

PPL 395 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH CONTRACT

Work with your faculty mentor to complete the following questions regarding your research for the semester and submit the completed contract by noon on the last day to add a course. Completed contracts can be sent electronically to brooke.kuerzi@uky.edu or dropped off at 413 POT. You will receive email confirmation and instructions for registration if your project is approved.

To be completed by the student:

Student Name: _____ **Student ID:** _____

UK email: _____

Semester during which research will be done (Spring/Summer/Fall): _____ **Year:**

Credit hours (1-3): _____

Note: During fall and spring semesters, students are expected to spend at least **three hours per week for every **one** credit hour earned. Discuss specific time commitments with your faculty mentor.*

Answer the following three questions in consultation with your faculty mentor.

1. What is the main question your project will address? What is your hypothesis or driving principle?
2. What data will you gather, where will you gather it from, and how will you analyze it? Include brief technical details.
3. How might your findings inform policy decisions or illuminate other potential research directions?

Student signature: _____

To be completed by the faculty mentor:

The general grade breakdown is 25% midterm progress report, 35% participation/attendance at meetings, 40% final research report OR poster presentation.

If your grading criteria differs from the above, please describe it below:

Mentor signature: _____