

**University of Georgia  
Department of Genetics**

**Application for GENE Thesis Course Approval**

**Deadline:** *Submit this form to the Director of Undergraduate Studies' Office, B107 Davison Life Sciences, by the first day of classes in the semester for which you wish to register.*

*GENE 4990R is the capstone in a series of at least three semesters of research supervised by the same faculty member. In this course, the student will write and submit a thesis that describes his/her inquiry into a scientific problem. The thesis is written in close collaboration with the faculty thesis director and must be approved by both the thesis director and an independent reader.*

*Students wishing to complete a thesis are encouraged to contact Jonathan Eggenschwiler (jeggense@uga.edu). Dr. Eggenschwiler can help you at all stages of the thesis, including the mechanics of preparing a thesis.*

*GENE 4990R can only be taken for 1 credit. It can be taken alone or concurrently with GENE 4980R. The instructor of record is the Director of Undergraduate Studies, who will assign a final grade based on the recommendations of the faculty thesis director and the reader.*

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**STUDENT INFORMATION**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **81#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Semester of Thesis Course:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**UGA email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

List the GENE research courses, and the semesters of completion, that you have satisfactorily completed under this faculty member: \_\_\_\_\_

***The student must submit a written thesis, signed and approved by both the faculty sponsor and reader, to fulfill the requirements of this course. The student must submit a PDF of the thesis to the Director of Undergraduate Studies (mauricio@uga.edu) and Mr. Brian Norman (bnorman@uga.edu) by 5:00 pm on the first day of finals.***

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**FACULTY THESIS DIRECTOR INFORMATION**

Faculty Thesis Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this student satisfactorily completed GENE 4960R and 4970R under your supervision? Yes      No

Has this student satisfactorily completed GENE 4980R under your supervision? Yes      No

Will this student concurrently enroll in GENE 4980R and 4990R under your supervision? Yes      No

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**READER INFORMATION**

*The thesis requires a Reader who serves as an external evaluator of the scientific content of the thesis and must approve the final draft of the thesis. After reviewing the final draft, the Reader must meet with the student to provide feedback. The Reader also provides a formal assessment of the thesis, using a departmentally approved rubric (see <https://gene.franklin.uga.edu/undergraduate-research-opportunities>) and makes a recommendation for a final grade to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The Department of Genetics requires that Readers be chosen from a Ph.D.- level scientist in a lab other than the one in which the research was conducted. If the research was conducted in the lab of a non-Genetics faculty, the Reader must be a Genetics faculty member (regular or courtesy).*

**Name of Thesis Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position at University:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Thesis Title

## Thesis Abstract

**Timeline:** The student, faculty thesis director and Reader should agree on a timetable to ensure timely completion of the thesis. These dates, with the exception of the last one, can be adjusted by mutual agreement of the student, faculty thesis director, and Reader. The final draft must be submitted to the Reader at least 3 weeks before the final submission deadline. Students should not change these dates without prior approval of the faculty thesis director.

Task Deadlines	Date (MM/DD/YY)
Draft due to Faculty Thesis Director	
Final draft due to Faculty Thesis Director	
Final draft due to Reader (3 weeks before final)	
Review Meeting with Reader	
Final Meeting with Faculty Thesis Director	
Final Submission of PDF *	

\* The final version of the thesis must be submitted as a PDF to the Director of Undergraduate Studies (mauricio@uga.edu) and Mr. Brian Norman (bnorman@uga.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on the first day of finals. Both the Reader and the faculty thesis director must approve and sign the final version of the thesis before it can be submitted to the Department. The Reader must submit an assessment of the thesis using the approved rubric and a recommendation for a final grade to the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Thesis Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Undergraduate Studies' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_