

GEO 171H: Research Methods

Syllabus

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Overview: Semester 1 of four-semester sequence in Jackson School of Geosciences Undergraduate Honors Research Program (UHRP). Lecture / discussion content determined on weekly basis to meet needs of students as they progress through the UHRP.

Prerequisites: Admission into UHRP; consent of instructor(s).

Grading: Grade based on completion of requirements listed below. Plus/minus grading scheme will be used.

Requirements:

- Attend one established research seminar per week: student chooses from weekly Soft-Rock, PGST, Hydro, and Geophysics seminars; Tech Sessions; UTIG and BEG lecture series; and any comparable special lectures. Attendance verified by faculty/research staff sign-off.
- Participate in weekly one-hour GEO 17xH plenary meeting of all students in UHRP.
- *By end of semester, identify research mentors: a graduate student and a faculty member who together agree to assist and supervise the student's research.*

Final Exam: None

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Overview: Semester 2 of four-semester sequence in Jackson School of Geosciences Undergraduate Honors Research Program (UHRP). Lecture / discussion content determined on weekly basis to meet needs of students as they progress through the UHRP.

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of GEO 171H; consent of instructor(s).

Grading: Grade based on completion of requirements listed below. Plus/minus grading scheme will be used.

Requirements:

- Attend one established research seminar per week: student chooses from weekly Soft-Rock, PGST, Hydro, and Geophysics seminars; Tech Sessions; UTIG and BEG lecture series; and any comparable special lectures. Attendance verified by faculty/research staff sign-off.
- Participate in weekly one-hour GEO 17xH plenary meeting of all students in UHRP.
- Meet bi-weekly with graduate student mentor and faculty member to develop research proposal.
- *By end of semester, prepare short (3-5 page) proposal for supervised research.*
- *Identify two qualified persons to serve as members of thesis committee.*

Final Exam: None

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Overview: Semester 3 of four-semester sequence in Jackson School of Geosciences Undergraduate Honors Research Program (UHRP). Lecture / discussion content determined on weekly basis to meet needs of students as they progress through the UHRP.

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of GEO 171H, 172H; consent of instructor(s).

Grading: Grade based on completion of requirements listed below. Plus/minus grading scheme will be used.

Requirements:

- Attend one established research seminar per week: student chooses from weekly Soft-Rock, PGST, Hydro, and Geophysics seminars; Tech Sessions; UTIG and BEG lecture series; and any comparable special lectures. Attendance verified by faculty/research staff sign-off.
- Participate in weekly one-hour GEO 17xH plenary meeting of all students in UHRP.
- Submit proposal, revised/shortened as needed, to University's Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program, and/or other funding sources.
- In collaboration with graduate student mentor and faculty supervisor, begin research.
- Weekly meetings with graduate student mentor and faculty supervisor, ideally as part of supervisor's research group
- *Meet with supervisor and committee members to review progress; verify with signature sheet.*
- *Present preliminary results at UHRP plenary meeting in latter part of semester.*
- *Provide summary of research project for upload to website.*

Final Exam: None

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