399 Research Contract

By signing this contract, I understand as a typical rule for a 1 credit course, a student would spend 3 hours of involvement. This is derived from the formula that for one hour in class a student should spend 2 hours out of class working on the course per week. Therefore, a 2 credit hour Biol 399 is a 6 h/week commitment and a 3 hour Biol 399 is a 9 h/week commitment. This is just a general formula because the difficulty and quality of the time also have to be considered. Additionally I understand attendance and participation will be a component of the grading. Therefore, I should meet with my faculty research mentor to work out the time commitment, responsibilities and mechanisms of evaluation **before/while** I complete this form and enroll in a section (1, 2 or 3 credit hours) of Biol 399.

The suggested additional mechanisms of evaluation include but are not limited to the following (determined by faculty research mentor):

1. Research notebook (paper or electronic format)
2. Scientific manuscript or similar scientifically based article from the research
3. Scientific presentation (e.g., oral or poster at a professional meeting)
4. Experiential paper
5. Mentorôs evaluation of performance based on preset goals
6. Studentôs evaluation of own performance based on preset goals

Withdrawal from 399 can only be granted in extreme cases with the completion of a student schedule exception appeal form or the complete withdrawal from WKU.

Name: _____ WKU ID: _____

Faculty Research Mentor: _____

Credits: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 Honors: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Student Signature Date

To be completed by Faculty Research Mentor

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Faculty Research Mentor Signature Date

Please indicate selected grading mechanism: _____

Name of Project: _____