

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
Contract for Directed Readings, Research or Field Study

Name of Student: Kate Doe

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Supervising Faculty Member: Dr. Tuan Tran

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Course Number: PSYC 4312

Semester and Year: Fall 2008

A separate contract must be completed for each directed reading/research/field work course taken. This contract serves as the faculty permission form and must be presented at the time of registration. Students without contracts will be dropped from the class roll.

The student named above agrees to complete the requirements for the readings/research/field study by the end of the semester in indicated. The supervising faculty member agrees to supervise and grade the work of the student. The specific requirements and expectations for course completion are:

The objective of this course is to introduce the student to research in the area of fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) using rats. To broaden the student's understanding of FAS, the student will first engage in reading of material that provides background and current significance of FAS research. After the student has demonstrated to me that he/she comprehends the subscribed material in a satisfactory manner, he/she will then be actively involved in the planning and implementation of an experiment (to be decided by me). The student may be involved with other members of a research team or may work independently. In both situations, I oversee all of the student's activities, which include handling, treatment, and testing of rats in strict adherence to regulations set forth by the ECU IACUC. The following requirements are expected of the student in order to successfully complete the course:

1. Read and discuss assigned reading material (3-5 articles/book chapters).
2. Assist me with lab organization and maintenance.
3. Learn and administer treatment procedures (e.g., alcohol administration in rats).
4. Learn and conduct surgical procedures (e.g., stereotaxic surgery).
5. Learn and conduct eyeblink conditioning procedures.
6. Learn and conduct perfusions.

If the above requirements have not been completed by the last day of classes during the semester for which the student is enrolled in the course, the student will receive a failing grade (F) for the course. The supervising faculty member may grant an incomplete (I) if the work is substantially completed but extenuating circumstances prevent full completion by the end of the semester.

Student Signature

Faculty Supervisor Signature