



APPROVAL OF VARIABLE CREDIT COURSE FORM  
CHEM 495 – INDEPENDENT STUDY

Spring CRN 11900

Summer CRN 50358

Fall CRN 62349

**RETURN COMPLETED & SIGNED FORM TO CINDY UNGERMAN, CHEMISTRY ROOM B303**  
**Allow 2-3 business days for department approval. You must register for this course after approval is granted.**

Printed Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ CSU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Credits (see attached Variable Credit Courses - Credit Hour Policy) \_\_\_\_\_

Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Faculty Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Satisfactory completion of CHEM 495 requires a report written by the student, an oral presentation at a research group meeting, or a poster presentation. If applicable, a hard copy of the report must be submitted to the faculty member, AND to Cindy Ungerman in Chemistry room B303, by the last day of classes for the semester.

Must a notebook be turned in?  Yes  No

Brief Description of the Project \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTRACT FOR FINAL GRADE IN CHEM 495 – INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Credit will be given for CHEM 495 – Independent Study, upon completion of a research report written by the student, an oral presentation at a research group meeting, or a poster presentation. If applicable, a copy of the research report must be submitted to the faculty member, AND to Cindy Ungerman in Chemistry room B303, by the last day of classes for the semester. Students whose report has not been submitted at that time will be given a grade of “I” for the course until the research report has been submitted, the oral presentation has been given, or the poster has been presented.

NOTE: Students are responsible for their own health insurance coverage. The University administers an optional health insurance plan for students. See the current Colorado State University General Catalog for more information.

**It is mutually agreed upon by the student and the faculty member that they understand the above conditions for receiving credit for CHEM 495 – Independent Study.**

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

Faculty Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department (ALL) Approval  
granted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Variable Credit Courses  
Credit Hour Policy**

The policy described in this document applies to the following courses:

- CHEM 487 - Internship
- CHEM 495 - Independent Study
- CHEM 498 - Research

The learning experiences related to the above courses will follow the model of requiring the student to

- work at the internship's external site, under the supervision of an approved contact person
- devote focused study with a faculty member, or
- conduct comprehensive research with a faculty member,

for 3 hours per week, for 15 weeks during the typical semester, to earn one academic credit hour. This translates to an estimated 45 hours of experiential learning per semester for one academic credit hour.

Number of credits registered by the student	Fall or Spring Semester		Summer Semester	
	Devoted hours per week	Total hours for the semester (15 weeks)	Devoted hours per week	Total hours for summer session (10 weeks)
1	3	45	4.5	45
2	6	90	9	90
3	9	135	13.5	135
4	12	180	18	180
5	15	225	22.5	225
6	18	270	27	270

Cindy Ungerman, in Chemistry room B303, will be responsible for retaining the appropriate documentation that corroborates fulfillment of the hour requirements.

**Students will not be allowed to register for more than 6 credits per academic semester.**