How to arrange for independent study, or research credit, or special topics for graduate students in Entomology at OSU

GRADUATE COURSE FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY:
ENTMLGY 6193 is ‘Individual Studies’. It is graded S/U. It is variable credit, 1-6 credit hours per term. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 credit hours or 6 completions. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. This can be used for a student to learn about a topic for which a formal course is not available. It is typically done independently by a student under the guidance of the instructor. It can be used by MPH M students for their focused project experience.

NOTE ON SECTIONS FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY: For 6193, every semester the master class schedule shows several sections of this course, with each section having the instructor listed as ‘Staff’ or as the name of a specific instructor who had a section the previous semester. Students can go ahead and sign up for a section if the desired instructor has an assigned section. If the desired instructor does not have a section, then the student or instructor should ask the Entomology Scheduling Coordinator to arrange a section, a simple process that usually takes only a day or two. Students should not sign up for a section that has just ‘staff’ listed as the instructor.

GRADUATE COURSES FOR THESIS OR DISSERTATION RESEARCH:
ENTMLGY 8999, through summer 2021 only, is ‘Research in Entomology,’ which is for thesis or dissertation research credit, for MS and PhD students. It is graded S/U. It is variable credit, 1-15 credit hours. Repeatable to a maximum of 60 credit hours or 20 completions. Pre-requisite: none.

ENTMLGY 8999, starting autumn 2021, is ‘Research in Entomology, PhD Post-Candidacy,’ which is for dissertation research credit. Pre-requisite: PhD Grad student standing in Entomology, having completed the candidacy exam. It is graded S/U. It is variable credit, 1-16 credit hours. Repeatable to a maximum of 60 credit hours or 20 completions. Students should sign up for this course starting the semester after the candidacy exam is successfully completed.

ENTMLGY 8998, starting autumn 2021, is ‘Research in Entomology, PhD Pre-candidacy,’ which is for dissertation research credit. Pre-requisite: PhD Grad student standing in Entomology, without completion of a candidacy exam. It is graded S/U. It is variable credit, 1-16 credit hours. Repeatable to a maximum of 99 credit hours or 20 completions. Students should sign up for this up to and including the semester in which the candidacy exam is taken.

ENTMLGY 7999, starting autumn 2021, is ‘Research in Entomology, MS’ for thesis research credit. Pre-requisite: Graduate student standing in Entomology. It is graded S/U. It is variable credit, 1-16 credit hours. Repeatable to a maximum of 99 credit hours or 20 completions.

NOTE ON SECTIONS FOR RESEARCH: For the old 8999 and for the new 7999, 7998, and 8999, every semester, there are two sections for each Wooster-based advisor so that there is one section for that advisor’s Wooster-based students one section for that advisor’s Columbus-based students, and there is one section for every Columbus-based advisor.

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ENTMLGY 7890 is ‘Special Topics in Entomology’. It is graded A-E. Credit hours are variable, 1 to 3, most often 1 credit hour. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 credit hours or 6 completions. Pre-requisite: none. This course typically has a seminar format, with a specific topic each time the course is offered, such as ‘Invasion Ecology’. It is also used for a Journal Club. No approvals at the department or CFAES levels are needed for offering any section of this course.

PROCEDURE FOR OFFERING ENTMLGY 7890
Details listed below should be submitted to our Entomology Scheduling Coordinator as a scheduling request at the same time that all regular courses are being submitted for scheduling, 6 to 8 months before the start of the term: by 1st December for summer and autumn courses, and by 1st July for spring courses. A course can be added at a later date but classroom space might not be available. Best to have scheduled before the graduate student enrollment window opens, which is mid-March for autumn semester, mid-October for spring semester, and mid-February for summer term.

Details needed:
• the instructor name(s) and OSU dot number(s)
• the number of credit hours
• the enrollment cap (maximum number of students permitted)
• the day and time to be offered (if known, or ‘TBA’ if not known)
• campus offered: Columbus or Wooster or both via videolink
• the topic name (usually just a few words, e.g. Invasion Ecology, or Journal Club)