Student Research

This one to three credit course is designed to introduce students to philosophies and techniques of discipline specific research methodologies and critical thinking. Research projects are supervised by individual faculty members who provide direction and focus for students. The course will culminate with a 10 minute presentation of each research project accompanied by a poster.

Prerequisites
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7
- Sophomore status and above
- Approval of the supervising professor, the student’s academic advisor, and the department chair of the supervising professor and department chair of the student
- Approval of the Student Research Committee

Academic Credit
- 1-3 credits depending on the individual project and the hours planned to spend working on the project each week.
- Hours per week will vary depending on the credits registered for.
  - 1 credit = 45 hours/semester
  - 2 credits = 90 hours/semester
  - 3 credits = 135 or more hours/semester

Academics
- Under the supervision of a Faculty Mentor, students intending to register for student research will need to submit a 1-2 page proposal to the Student Research Committee for approval. Proposals should include an abstract, project timeline, budget, and any funding requests. Following approval of the project by the student research committee the student can then register for SR4041. Registration is through the student’s department chair.
- Budget: Students will submit a budget with their proposal. There are limited funds available for students through a student research fund. The supervising faculty member is responsible for ensuring there are departmental funds available for most of the supplies.
- With each proposal, please submit a signed Proposal Application cover page which is located in the CSPD office. Please note that the cover letter needs to be signed by both the student’s mentor and the student’s department chairperson.
- If the project involves the use of animals please contact Becky Hughes for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval. If the project involves human subjects, please contact Tanya Casas for Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- Registered students will meet with the Student Research Committee at the beginning of the semester, half-way through the semester and at the end of the semester to present their projects to the campus community. Students should meet on a regular basis with their faculty mentor. At the end of the semester students will present a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation describing their experiments and results. Additionally, a poster of the project is required. The final grade will be determined by the student’s faculty mentor and will be based on the students’ knowledge of the subject, clarity of the presentation and commitment to their project. Faculty mentors will provide a detailed explanation on how they plan to evaluate the students’ performance. Additional requirements may vary by Faculty Mentor.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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*The Student Research Committee will then have 10 days to accept the proposal.