Student Name:

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Course | Grade Option
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NROSCI 1962 | Letter Grade

The goal of this course is for students to write a thesis based on original neuroscience-related research conducted under a faculty mentor’s supervision.

To be considered as a candidate for NROSCI 1962, you should have completed the following:
- □ Completed at least three credits of NROSCI 1901, Independent Study
- □ Completed at least three credits of NROSCI 1961, Thesis Research
- □ Collected a major portion of the data to be reported in your thesis

You will need to select a committee composed of your faculty mentor and at least one other faculty member to act as your thesis reader. (One member must be a primary faculty member from the Department of Neuroscience)

The thesis criteria follows:
- ✓ At least twelve pages of textual material following the format of a scientific paper. The final thesis must include: title page, abstract, literature review, description of the experimental methods, results section, discussion and references. The twelve pages of textual material do not include the title page, figures, figure legends, tables or references. A helpful resource is *Writing Papers in the Biological Sciences* by Victoria McMillan.
- ✓ Timeline to accomplish writing in the term:
  - □ Submit initial rough draft to faculty mentor by week 6 of term
  - □ Submit revised draft to faculty mentor by week 8 of term
  - □ Submit revised draft to faculty mentor and reader by week 12 of term
  - □ Make final revisions by week 15 of term
  - □ Submit electronic copy of paper to nrosciug@pitt.edu and a signed copy of thesis signature page to the Neuroscience Undergraduate Advising Office by the last day of the term

Required Signatures

I agree to submit a thesis that is my own work following the above guidelines and the suggestions of my faculty mentor and faculty reader; and to submit the final, signed version to the Neuroscience Advising Office by the last day of the term.

Student Signature: Date:

I agree to mentor the above student throughout the thesis writing process. I will determine the final grade in conjunction with the Faculty Reader and submit the final grade.

Faculty Mentor Name: (please print) E-mail:

Faculty Mentor Signature: Date:

I agree to act as a reader for the above student.

Faculty Reader Name: (please print) E-mail:

Faculty Reader Signature: Date:

Department Signature: Date:

Department authorization will be granted by either Dr. Linda Rinaman or Dr. Steve Meriney. Dr. Rinaman is located in Langley 416B, Rinaman@pitt.edu Dr. Meriney is located in Crawford 461C, Meriney@pitt.edu.

Return completed form to the Neuroscience Advising Office (LANGY A206) for processing.

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