

Course Description

BSC 492 provides an opportunity for students to gain real-world experience *relevant to their academic or career interests*. Students will also complete a series of reflective written assignments during and at the end of their ELE experience. A minimum of 45 hours must be completed for each credit hour earned (3 credits maximum for a given experience). BSC 492 may be repeated for different or more advanced experiences, but there may be a limit on the number of credit hours that they can use toward graduation in their curriculum. Participating students must ensure the selected experience conforms to the NC State Code of Student Conduct.

Experience(s) must be arranged by the student and completed contracts (signed by student, advisor, and prospective supervisor) submitted to the Department of Biological Sciences for approval.

Learning Outcomes

After completing BSC 492, students will be able to:

- describe the nature of their experience and their specific role(s) in that experience
- describe the professional competencies they developed or deepened through their 492 experience
- describe the knowledge and/or skills they gained or deepened through this 492 experience
- explain how they applied their academic (in-class) experiences to their 492 experience
- describe how their 492 experience changed or strengthened their academic or career goals

Grading

This course is offered on an S/U grading basis only. Grading will be based on:

- a series of reflective written assignments to be completed during and at the end of the experience
- a minimum of 45 hours of work for each credit hour
- an assessment completed by the supervisor at the end of the experience

What you need to do to be enrolled (in this order)

1. Consult with your advisor to select an appropriate experience.
2. Arrange an experience and complete the BSC 492 Contract (Sections 1-4) in consultation with your immediate supervisor.
3. After you and the supervisor sign the contract (Section 5), email it to your academic advisor for their signature. Your advisor will complete the additional steps needed to get you enrolled in the course.

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Name _____ ID# _____

Major _____ Advisor _____

Supervisor _____ Supervisor's email _____

Supervisor's phone _____

Primary physical location of experience _____

*physical address

How many credit hours do you plan to earn? (choose one option)

45+ ☐ 1 credit (minimum 45 hours)

90+ ☐ 2 credits (minimum 90 hours)

135+ ☐ 3 credits (minimum 135 hours) *(You can earn 3 credits maximum for any given experience.)*

Start date _____ # of weeks _____ Average hrs per week _____

Semester you would like BSC 492 to appear on your transcript:

Fall / Spring / SS1 / SS2 (circle one) of _____ year

*numerical year

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Briefly describe the proposed experience.

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What do you hope to gain from this experience with regard to the four learning outcomes? (Refer to Guidelines on page 1 or to the BSC 492 syllabus.)

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Requirements - This space can be used to be more specific about work expectations and/or to include any additional requirements (e.g., paper, presentation, attending a meeting). Total work expectation (in terms of hours) remains 45 hours per credit hour. Students must also complete a series of reflective written assignments posted on Moodle.

Signatures-- all signatures required prior to DBS approval and enrollment in BSC 492.
**If supervisor or advisor is unable to provide a physical or electronic signature, you may submit correspondence indicating approval.*

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Student _____ Date _____

Supervisor _____ Date _____
Signing indicates agreement to complete a brief online survey following the experience.

Academic Advisor _____ Date _____

Assign to this section of the degree audit _____

Departmental Approval _____ Date _____

This section is for DBS Student Support Services use only.

Completed contract received (date & initials) _____

Student added to **BSC 492** (date & initials) _____