

SCIENCE RESEARCH DISTINCTION, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

The certificate will provide an incentive for students to write a thesis based on an independent research project. Students may be entered into the certificate program upon identification of a research mentor. Members of the graduate faculty are eligible to be mentors. Emeritus faculty or non-tenure track faculty members may serve as mentors, subject to approval by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education. Students must engage in research activities over the course of at least 3 semesters or 2 semesters and a summer. Theses must be approved by the research mentor, a reader who is a faculty member eligible to serve as a research mentor, and the Department Head or Director of Undergraduate Studies of a unit within ECoS unless the department has a specific alternative policy in place for thesis approval. The schedule for submission of theses will be the same as Schreyer Honors Theses. Honors students cannot use a single thesis to earn both the distinction of honors and a Research Distinction Certificate but may earn both distinctions by production of independent theses.

What is Science Research Distinction?

The Science Research Distinction program is available to students who are interested in working on an independent research project under the supervision of a faculty mentor, and documenting the results of their work in a research thesis.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are passionate about research in your field of study.
- You want to design your own research project with the help of a faculty mentor.
- You plan to go to graduate school.
- Your career path requires you to develop strong lab/field skills.
- You want to write a thesis as a summary of your research accomplishments.