



# Independent Study Contract

SEMESTER \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Month & Year \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ FACULTY SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT TITLE (\*mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

AnimlSci Class#	CREDITS 1-6 *mandatory	SPIRE 5 digit Course# *mandatory	Academic Level	Final Product for evaluation
496	_____	_____	Junior or Senior	_____
596	_____	_____	Junior or Senior	_____

**ABSTRACT** - A 500 word abstract.

**POSTER** - Posters should be prepared as if for a scientific meeting if project is on a research/experimental topic or as appropriate for a library topic with goals, methods, results and conclusions stated. (See Undergraduate Handbook). Posters may be presented on Science Day (the "Reading Day" after the last day of classes in Spring). If you are graduating in December, a poster should be prepared and left at the Undergraduate Program office 427Z in the Integrated Sciences Building for inclusion on Science Day.

**ORAL REPORT** - Presented to a group of faculty or lab meeting that includes a faculty member.

**GRADING** - The sponsoring faculty member assigns a letter grade for the Independent Study.

**CRITERIA for EVALUATION:**

**By signing this form, you acknowledge that you agree to the above criteria/requirement for evaluation.**

**To enroll** - Students must bring the original contract to 427Z Integrated Sciences Building to have the Independent Study added to their schedule. Please keep a copy for your records.

**FORM OF REPORTS FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Reports should contain the following information: title of the project, name of the author, objective of the project, methodology used to conduct the project, major findings, and conclusions, i.e. interpretation of the findings and suggestions for further research. The abstracts, posters and oral presentations should be done in a professional manner similar to that found in the appropriate scientific journal or professional research meeting. The visuals should be of a standard that would be expected for posters and visual projections usually associated with these presentations. Students are encouraged to participate in the annual State sponsored Undergraduate Research Conference held annually in Boston (contact the Commonwealth Honors College, 504 Goodell for details).

**TIME AND PLACE OF INDEPENDENT STUDY REPORTS**

“Science Day” is held the day after the last day of classes in the Spring semester (usually is a reading day). Students set up their own posters and post their abstracts. Schedule varies. Students who present posters **MUST** be available to answer questions during the poster presentation period. Authors of abstracts are encouraged to remain and participate in Science Day, but are not required to do so.

**ORAL REPORTS**

Oral presentations are usually presented during lab meetings with a faculty member present. Oral Honors thesis presentations (499YT) are conducted on Science Day.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:** If you are graduating in December and preparing a poster or abstract, your poster or abstract should be left at the Undergraduate Program office in the Integrated Sciences Building for inclusion on Science Day.

**Poster Format** – Poster must measure 3 feet high and 4 feet wide

