**Hort 495/Crop Sci 495/Soil Sci 495 – Student Project**

**30% of final grade**

An integral component for the Research Experience for Undergraduates is understanding how your work impacts the research group and the broader research community. As part of your overall grade, a final summary for the work completed during the semester will be required NO LATER than the final week of the semester. This summary will represent 30% of your final grade, so do not leave this to the last moment. Several forms of a final report are acceptable but must be approved by the course advisor prior. Previously acceptable reports included posters, written summary reports, and oral presentations. Posters have been presented during the annual Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SURCA) surca.wsu.edu/about/. Oral presentations have been approved when presented to the research working group or during other appropriate research venues. Again, it is required that the form of your final report AND the venue be approved by the course advisor in advanced. The course advisor, or an appointed individual, will attend/review your report and rate you on the following criteria:

1. Organization of thought and data.
2. Background clarity.
3. Summary of the problem (i.e. hypothesis).
4. Clarity of your specific contribution to the project.
5. Assessment of findings/learning.
6. Understanding of the impact of what was learned.
7. General professionalism and communication effectiveness.

Questions and requests for approvals may be directed to the course advisor:

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