**Graduation with Distinction: Biology (BIOLOGY)**

**Procedure for selection of students**
Biology majors with a GPA of 3.0 or above in biology courses, not including independent study, may apply for graduation with distinction in biology. They must also maintain at least this level of performance throughout the remainder of their studies at Duke. The written application form (attached below) must include a summary of the student's research topic, be endorsed by the student's research supervisor, and be approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

**Expected product**
Candidates will complete an original research project, usually carried out as an independent study in biology or as an interdisciplinary study that includes biology, in BIOLOGY 191, 192, 297, 298 or in an appropriate biological science department at Duke University. An oral poster presentation and a written thesis are required.

**Evaluative body**
A committee comprised of three faculty members.

**Evaluative procedure**
Evaluation of the product is based on an oral poster presentation and the written thesis itself.

**Levels of distinction**
Two levels: Distinction and High Distinction.

**Special courses, other activities required, comments**
Mandatory orientation sessions reviewing the preparation of the poster and thesis.
See Also:

[Department of Biology](#)
APPLICATION FOR
GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION IN BIOLOGY

Deadlines:
Graduating Fall/December 2009: Friday, September 4, 2009
Graduating Spring/May 2010: Friday, September 25, 2009

Name: __________________________________________________________
Application Date: _______________   Graduation Date (May or Dec): _______________
Phone: _____________________  E-mail: ____________________________
Proposed Title of Thesis: ___________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
Research Supervisor: _______________________________________________________

Abstract of Proposed Thesis: (or on attached page)

I endorse the student application above for Graduation with Distinction in Biology:

Research Supervisor's Signature: _______________________________ Date: _______________
Department: _______________________ e-mail: ________________ phone: ______
Box#: ______

(return to: Undergraduate Studies - Biology, Rm. 135 BioSci, Campus Box 90338, fax: 660-7293)