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Re: Modified requirement for the "Carolina Research Scholar" transcript designation
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In February, 2008, the Educational Policy Committee approved the addition of the remark "Carolina Research Scholar" on undergraduate transcripts for students who met the following requirements:

1. Completion of Modes of Inquiry (IDST195), a one credit pass/fail multidisciplinary research course.
2. Completion of 6 credit hours of research-intensive courses
3. Presentation of research at a campus symposium open to the public or at a professional meeting

Due to the popularity of the program (180 students have registered their intentions to complete the requirements) and the likely increase in student interest (600 admitted students will be invited to join the program), the Office for Undergraduate Research wishes to expand the number of courses that can be used to meet the multidisciplinary research requirement. Accordingly, the OUR proposes that requirement #1 be modified as follows, effective beginning in Fall, 2010:

All participants in CRSP must complete the multidisciplinary research requirement. This requirement can be fulfilled in one of three ways:

- a. Students can complete IDST195, Modes of Inquiry, an introductory, one-credit pass/fail course
- b. Students can complete one research-exposure course (3 credit hour minimum) with a grade of C or higher. Research-exposure courses are defined as courses in which students use the methods of the discipline to pose questions, apply those methods in investigation, and communicate their findings to others in the class. The OUR maintains a list of these courses and updates the list yearly. To meet the multidisciplinary CRSP requirement, the course must be from a different department than one or both of the research-intensive courses that the student uses to fulfill requirement #2.
- c. Students can complete one additional research-intensive course (3 credit hour minimum) with a grade of C or higher. Research-intensive courses are defined as courses in which over half of the course is devoted to students conducting original work and presenting research conclusions. The OUR maintains a list of these courses and updates the list yearly. To meet the multidisciplinary research requirement, the course must be from a different department than one or both of the research-intensive courses that the student uses to fulfill requirement #2.