

# First Year Research Project (FYRP) Committee

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Committee Meetings - Students are required to meet with their committee three times:

- The first committee meeting takes place by October 15 of the first year.
- The second committee meeting takes place by the end of February. Two weeks before this meeting the student must submit a one-page written outline of the research project to the committee.
- The oral presentation of the research report will constitute a third meeting with the committee and takes place by October 15 of the student's second year. The written report must be submitted to the student's committee two weeks before that date.

## Written Project

- The project must be submitted as a brief journal-style research report in the following format unless a Petition for Exception to Procedure form has been approved:
  - Not to exceed 6 pages in length (not including references and figures)
  - 12 point Arial font
  - .75 inch margins
  - Single spacing
- It is not intended that the project be exhaustive – a single repeatable experiment with controls would be sufficient. Solid negative results, control experiments or an original analysis of data collected by others may also be permissible, provided that the project elaborates on how those results lay the groundwork for future experiments by the student. Also, the project doesn't need to be complete. Students can report on what they have accomplished so far.

## Evaluation and Grading

- Grading of the entire research project (written report and oral presentation) will occur at the oral presentation and will be as High Pass, Pass, or Retake. The student's adviser and committee will complete a Report of First Year Research Project form at the oral presentation and submit the form to the NACS office.
- Students who receive a Retake will have 6 weeks to complete any required work on the written report and give the oral presentation a second time. Grading of the retake will take place at the second oral presentation and will be as High Pass, Pass, or Fail.

## I agree to serve on this committee and I understand the procedures and deadlines listed above:

Advisor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

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Signature

Faculty Member:

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Printed name

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Signature

Faculty Member:

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Printed name

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Signature

Senior Student:

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Printed name

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Signature

Student acknowledges and agrees to this committee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved by the Graduate Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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Date