

 **9300S Independent Studies in Biomedical Science for PhD students**

**Course Description:**

**Rationale**: This course provides a mechanism for PhD students to gain academic credit by participating in an individually tailored course of study under the direction of a School of Graduate studies (SGS) faculty member. The goal of the independent study is to allow PhD students who take workshops, online courses, or graduate level courses at academic institutions outside Rutgers the flexibility to turn these educational experiences into a credit bearing course that appears on their transcript.

**Participants:** PhD candidates who have been enrolled full-time at Rutgers in the School of Graduate Studies at least one year and have successfully completed their propositional qualifying exam. Students must ask permission of their PI prior to applying for independent study.

**Semester:** This course is offered in the Fall and Spring Semesters.

**Credits**: This is an elective course for 1-3 elective credits for independent study. A minimum of 14, 28 or 42 contact hours for 1, 2 and 3 credits are required respectively.

**Registration**: For independent study, an application should be submitted to the appropriate Graduate Program Director and the Course Directors prior to the start of the activity. The course should not be equivalent to a course already offered by the SGS. Special permission from the Senior Associate Dean and graduate program is required to take this course. If it is determined that the work is acceptable and the student meets the other qualifications, the student's independent study will be approved.  When the independent study is approved, the student will be manually registered by the Registrar’s office.

**Evaluation:** For independent study, there should be a product such as a paper or grant submitted at the end of the semester which is evaluated by the Course Director.

**Grading Policy**:  If the study is carried out under the direction of a SGS faculty member, then the student will receive a grade of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

**Course Directors:**

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 **PhD Independent Study Application GSBS Course 9300S**

Check semester and fill in year: Fall [ ] \_Spring[ ]  Year

Name       Graduate Program

Year Started Graduate School       Date Completed Propositional Qualifying Exam

RUID/A #            Net ID

E-mail

Phone Number

Name of Independent Study Supervisor/Instructor

Title

Supervisor/Instructor Email       Supervisor/Instructor Phone Number

Name and Location of Workshop/Course

Dates of Independent Study

Credits of Independent Study (minimum of 14, 28 or 42 contact hours for 1, 2 and 3 credits are required respectively)

(Note: For the independent study, a minimum of 14, 28 or 42 contact hours for 1, 2 and 3 credits are required respectively and a final product must be submitted to the course director.

*Please provide a brief description of what your independent study will entail and what is the overall goal of the project that you are participating in.*

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Signature of Thesis Advisor \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Signature of Independent Study Instructor \_\_\_\_\_\_Date

Signature of Graduate Program Director \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date

Signature of Course Director/Dean SGS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date

*Please submit form to the SGS office* *cicoletm@rutgers.edu*

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