

# EFB 498: Independent Research

## Course Information

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**Times and Places:** To be determined.

**Textbook:** Not applicable.

**Instructor:** Name, office location, phone, email

**Description:** Independent research by an advanced undergraduate student on a topic related to environmental biology. Tenure at SUNY-ESF or an outside institution. An EFB-based faculty member will serve as student's research sponsor; EFB-based faculty member or scientist at outside institution serves as research supervisor.

**Requirements:** In this research effort the student will demonstrate capacity for independent work under the supervision of the research sponsor, including review and command of relevant literature, proficiency in laboratory and/or field methodologies, experimental design, data analysis and communication of findings in a written report of sufficient length to summarize and interpret findings.

**Grading:** At the end of the semester, you will be assigned a grade of A-F. Credit load is variable (1-5 cr) – 40 hours of effort will garner 1 credit hour. *EFB students may acquire no more than 10 total independent research credits.*

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** None.

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