



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

## Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship

### **CURS Undergraduate Research Courses (Zero Credits)**

#### **Overview:**

A CURS Undergraduate Research Course is used for students in any major. This course is designed for students at any level conducting undergraduate research or creative activity. The student could be assisting a faculty member with their research or the student could be completing a research project of their own.

#### **Benefits:**

This course enables the University and the CURS office to track student's involved with undergraduate research and allow students the opportunity to receive transcript recognition without the cost of a credit course. Also, this would allow students who complete several semesters of research or creative scholarly activity the opportunity to receive recognition without using elective or HOPE hours. This would also benefit students who are conducting research on the health sciences campus receive credit more smoothly. This also reduces liability and accountability issues that might arise from students simply volunteering.

#### **Student Requirements:**

Students would need to obtain permission from the faculty member supervising the research and the chair of their department. The student and faculty member would have to complete a contract outlining the goals and expectations of the research. The faculty member would also be responsible for ensuring the student completes all and necessary safety training. This course would be graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory and withdrawing would not affect the withdraw policy (i.e. not count towards the 5 withdrawals). Three levels of the course are CURS 2990, 3990, and 4990. The course can be repeated.

**Example:** An example of this model can be found at the University of Central Florida:

[http://www.our.ucf.edu/docs/zerocredit\\_undergraduate%20research.pdf](http://www.our.ucf.edu/docs/zerocredit_undergraduate%20research.pdf)