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Hours -

Office: Tue 3:30 – 4:30, Wed 9:00-10:00 (or by appointment)

Course: Lecture – Thurs, 5:30 - 7:20 pm, BSC 2202

Course Description: This course involves discussion and analysis of current topics in biology. Educational outcomes associated with this course include numbers 1 and 2 as specified by the VSU Biology Department for its Master's program, and general outcomes numbers 3, 4, 5, and 7 as specified by the University.

Attendance: MANDATORY! Please note: 1) I keep track of attendance. 2) Disruptive students will be asked to leave. **Attendance at departmental science seminars are mandatory.**

Students with Documented Disabilities: I would like to teach everyone; Students needing accommodations should contact me at the beginning of the semester. Students may need to register with the Access Office for Students with Disabilities (Farber Hall, 245-2498).

Privacy Act: The FERPA Privacy Act does not allow me to discuss grades over the phone, sent to non-VSU email addresses, or be given to friends or relatives.

Cheating: Refer to the Student Code of Ethics in the Valdosta State University Student Handbook. A student caught cheating will be penalized ranging from receiving a zero for that assignment or test to failing the class. No first warning will be given.

Assessment: The grades will be based on 100 points as described below. As is tradition in the biology department, there is also a punitive attendance policy. This seminar requires active participation by all of you, because if you are not here the class suffers dramatically. Consequently, for each unexcused absence (this includes Biology Seminar), you will lose one letter grade off your final grade.

1. Journal club presentations	30
2. Professional skills	
a. Curricula vitae	10
b. Presentation projects	10
c. Project summaries	10
d. Writing project	10
3. General participation	30

Grade Scale: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, <60 = F

Evaluating the above is admittedly subjective. I will start the seminar assuming everyone has an A. So long as you do your job, that will not change. However, if you don't show up or don't participate, then your grade will start to fall.

Biology department seminars

May be subject to changes

Week	DATE	
1	21 January	No seminar (Biology Department meeting)
2	28 January	Q&A with Carla Jordan (Office of Career Opportunities)
3	04 February	No seminar
4	11 February	Dorset Trapnell (UGA Plant Biology)
5	18 February	Kimberly Andrews (UGA Odum School of Ecology)
6	25 February	Q&A with Chris Sanders (Dentsply Sirona) Learn about the (lucrative) biotechnology side of dental industry
7	03 March	Angel Acebes-Doria (UGA Tifton) "How Studying Insect Behavior and Ecology Can Inform Development of Pest Management Strategies"
8	10 March	No seminar
9	17 March	Spring break: no seminar
10	24 March	TBA
11	31 March	Wendy Zomlefer (Curator of the UGA Herbarium--Emeritus)
12	7 April	No seminar
13	14 April	Katherine Gentry (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)
14	21 April	No seminar
15	28 April	No seminar