## 7.5 Reactions of Carboxylic Acids and Amines

1) at **low temperature** a simple acid-base reaction occurs

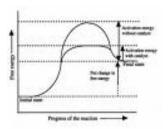
1) 
$$R_1\ddot{C}-O-H_+ + H-N-R_2$$
  $R_1\ddot{C}-O-H_-N-R_2$ 

2) at **high temperatures** or with suitable enzymes they form an amide and water.

$$R_1$$
CO-H + D-N-R<sub>2</sub>  $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $R_1$ C-N-R<sub>2</sub> + H-O-H

Notice that this second reaction is analogous to the formation of an ester from an alcohol and carboxylic acid in several ways:

- 1) A water molecule is "split out" when the two molecules react
- 2) The reaction is **endergonic reversible.**



Sample problems:

Write the structure of the **amide products** formed from the following molecules at high temperature:

DEET N,N-Diethyl-meta-toluamide

Practice problems