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<th>COURSE:</th>
<th>Projects in the Sciences, INTERIM 395, 2016</th>
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| CLASS TIME & LOCATION: | Jan. 4, Monday, 11:30AM-1PM, Holcomb Room, Burwell Building  
Jan. 25, Monday, 11:30AM-1PM, Holcomb Room, Burwell Building  
January 27, Wednesday, 1-2 PM, Olin Teaching Theater |
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| COURSE FEES: | There is no course fee. |

**COURSE DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE, & GOALS:**

This Interim is designed for students wanting to conduct independent research projects, literature reviews leading to a proposal of a future research project, or internships involving scientific research. This Interim is designed to provide a common structure for independent research projects during the Interim term and to create a shared community of learning among those involved. Projects may be conducted on-campus or off-campus. Many variations of research projects may be included under the umbrella of this course. These may include projects that are designed to prepare students to conduct research in future semesters or submit grants to fund summer research through composition of a critical literature review and proposed research design or projects may involve more traditional research designs such as hypothesis testing, data collection, and production of results. It is important to be realistic in designing your project so that completion of the work is feasible within the first 3 weeks of Interim and an acceptable report can be produced within the 4th week of Interim.

**EVALUATION:**

Each student is expected to maintain a blog of their daily activities during Interim. Each student is required to compose a final paper (8-12 pgs) due Monday, Jan. 25, by 5 PM and present their work during a collective Interim symposium held from 1-3 PM on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

**GRADING SCALE:**

Pass with Honors, Pass, or Fail

**ABSENCE POLICY:**

In accordance with the policy of the college, attendance of all class meetings is mandatory.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:**

The integrity of the academic programs of the college and the value of the credentials of graduates of the college are threatened by acts of academic dishonesty. All acts of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the guidelines in the *Student Handbook*. All work in this course is subject to policies on plagiarism and academic dishonesty (see the student handbook for definitions). Academic dishonesty on any portion of projects in this course will not be tolerated result in a report to the College Honor Council.

This syllabus is subject to change upon notification.