

Senior Seminar BSC 4931 Section U-11 Fall 2016

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Class: Mondays 11:00 - 12:15, Room CP 107

- Aug 22 Introduction; selection of general topics; division into mini-symposia
- Aug 29 How to research your topic - GL 280 (Library)
- Sep 5 No class – Labor Day
- Sep 12 “Guidelines for Authors”; discussion of writing scientific papers
- Sep 19 **List of 5 references due (with abstracts of each reference);** discussion of plagiarism and “Turn it in”
- Sep 26 **General outline of papers due; your abstract due** (email to richardl@fiu.edu); discussion – careers in biological sciences
- Oct 3 How to give a talk; Powerpoint pointers; scheduling talks
- Oct 10 **Detailed outline and 5 additional references (with abstracts) due**
- Oct 17 Presentations - Group 1
- Oct 24 Presentations - Group 2
- Oct 31 Presentations - Group 3 (and last day to drop with a grade of DR)
- Nov 7 Presentations - Group 4
- Nov 14 Presentations - Group 5
- Nov 21 Presentations - Group 6
- Nov 28 **Papers due** (email papers to richardl@fiu.edu)
- Dec TBD OE 309 **Exit exam - ETS Major Field Test in Biology**

Grading: There will be 100 points total, as follows:
General outline: 5%
Detailed outline: 10%
Abstract: 10%
Talk: 30% based on oral presentation grading rubric
Paper: 30% based on paper grading rubric
Attendance: 10%
ETS exam: 5%

Grading Scale: 90-100% = A; 80-89% = B; 70-79% = C; 60-69% = D; <60% = F

Grading standards: Your talk, paper, and the exit exam are required. If you fail to do any of these you will get an IN.

All papers must be provided as a Microsoft Word document or a pdf. They will be checked for plagiarism using 'Turn-it-In'.

Plagiarism: "The act of plagiarizing."

Plagiarize: "To take and pass off as one's own (the ideas, writings, etc. of another)." *from Webster's Dictionary*. This means do not copy material from your research sources.

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