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Course  Grade Option

NROSCI 1962  Letter Grade

The goal of this course is to guide students in the process of writing a thesis paper based on original neuroscience-related research conducted under a faculty mentor’s supervision. To be considered as a candidate for NROSCI 1962, you MUST have already collected a MAJOR PORTION OF THE DATA TO BE REPORTED IN YOUR THESIS. Typically, this means approximately 3 credits of NROSCI 1901 and 3 credits of NROSCI 1961, or the non-credit equivalent.

**Thesis requirements:**
The thesis must be at least twelve pages of textual material in the format of a scientific paper. The required drafts and completed 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.

**Deadlines for thesis completion:**
- **First full draft:** due at the end of week 6 of the term
- **Second full draft:** due at the end of week 8 of the term
- **Final draft:** due at the end of week 12 of the term. This final draft will be sent to the thesis reader for feedback.
- **Completed thesis:** due by the WEDNESDAY of finals week. An electronic copy of the completed thesis and title page (signed by mentor, reader, and self) should be sent to Dr. Lisa McIlvried: lam303@pitt.edu

To submit the forms, please refer to CANVAS News and upload your form the link found under "Links to All Enrollment Forms before the end of add/drop to enroll for processing"