

**UNC INDEPENDENT STUDY  
APPLICATION/LEARNING CONTRACT**

**Course #: EXSS 395**

Pre-requisites: 2 Relevant Courses

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Student Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PID: \_\_\_\_\_

UNC Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Hours Sought: Major(s):    1        2        3

(Lab work equivalent: 1 credit hour=45 hours, 2 credit hours=90 hours, 3 credit hours=150 hours)

Class: SENIOR  JUNIOR  SOPHOMORE

Semester Requested: FALL  SPRING  YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Current cGPA: \_\_\_\_\_

EXSS GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Prerequisite(s) Fulfilled:            COURSE# \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

(as determined by your advisor)

COURSE# \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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**Research Mentor**

Mentor Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**EXSS Faculty Sponsor** (if Research Mentor is not a full-time faculty member in the EXSS Dept)

EXSS Sponsor (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief description of student's research project:**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS.** This is considered a contract between the direct faculty mentor and the student. Students are expected to devote at least 10-12 hours of research per week for 3 credit hours.

a) Meeting and time requirements (e.g., times you will be working in the lab/center, individual meetings, lab meetings, etc.). Include day/time of weekly meetings. These will need to demonstrate how the credit hours will be met. \_\_\_\_\_

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b) Reading assignments (and due dates, if relevant):

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c) Written assignments (page requirements/limits and due dates, if relevant):

10 page paper due last day of classes signed by mentor and student. This paper is turned in and graded by the advisor

d) Other assignments (please describe):

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e) Assessment (e.g., % of course grade based on each requirement) including final examination (or alternate format): Final paper (50%), Quality of lab/field work (50%)

Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT**

1. To work actively doing research for at least 3-4 hours per week for each credit hour taken. If this is not completed, I understand I will receive an Incomplete or Failing grade in the course.
2. To keep your Research Mentor and/or EXSS Faculty Sponsor informed of your results.
3. To keep clear and accurate records of your work and hours spent.
4. To ask for assistance when you need it.
5. To write a 10-page paper (including graphs and photos) in a scientific paper format based on your research work. You should submit the paper to your Mentor and/or EXSS Faculty sponsor **by 4:00 pm, on the last day of classes in the semester (classes, not final exams)**.

As the student, I have read the above and **I agree to undertake these responsibilities and requirements.**  
(Student Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FACULTY SPONSOR AND RESEARCH MENTOR**

1. To supervise the student's research.
2. To provide assistance to the student (either directly or by referring him/her to someone else in your laboratory/center) when needed or requested.

3. To meet periodically with the student to go over his/her progress.
4. To help the student to understand the broader context in which the research project fits and to understand the basis for the methods and procedures used.
5. To read and grade the student's final paper (10-pages).
6. To ensure that the student completes the required hours based on the credit hours sought.
7. To submit a grade in Connect Carolina.

As the Faculty Sponsor, I have read the above and **I agree to undertake these responsibilities.**

(Faculty Sponsor Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As the Research Mentor, I have read the above and **I agree to undertake these responsibilities.**

(Research Mentor Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit this application to Claudio Battaglini's mailbox in Fetzer209. After your application has been approved, you will be registered.*

*This application is due **by 5pm on the first day of classes** in Fall/Spring. There are no exceptions.*

*For questions regarding your research or the EXSS 395 class, please contact Dr. Claudio Battaglini (claudio@email.unc.edu).*

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**EXSS Undergraduate Research Director:**

This application for Undergraduate Research has been reviewed. The proposal is

- APPROVED AS IS
- REQUIRES MORE INFORMATION (provide details and return to instructor and student)
- NOT APPROVED (provide rationale)

EXSS Undergraduate Research Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Departments must maintain copies of this contract for a minimum of four years. Revised 5/12/2020