

NEURO 91 - Instructions for the final written report

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

**** NOTE: DO NOT USE THIS FORM IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING WRITING A THESIS ****

If you are considering writing a thesis, you should complete the 'combined thesis proposal form' (junior spring) or submit your 'partial rough draft' (senior fall) – see the ['Thesis and Research'](#) section of the website for details.

Report Format:

A written report of approximately **5-10 (double spaced) pages** is due to your research director and James Poolner (<mailto:jp@mcb.harvard.edu>) **at 5 PM on December 7th, 2019** (Fall Semester) or **May 5th, 2020** (Spring Semester).

The 91 report format should summarize the work done in the lab during that semester. This summary should include the following sections:

- **Background & Rationale:** In approximately 1-3 pages (double spaced), introduce your broad topic and provide a background for your research project. You should read the relevant literature and provide a brief context for the question(s) you plan to address. Begin this section by broadly introducing your topic, then focus in on any pertinent background studies (not just from your own lab but others as well), and eventually end with a statement of your specific research question/s. A reader should be able understand why you are asking your question/s, based on what you describe in this background section about earlier work, current debates in the field, etc.
- **Results:** In approximately 2-4 pages (double spaced), describe the experiments completed and show the results you obtained. If the semester did not yield any results, the student may focus on the other sections; however, students are encouraged to include any result no matter how seemingly small.
- **References:** Provide key references regarding the background and experimental design of your project. Provide complete reference information (authors, year, title, journal, volume, pages numbers, etc).

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Fall: December 7

Spring: May 5

Please email a .pdf (or Word doc) attachment to your research director; and cc that email to James Poolner (jp@mcb.harvard.edu).

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