

Identifying Undergraduate Research Courses as a High Impact Practice for Inclusion in Banner

What is a High Impact Practice?

The American Association of Colleges & Universities has established a set of High Impact Practices that encourage postsecondary institutions to adopt and scale. High Impact Practices are teaching and learning practices that have been widely tested and have been shown to be beneficial for college students from many backgrounds. These practices take many different forms, depending on learner characteristics and on institutional priorities and contexts.¹

Guidelines for Qualifying an Undergraduate Research Course as a High Impact Practice

The University System of Georgia (USG) institutions should consider the following guidelines as they engage in a review process to identify whether an Undergraduate Research course should be categorized as a High Impact Practice in the Banner Student Information System. The guidelines were developed in consultation with USG institution representatives involved in the implementation of Undergraduate Research courses. These guidelines expand upon those articulated by the American Association of Colleges & Universities to provide just-in-time answers for USG institution faculty:

important questions.

Performance expectations set at appropriately high levels

A significant investment of time and effort over an extended period of time.

Interactions with faculty and peers about substantive matters

Experiences with diversity, wherein students are exposed to and must contend with people and circumstances that differ from those with which students are familiar

Feedback is frequent, timely and constructive

Periodic and structured opportunities for students to reflect on and integrate learning

Opportunities to discover the relevance of learning through real-world applications

Public demonstration of competence

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Institutions have the sole authority to establish a process and criteria for the review of Undergraduate Research courses to determine if they qualify as a High Impact Practice. The USG does *not*

Banner Code Categories

The Banner Codes for qualified Undergraduate Research Courses will include the following categories

Primary Codes: Must have one primary code

Code	Description
ZURP	Undergraduate Research course meets institution's criteria as a High Impact Practice for Undergraduate Research MGA defines Undergraduate Research as: Undergraduate research conducted by students involves inquiry or investigation that makes an original intellectual, scholarly or creative contribution to the discipline for which the student receives academic credit. (Adapted from: https://www.aacu.org/leap/hips)

Contact Hour Codes: Include code indicating number of hours student is engaged in Undergraduate Research, if applicable

Code	Description
ZUR1	Research or creative project requires 30 or less contact hours
ZUR2	Research or creative project requires 31-50 contact hours
ZUR3	Research or creative project requires 51-100 contact hours
ZUR4	Research or creative project requires 101 or more contact hours

Required Course Codes: For each course section that meets the following institution criteria

Code	Description
ZHIR	Course meets a High Impact Practice requirement established by institution.

The following scenarios must be met in order to successfully pass the data validations in Banner.

- Each course section must have one primary code.
- Each course section must have one contact hour code, where applicable. If not applicable, leave blank.
- Each course section must include a code to indicate it is a required course by the institution, if applicable. If not, leave blank.
- Each course section must use all required course codes if the course meets the criteria associated with the code.
- Campuses have the option to develop additional institution-based codes and establish criteria for using the codes for their Undergraduate Research experience courses.

Primary Code

Undergraduate Research course meets institution's criteria as a High Impact Practice for Undergraduate Research

Contact Hour Code

Number of hours student is engaged in Undergraduate Research activities as defined by the institution.

Required Course Code

Course section meets a High Impact Practice requirement established by institution.

Courses that meet an institutional requirement that graduates complete a minimum number of courses or non-course-based experiences designated as a High Impact Practice. The requirement, to include the type and number of student experiences, is determined by the institution.

The USG may add additional codes, as necessary.