



Biochemistry Education

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

University of New Mexico

Request to register for research credit

Please circle one: BIOCHM 497 BIOCHM 498 BIOCHM 499

Submit this form to the Biochemistry Undergraduate Research Director after selecting a research mentor.

Student Name: _____

Project Title: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Contact Information (phone, email): _____

Research Mentor: _____

Department: _____

Contact Information: (Phone/email): _____

Description of Project:



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Subject: Agreement to mentor a student for Biochem 497, 498 or 499

You have been identified as the research mentor for _____, an undergraduate student who has registered for research credits in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. In order to ensure uniformity in the research experience for students registered for these courses, we provide you with the following information.

For each hour of credit, the student is expected to spend 3 to 4 hours a week in the laboratory. It is recommended that the student sign up for no more than 3 to 4 credits per semester without prior approval of the course director. The student is required to meet, at minimum, once a week with the research mentor to discuss their progress.

At the end of the semester, the student must submit a written progress report to the research mentor. This progress report, as well as the quality and quantity of the effort in the laboratory, should be used to assign a grade (See grading policy attached). The progress report should be signed by the mentor and forwarded to the course director at the end of the semester in addition to the recommended grade.

If the student is qualifying for departmental honors at graduation, he/she must present the research to the faculty of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the annual Research Day in April of each year. It is strongly recommended that the research mentor assist the student in the preparation of this presentation and that they both attend the meeting. A written summary of the work must also be submitted by the student to the faculty for review.

Research Mentor

Date

Grading policy for Biochem 497,498, 499

The grade for the research credit (A,B,C,..) will be recommended by the student's research mentor and submitted, along with the progress report to the course director for submission to Student Records.

In grading, the mentor should take the following into consideration:

1. Time the student spent working on the project. (The student should spend 3 to 4 hours a week on average for each credit hour.)
2. The performance of the student in the laboratory.
3. The quality of the progress report that the student must submit to the mentor one week prior to exam week at the end of the semester.