Department of Chemistry
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Chemistry Research Course Progress Report Grading Rubric

Progress reports are aimed to get students to summarize what they have learned or discovered on the selected research project in the assigned time period. Mentors will review and give comments on the progress reports. Progress reports can be brief but concise in emphasizing the most important aspects of the project.

The following are the requirements for progress reports.

1. All progress reports will be typed.

2. All progress reports are to have a cover page with the student's name, the date, and the name of the research project.

3. Progress reports will have an introduction and a conclusion.

4. Data, if needed, will be presented in a table.

5. Graphs can be attached, if needed.

6. The statement of academic integrity on the syllabus will be strictly enforced.

7. Progress reports will be graded according to the rubric on the following page.

Assignment:	Name:	Overall Score:	
Criteria	Comments	Score	Weight
1. *Introduction.* Progress reports must have a brief but reasonably thorough introduction of the background of the project and the current stage of the study.			20 pts
2. *Methods.* Methods of the study of the project must be clearly stated.			20 pts
3. *Conclusion.* Conclusion must reflect the student's learning and discovery from the project in the assigned time period; future steps of study will be stated if needed.			20 pts
4. *Progress Toward Objectives.* The mentor will evaluate the progress of the student and the student will set up goals for next time period, if needed.			10 pts
5. *Clarity/Terminology:* Sentences will be clear and unambiguous; chemistry terminology will be used correctly.			10 pts
6. *Organization:* The report must be well organized (have a logical progression); good transitions from one section to the next.			10 pts
7. *English and Grammar.* The paper must use good grammar, varied sentence structure and correct spelling.			10 pts