<u>Department of Biology Honors Project Guide</u> updated 10/15/10

The purpose of the Honors project in Biology is to provide students direct biological research experience. The following guide provides specific

require 2 semesters to complete their project. Students are expected to perform 3 hours of laboratory work each week for each credit hour enrolled. If a project extends past one semester (this is common) the student will receive the grade of in progress (IP) for the first semester and subsequent semesters until the project is finished.

Each proposal will have two readers which will be agreed upon at the time of submitting the research proposal. The role of the readers is to give feedback and suggest changes for the final project. As a result readers and your project mentor should be provided copies of your thesis in its final stages at least 8 weeks before grades are due (for spring graduates this would typically be the first week of March). You should expect to make changes after your readers give you feedback on the project. With changes made you should provide your project mentor, and any reader that has asked to see the final version, a final draft for review at least three weeks before grades are due. With these deadlines in mind you should expect that you will have collected the data for your project in the summer and/or fall with attention paid to writing up the results in the spring semester. The completed project must be signed by all readers and handed in no later than 5 PM on Friday the thirteenth week of the semester.

If the project sponsor believes that progress toward completion of the research and final written results has