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## **BIO 394 Independent Work in Neuroscience (1-3 Hours)**

## **Research Contract**

In order to receive credit for BIO 394, students and their research mentors must complete a contract. *If a contract is not completed each semester by the add/drop date YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS.* If the contract is NOT approved, we will contact you and/or your research mentor. Disapproved projects are often more appropriate for EXP 396 (Experiential Education; 257-3632). **Return completed contract to Dr. Robin Cooper in BS101.** 

8-week

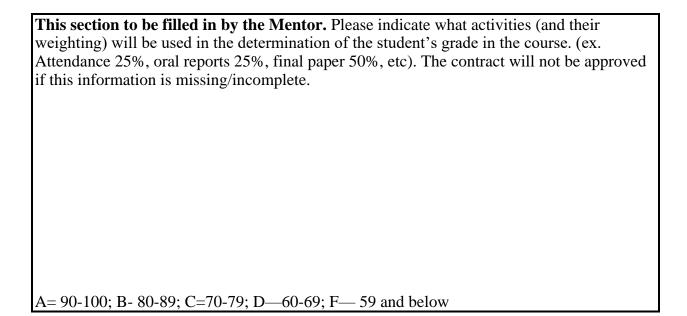
Academic session in which the research will take place:

4-week

Spring

(Circle one) Fall

Credit Hours (choose 1, 2, or 3):			
Research mentors may be any research-active neuroscience faculty member at the University of Kentucky. A campus-wide list of faculty willing to mentor undergraduates can be obtained in the Biology Department office or on line <a href="https://neuroscience.as.uky.edu/research-mentors">https://neuroscience.as.uky.edu/research-mentors</a>			
This list is not exclusive; many others can serve as mentors. Junior and senior Neuroscience majors who have already completed BIO 305 are the primary intended BIO 394 participants. Please enter grades in those courses that you have completed:			
BIO 148, BIO 152, BIO 155			
Research mentors agree to provide lab space, resources (eg. chemicals), and guidance. Guidance includes safety training as well as training in scientific method, technique, and presentation. Mentors will be asked to grade the student's independent work.  Please provide the following information:			
Your Name	Student ID	UK Email	Telephone
Mentor Name	Department	UK Email	Telephone
Your signature:			
Mentor's signature:			



This section must be written by the student in consultation with your mentor: Please attach to this form a description of the proposed research work. The description must follow the 3-point format specified below. If it does not, this contract cannot be approved. If the project is a continuation from a previous semester of BIO 394 the student can provide a short description of the results of the previous semester's work and indicate that the work will continue as previously approved. However, please keep in mind that continuing on in the same lab but working on a different project does not qualify as a continuation.

- 1. What is the main question your project will address? What is your hypothesis or driving principle?
- 2. What types of experiments will you perform? Include brief technical details.
- 3. What might the results of your experiments be? How could these results support or refute your hypothesis or contribute to knowledge in the field?

For additional information contact Dr. Robin Cooper, RLCOOP1@uky.edu, 257-5950

We will contact you ONLY if we have questions regarding your research.