Lab Supervision Policy

To conduct research in a lab unsupervised, all undergraduate students must complete a 6-hour campus safety course (or the equivalent at your home institution) and a 1-hour WMSC-specific safety talk.

To work in a lab under supervision (by a graduate student or instructor/faculty), all undergraduates must complete a 3-hour safety course (or the equivalent at your home institution) and the same 1-hour WMSC specific presentation. All supervisors must complete the 6-hour training and the 1-hour WMSC-specific safety talk.

Undergraduate students enrolled in academic courses need only complete the 1-hour WMSC-specific safety talk.

No one is permitted in the Radiation Lab unless they have completed the Radiation Safety Course and are named on a current Radiation Permit.

Students under the age of 18 are not allowed to work unsupervised in the labs. If ANY students in a group are under 18, the group must have a supervisor (who has completed the six-hour training) and an adult chaperone to watch over each “bay” being used in the lab. Chaperones are not required to complete any formal training, but are encouraged to complete the 1-hour WMSC safety course.

Note: Students over 18 are allowed in the lecture hall, computer room and library at any time without supervision.

USC Lab Safety Course Information: