will also evaluate you on an oral presentation and written report.

FACULTY:

1. Student's performing research for Independent Study credits in your lab should not be in a position where he/she is compensated financially.

2. On the application form, please check off the items that will be used to evaluate the student.
   - NOTE: Student can use this research credits to fulfill the AT the Bench course requirement only if in addition to the lab work they will also be evaluated on an oral presentation and written report they submit at the end of the semester.

3. On the application form, please indicate the number of credits the student will fulfill.

4. Please include a signed in-depth description of the student project. Please also describe the students research objective and his/her responsibilities.

5. You will receive the “Grade Form for Independent Study” toward the end of the semester for grade submission.
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Independent Study is designed for students possessing the necessary background for an in-depth investigation of a topic in the biological sciences, usually in the form of a research project under the tutelage of a member of the faculty of the Department of Biology. Because an understanding of basic biological concepts is needed, students must have a GPA of 3.2, completed successfully Principles of Biology I & II, Molecular and Cell Biology I & II and two upper-level biology electives before Independent Study.

PART 1 (To be Completed by the Student)

Please print:

NAME ______________________________ COURSE NUMBER ____________

ID# _______________________________ SEMESTER/YEAR ______________

EMAIL ______________________________ RESEARCH MENTOR __________

1. Do you currently have a GPA of at least 3.2 for all science and math courses? YES NO

2. Have you taken Molecular and Cell Biology I & II at NYU? YES NO

3. Have you taken two upper-level biology courses? YES NO

   If Yes, please list them: __________________________________________

4. Do you have a NYU faculty member who will advise you during your Independent Study? Also have you been in the lab for at least 3 months? YES NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "NO" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR AN INDEPENDENT STUDY

PART II (To be Completed by the Faculty Mentor)

1. Please indicate how the applicant will be evaluated at the end of the semester:
   * Required if this research will be used to fulfill the At The Bench course requirement
   
   _____ Oral Presentation* _____ Poster Presentation _____ Active Participant in Lab Meetings
   
   _____ Written Report* _____ Lab Notebook _____ Other (Please describe below):

2. Please provide a signed in-depth description of the Independent Study project, and attach it to this form.

   Approval Signature by Biology Faculty

Signature of Supervising Faculty __________________________________________

Circle the number of credits: 2 or 4 (4-credits are required if this research will be used to fulfill the ATB course requirement - Please note additional requirement *)

PART III Approval Signature

__________________________________________
Signature of Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies

Date
# Grade Form for Independent Study

**Part 1 (To be completed by the Student)**  
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(Student Do Not Write Below Line)

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## End of Semester Evaluation of Student's Independent Study

**Faculty:** Please provide a grade for the following checked items:

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*(Letter Grade Only. Pass/Fail is NOT an option)*

**Faculty Comments:**