

# Trinity College Independent Studies Programme

## Grading template (Sciences)

Trinity College Independent Studies Course number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reader name: \_\_\_\_\_

	Date for submission to supervisor/second reader	Date for graded version to be submitted to Program Director	% of final grade
Progress report			(e.g. 20%)
Research aptitude			(e.g. 30%)
Final report: supervisor			(e.g. 25%)
Final report: second reader			(e.g. 25%)

**Progress report:** This should be submitted to the supervisor three weeks prior to the last date for dropping courses without academic penalty (for H courses) or by the last day of class in the first semester (for Y courses). The supervisor should send the graded copy to the Program Director within 7 days of receipt. The progress report should include an introduction to the project, with an appropriate bibliography, a description of the experimental strategy and an outline of the results obtained to date. The typical length will be about 5 pages plus figures and bibliography.

**Research aptitude:** The student will be evaluated based on quality and quantity of experimentation performed. The evaluation will include aspects of experimental skill, industriousness, initiative, independence and critical assessment of results. The supervisor will submit the grade for research aptitude to the Program Director within 7 days of the last day of classes.

**Final report:** The final report will take the form of a research paper in the relevant field of study. Required elements include: title, abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results, figures and/or tables, with appropriate legends, discussion and bibliography. The final report should be submitted to the supervisor and second reader on the last day of class. The supervisor and second reader should submit final graded reports to the Program Director within seven days of receipt. Typical length of the final report will be about 20-25 pages (double spaced) plus figures/tables and bibliography.