BIOC 482 guidelines (revised 04/08)
research ". Another suggestion - this is a good place to spell out who will maintain possession of the
records for the project.

5) Required reading and/or bibliography.
Describe briefly.

6) An evaluation process IMPORTANT: The faculty supervisor must initial this section to
confirm his/her agreement. Proposals without faculty initials will not be approved by the
program coordinator.
How will a grade be assigned? Typical elements of the evaluation are:
a) Commitment of time and thought to the work as judged by observation of lab work, discussions
during regular faculty-student meetings and the progress of the research.
b) Quality of records of work completed (lab notebook for the project).
c) Quality of the final report of the project.
The elements above are not meant to be restrictive - only suggestions.

7) Use for special purposes.
Usually do not need to do anything here.

8) Number of credits.
Make sure you fill this in under section D on the form. The expectation is that the student will
spend at least an average of four hours per week on the project throughout the semester for each credit
requested. Given the nature of most research projects and other commitments on time of both student
and. faculty it is usually preferable to register for 1 credit each. for two semesters rather than 2 credits in
one semester. Requests. for independent study credits in excess of those required. for the major should
be clearly justified in terms of the amount of work to he completed and the ability of the student to
complete the work in a timely fashion. University policy states that an 'I" grade may he submitted only
"because of personal illness or other unavoidable reasons".

NOTES:

1. In Section D of the form, leave course section and CRN # blank. Fill in BIOC 482, Independent
Research in Biochemistry, and the credits requested for the semester.

2. A new request form (including a proposal addressing items 1-8) must be completed for each