How to Get Started

First you will need to decide if you are a good candidate for research. Ideal candidates are beginning their junior year, have an interest in pursuing graduate school, and have a B average in their science classes. Then browse through the list of Research Mentors in your department or related field of study. Your research does not necessarily have to be in your department. Set up a meeting with your potential mentor to discuss research options. Keep in mind that you will be limited to the type of research being conducted by your research mentor. If you are still unsure, you can contact your Department Undergraduate Research Representative.

You should keep in mind that undergraduate research can be a time- and brain-intensive endeavor. It should not be taken 'because you need a credit or two'. Research mentors depend on reliable students to run their research programs. Although the investment is big, the pay off can be huge!

What do I register for?

Each department will have a course that your research mentor or academic adviser will need to register you for. The number of credits you are allowed to take and the number that will count towards your major varies with department. All courses require the permission of the instructor (your research mentor) to enroll.

Department	Course #	Course Title	Prerequisites	Hours	Total Hours
Biology	BIOL4932	Directed Research	20hrs of BIOL courses and 3.0 GPA	1-4	
Chemistry	CHEM4980	Research in Chemistry	16hrs of CHEM courses	1-4	Can be repeated up to 8 hrs
Computer Science	CSCI4970	Special Topics in Computer Science		1-3	
Justice and Public Safety	JPS4930	Directed Research		1-6	3hrs/project
Mathematics	MATH4970	Special Problems		1-3	
Physical	PSCI3980	Special	Junior Standing	2	

Science		Topics in Physical Science			
Political Science	POLS4932	Directed Studies	9hrs of POLS courses	1-3	Only 6hrs of POLS 4932 and 4924 may be applied towards major requirements
Psychology	PSYC4902	Indepent Study in Psychology	three 3ch courses at 3000 level or higher	2-6	Can not be repeated