

Virginia Tech – College of Science
Undergraduate Research/Independent Study

As of fall 2017, all forms are due on the Wednesday of the first week of classes by 5:00 PM - no exceptions.

(Variable Credit COS Courses numbering: 2974, 2994, 4974, 4994)

Form must be signed by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs OR the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students in the College of Science. **Type** all information in the form below.

Course Information:

Term/Year in which you plan to take UR/IS: _____

Dept. Offering Course: _____ Course #: _____ CRN: _____

of Credit hours: _____ A-F or P/F: _____

Title of Project: _____

Student Information:

Name: _____ ID #: _____

Current Primary Major: _____ Secondary Major (if applicable): _____

VT Email address: _____ Local Phone # _____

Overall GPA: _____ In-Major GPA: _____ Total Hours Passed: _____

Previous UR/IS Hours: _____ Planned # of Hours this Term (including this course): _____

Signatures of Approval: (Obtain in order, all must be obtained before processing)

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructor: _____ Date: _____

Instructor's email address: _____

Student's Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Instructor's Department Head: _____ Date: _____

If this course is to be used towards an Honor's diploma, you must obtain an authorized signature from Honors: _____ Date: _____

Associate Dean*: _____ Date: _____

(*Obtained when form is submitted to the Dean's Office).

Required Information: (1) brief description of your planned research and its significance to your professional development; and (2) your method of evaluation (how will you be graded? see note below). Provide one paragraph for each of these three sections in the space below. You may not exceed this page in providing the required information.

Note: University guidelines for 4000 level undergraduate research or independent study require the student to give a presentation (talk or poster) to faculty and peers or write a paper on the work to fulfill this requirement:

- a) A research manuscript that is submitted to the instructor of record for grading. The paper need not be submitted for publication. This requirement *cannot* be fulfilled by the keeping of a laboratory notebook.
- b) A research presentation (poster or talk) given at a departmental, college or university presentation (such as the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Research Symposium held in Spring) that is graded by the instructor of record. The presentation can also be given at a joint meeting between research groups at Virginia Tech.