

APPROVAL OF UNDERGRADUATE INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION  
(BSCI 40196) COURSEWORK (1-3 credit hours)

The faculty of the Department of Biological Sciences approved the following policy regarding undergraduate enrollment in Biological Sciences 40196 (Individual Investigation).

- a. Research study under the direction of a BSCI faculty mentor. May be repeated; Up to 3 credit hours may be taken per semester, however a maximum of 6 credit hours counts toward BSCI degrees as upper-division elective hours\*.
- b. Prerequisites: a minimum BSCI grade average of 2.75 and at least 18 credit hours of BSCI coursework. Departmental and faculty mentor approvals required.
- b. Each credit hour should require a minimum of 3 research hours per week (Fall or Spring semester); 9 research hours per week (Summer I or Summer II); 5.5 hours per week (Summer II).
- c. Approval and agreement of the student, faculty advisor, and the Undergraduate Coordinator of the Department are indicated by their signature obtained at the time of registration. Completion of this form serves as permission to enroll in this controlled course.
- d. Signed copies of this form will be distributed to the student, the faculty advisor and the Assistant Chairperson.

**Course Enrollment Information**

Semester and Year \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number BSCI 40196 CRN \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours of Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Banner Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (checked by project advisor) \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Information**

Projected Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Investigation \_\_\_\_\_ Project Advisor (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title or Brief Description:

**Approvals:**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The six hour maximum is not inclusive for BSCI 40196, it takes into account the following credit hour restriction: "A total of not more than 6 hours of any combination of BSCI 30005, 40099, 40191, 40192, 40193, or 40196 may be used toward fulfillment of the BSCI elective options"

## **Project Description:**

The following topics must to be addressed in the description:

what the student will do

where the student will do the project

nature of the final product (e.g. written report, poster, oral presentation)

basis of the final student evaluation (e.g. complete the study agreed upon, quality of the final report, etc.)

a statement to the effect that “the project will be done at no cost to the Department.”

a statement that the student will receive KSU lab safety training prior to starting the project.