

Necropsy Independent Study Requirements and Checklist

Requirements:

1. **Must complete the full rabies vaccine series** and provide proof of rabies vaccination prior to the start of the semester.
 - The rabies vaccine is a 2 shot series that requires a few weeks to complete.
 - Once you have proof of your rabies series, provide a copy to the necropsy technician.
 - Failure to provide proof of vaccination by the start of your first shift will result in you being **REMOVED** from the course and placed at the **bottom of the waitlist** for the following semester.

2. Must complete a **rabies titer** and provide **proof of adequate titer** by the start of the semester.
 - A rabies titer is used to **evaluate** an immune response to the rabies virus antigens.
 - Without proper immune response you are still susceptible to the rabies virus.
 - This is **required** for the class; do not let others tell you otherwise.
 - This test requires a blood draw 2 weeks after you receive the last rabies vaccine of the series.
 - These results can take several weeks to get back so please plan accordingly.
 - Once you have titer results provide them to the necropsy technician.
 - Failure to obtain an adequate titer by add/drop of your admitted semester will result in you being **REMOVED** from the course and placed at the **bottom of the waitlist** for the following semester.
 - An adequate rabies titer is a result of **0.5 IU/mL or higher**.

3. Must be able to commit to two 3-hour shifts (6 hours/week)
 - Hours range during the day from 9am-6pm
 - Hours are selected by the necropsy technician from the free time you have available and the times CVMDL needs covered.
 - Once you have your finalized class schedule send a copy to the necropsy technician.
 - For the **fall semesters**: schedules must be submitted by the **2nd Friday in April**.
 - For the **spring semesters**: schedules must be submitted by the **2nd Friday in Nov**.
 - Submission of your schedule **does not guarantee** that you be admitted to the program. Spots are given on a first come, first served basis.
 - Schedules should be submitted as a screenshot of your week and not a list of class times.
 - Submitted schedules must be the final versions. If you get a spot and can no longer meet at the required times given to you, you will be **dropped** from the course and placed at the **bottom of the waitlist** for the following semester. Please include other obligations such as sports practice, club meetings, etc.

Any questions about the above requirements are addressed with the necropsy technician.

A checklist is provided on page 2

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Checklist to complete if you are admitted into a semester:

- Provide Necropsy Technician with your proof of rabies vaccination.
- Provide Necropsy Technician with your adequate rabies titer
 - Failure to provide proof of adequate titer by add/drop of your admitted semester will result in you being **REMOVED** from the course and will place you at the **BOTTOM** of the waitlist for the following semester.
 - An adequate titer is a result of 0.5 UI/mL or higher.
- Complete the Independent Study Authorization form with your assigned instructor.
 - This form can be found on the Office of the Registrar forms page <https://registrar.uconn.edu/forms/>
 - This form must be signed by your instructor, your advisor, and the department head.
 - This should only be completed once the necropsy technician has confirmed you have a spot for the given semester.
 - Contact your course instructor for class information.
 - Failure to complete this form will result in you not receiving credit for the course.
- Complete all Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Trainings.
 - <https://ehs.uconn.edu/training/>
 - The above link will bring you to EHS's training page. You'll click "Launch HuskySMS" and sing-in using your NetID and password.
 - A list of required courses will be provided to you; all must be completed prior to your first shift.
- Complete required readings.
 - <https://cvmdl.qualtraxcloud.com/Login>
 - The above link will bring you to our quality system which holds all the necessary documents you must read. You'll enter your UConn email address and "hit log in" and then log in with UConn SSO." This will prompt you to enter your NetID and password to finally log into the program.
 - On your Dashboard you'll see a list of "tests" to take. All these tests are the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Work Instruction Sheets (WISs) you'll need to read.
 - Each test has a link to the associated document; read the associated document and mark that you've read them by completing the test.
 - All readings must be completed prior to the start of your first shift.