Biochemistry Program
Thesis Form

This form is to document that a student in Biochemistry Program has completed the capstone thesis requirement for the major. This form is to be completed by the faculty thesis advisor who has overseen the student writing of the capstone. A thesis is written during the student’s senior year. The thesis may be (1) an extension of a 300- or 400-level course taught by a member of the Biochemistry Program, (2) part of an independent study conducted with a biochemistry faculty member, or (3) a written project proposed by a biochemistry faculty member. An Honors Project with a biochemical emphasis substitutes for the thesis.

A thesis should meet the following requirements. A thesis is a major research paper, roughly 20 pages in length, that includes: (1) an introduction to the topic, (2) evaluation of primary research articles, (3) summary section providing synthesis, supported by a model, of the ideas generated from the analyses of the articles, (4) proposal for a new research direction based on, and supported by, experimental evidence included with the proposed model, and (5) literature cited.

Student _______________________________________________________

Faculty advisor overseeing the writing of the thesis ____________________________________________

Biology faculty member reader ___________________________________________________________

Chemistry faculty member reader _________________________________________________________

Title of the thesis ________________________________________________________________

I affirm that the student has written an acceptable thesis:

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Signature of the faculty advisor ___________________________ Date ____________

I affirm that I have received a copy of the student’s completed capstone thesis:

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Signature of the Biochemistry Program Coordinator ___________________________ Date ____________

After this form is completed, the student should file it with the Registrar.
Registrar: please send copies of this form to the student’s Biochemistry advisor.