Davidson College Department of Biology
Laboratory Use Agreement

Class: BIO_____________________________

Instructor: ____________________________

Access to laboratory room #s: ____________________________

Do not sign this form until you have read it carefully.
In order to have access to laboratory facilities in Wall Laboratories, you must agree to the conditions set forth in this agreement. By signing this document, you agree to follow the following rules and accept the risks and responsibilities that accompany use of a scientific laboratory.

RULES
1) I will only access rooms and use equipment where I have been granted permission. Access to a room does not convey unlimited use of the facilities within a room and requires previous training in safety and emergency procedures.

2) I will only access rooms and use equipment for BIOLOGY courses. Within the permitted room, I may only use equipment on which I have been trained by a faculty or staff member and I may only use that equipment for designated assignments. Students may not grant permission or provide training for each other.

3) I will only use equipment for which I have prior approval and training by the course instructor. I will follow instructor-approved protocols and safety guidelines.

4) When I am done I will clean the laboratory work area and place all equipment, reagents, trash, etc. in designated areas. This includes collecting "LABORATORY WASTE" in proper designated containers. I will dispose of all solutions properly and I will ask before pouring anything down a drain.

5) I will not eat or drink in the laboratory at any time. Food may not be consumed, stored, or disposed of in any laboratory. Food includes water and gum.

6) I only qualify to ask for laboratory access outside of normally scheduled times if successful completion of my research requires my presence in the laboratory during that additional, privileged, time period. I understand that scheduled classes have priority access to laboratories and equipment.

7) I will plan my lab work so that it will be completed by 1:00 AM. Building access is prohibited 1:00 – 6:00 AM and I understand that I will be removed by security if I am in the lab during these hours. On the rare occasions that my research requires lab access during this restricted time, I will inform my research advisor in advance to ask that s/he apply for an exception through the Vice President for Academic Affairs.