**BIOLOGY 498**

**Contract Form**

**2016-2017**

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Biology 498 is a fourth year independent project \*3 course available to students that have completed at least one 300-level (\*3) course offered by the Department of Biological Sciences.

**Expectations:**

Students can expect to spend the equivalent time or more as is required for a biological sciences course with a lecture and lab component (minimum of 6 hours per week).

Students are expected to show up regularly to the lab according to a set schedule as discussed with their supervisor.

Students are expected to conduct themselves according to the Code of Student Behaviour, and are encouraged to avoid intentional and unintentional plagiarism, which may lead to grade of 0 in their final lab report as per University of Alberta policy.

**Important Dates:**

**Fall Dates:**

September 9 2016: Applications Due

September 15 2016: Add / Drop Deadline

November 4 2016: Midterm Assessment

November 30 2016: Course Withdraw Deadline

December 7 2016: Last Day of Classes

December 12 2016: Term Paper Submission Deadline

December 16 2016: Final Grades Due

**Winter Dates:**

January 13 2017: Applications Due

January 20 2017: Add / Drop Deadline

March 10 2017: Midterm Assessment

April 5 2017: Course Withdraw Deadline

April 12 2017: Last Day of Classes

April 28 2017: Term Paper Submission Deadline

May 5 2017: Final Grades Due

**Grade breakdown for all BIOLOGY 498 projects:**

Lab work / Research performance: 50%

Written work / Final Lab report: 50%

The main supervisor will write a formal document as a midterm grade assessment that reflects at least 25% of the total grade. The midterm grade is determined by the main supervisor with contribution of the co-supervisor. This may be a letter grade or a numerical grade. Students are responsible of uploading their midterm grade assessments to eClass (professors do not have access to the BIOL 498 eClass).

**Grade Evaluation:**

All assignments and examinations in this course will be given a numerical score. A cumulative course mark will be calculated from those scores, weighted as tabulated above. A final letter grade will be assigned based upon your cumulative mark and the distribution in the table below.

University of Alberta Marking and Grading Guidelines (<http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar/Regulations-and-Information/Academic-Regulation/23.4.html#23.4>)’.

**Course Grades Obtained by Undergraduate Students:**

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| **Descriptor** | **Letter Grade** | **Final Course Mark** | **Grade Point Value** |
| Excellent | A+ | 90-100 | 4.0 |
|  | A | 85-89 | 4.0 |
|  | A- | 80-84 | 3.7 |
| Good | B+ | 77-79 | 3.3 |
|  | B | 73-76 | 3.0 |
|  | B- | 70-72 | 2.7 |
| Satisfactory | C+ | 67-69 | 2.3 |
|  | C | 63-66 | 2.0 |
|  | C- | 60-62 | 1.7 |
| Poor | D+ | 55-59 | 1.3 |
| Minimal Pass | D | 50-54 | 1.0 |
| Failure | F | 0-49 | 0.0 |

**Acceptance of Supervisor-Student Contract:**

Student:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Supervisor:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_