



Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry – Undergraduate Research Certificate

To recognize undergraduate students' excellence in undergraduate research, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI) has established the Undergraduate Research Certificate. Requirements for the Research Certificate include completion of 12 credits of research exposure, skill-building and intensive courses as well as dissemination of the outcomes of students' research and inquiry through a research presentation or exhibition.

Research Intensive Courses

[Research Intensive or RI](#) is a formal university-wide designation for courses in which undergraduates actively engage in intensive-level research. All RI designated courses can be identified by “RI” in the title of the course. Information about the definition of intensive-level research is in the OURI [Student Learning Outcomes](#) (SLOs). Intensive-level research assesses Synthesis & Evaluation abilities of students across all six SLOs.

The OURI [Student Achievement Rubric](#) includes examples of one student ability per SLO, with examples of how those abilities would be assessed the Intensive level.

[Directed Independent Research](#) : Students can register for DIR credit(s) (zero to four credits) to document their semester-long work conducting faculty-mentored research. DIR are typically numbered 2915, 2916 or 4915, 4916 (some exceptions apply).

Students are **required to complete 3 credits** of Research Exposure courses to be eligible for the Undergraduate Research Certificate. Approved courses can be found [here](#).