

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE - UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM
INDEPENDENT STUDY / PRACTICUM AGREEMENT FORM

Semester _____ Credits _____ Course #: **ENVIRSCI** _____

Student's Name _____ Student No. _____ Class Yr _____

Major _____ Telephone #. _____ E-mail: _____

Anticipated Completion Date: _____ Grading: Letter Grade / Pass-Fail* (*circle one*)
*all practica courses must be taken P/F

Pre-requisite course work for this study (to be completed in consultation with faculty supervisor):

Check course work already completed and list other relevant courses taken.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology I | <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRSCI 101/NRC 100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper-level Electives
(<i>Please list</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology II | <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRSCI 213 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry I | <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRSCI 214 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry II | <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRSCI 315 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other relevant course work taken: _____ | | |

Project Objectives and Planned Activities (attach any necessary additional information)

Criteria for Evaluation (1) list all relevant work products: weekly journal, final report, oral presentation, etc. and 2) include justification for the number of credits to be awarded - see reverse side of sheet for guidelines) Clearly list minimum expectations for final reports, such as length, formatting, number of references for research paper, etc.

Submitted by:
Student (*Print*) _____

Signature _____ date: _____

Approved by:
Faculty Sponsor (*Print*) _____

Signature _____ date: _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
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Approved by ENVIRSCI
Program Office

Added to student schedule
Date completed _____

THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO HOLDSWORTH HALL (ROOM 224)
BEFORE THE END OF ADD-DROP PERIOD

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY / PRACTICUM COURSES

The Independent Study / Practicum Agreement Form is a contract between the instructor and the student whereby the responsibilities of each party are clearly defined. This form is used by the Program to track students taking independent study and practicum courses, and to ensure that appropriate grades are filed by each cooperating faculty member at the end of the semester. This form must be on file with the Undergraduate Program Office before the end of the Add/Drop period for the semester in which the student wishes to be registered for credit. The student is responsible for obtaining all necessary signatures and filing this completed form in a timely manner.

Practicum Courses

A student should be registered for a practicum when an internship or other pre-professional work-related experience is conducted for academic credit. These courses are available within the program at several levels with various grading options as outlined below. All practicum experiences require a satisfactory performance evaluation by the work supervisor before credit will be awarded. Students maintain a weekly journal and prepare a final report at the conclusion of the experience. Individual faculty may supply additional specific requirements.

ENVIRSCI 298	1-18 credits	Mandatory Pass/Fail grading
ENVIRSCI 398	1-18 credits	Mandatory Pass/Fail grading
ENVIRSCI 498	1-18 credits	Mandatory Pass/Fail grading
ENVIRSCI 498Y	1-18 credits	MPF grading. May extend for entire academic year.

Independent Study Courses

A student should be registered for an independent study when undertaking an individualized learning activity under the direct supervision of a faculty member. Acceptable projects include field/greenhouse/laboratory research projects (not routine labor), literature reviews and reports. Other types of projects may be acceptable but require individual review by the Undergraduate Program Office.

ALL Independent Study courses must receive a letter grade. Available courses include:

ENVIRSCI 196	1-6 credits	For students conducting a freshman-level learning experience which requires no prerequisite knowledge or prior course work.
ENVIRSCI 296	1-6 credits	Sophomore-level project for students who have completed foundation course work in biology, chemistry, and environmental science.
ENVIRSCI 396	1-6 credits	Upper-level project for students who have completed intro course work in biology, chemistry and environmental science, and at least one mid-level/upper-level ENVIRSCI courses.
ENVIRSCI 496	1-6 credits	Upper-level project for students who have satisfactorily completed all foundation sciences for the major and at least two upper-level elective courses

Standards for Credits Earned

It is expected that the student will perform 3 hours of work per week (over the entire regular semester) for every credit hour earned. This equates to a total work load of 40+ hours per semester for every credit hour awarded.