

Senior BSC 4931
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Senior Seminar: Fall 2016 Paul Sharp, PhD

Office hours (OE 229): Tues. 3:45-4:45 PM
Thurs. 5:00-6:00 PM

Schedule

Week of:

- Aug 22 Introduction; How to research your topic and write Annotated bibliography;
Term Paper Guidelines & Rubric; Oral presentation Guidelines & Rubric
- Aug 29 **Research Question and short synopsis (2X) due (biological comparison / contrast)**
Discuss your question with Dr. Sharp; Group discussion of your research question
- Sept 5 **Annotated Bibliography of 8 primary references with your annotation due**
CV versus Resume; Schedule talks; Group discussion of your research progress
- Sept 12 **Revised Research Question and short synopsis due**
Curriculum vitae due
Career awareness & USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov); Group discussion of your CV
- Sept 19 **8 additional primary references with your annotation and USAJOBS due**
How to give a talk; PowerPoint pointers; Group discussion of USAJOBS
- Sept 26 **Mini-presentations group 1 due (first 6 slides: 5 min.)**
- Oct 3 **Mini-presentations group 2 due (first 6 slides: 5 min.)**
Detailed outline is due
* optional submission rough draft of research paper for critique
- Oct 10 **Mini-presentations group 3 due (first 6 slides: 5 min.)**
- Oct 17 Presentations - Group 1
- Oct 24 Presentations - Group 2
- Nov 7 Presentations - Group 3
- Nov 14 Presentations - Group 4
- Nov 21 **Thanksgiving Holiday (No Senior Seminar)**
- Nov 28 Presentations - Group 5
- Dec 5 ETS Major Field Test (2 hour block) (**Research paper is due**)

Grading: There will be 100 points total, as follows:

Tentative Title & synopsis:	5%	Detailed outline:	5%
Participation:	10%	Curriculum Vitae:	5%
Annotated Bibliographies:	5% + 5%	Mini-presentation:	5%
Oral Presentation:	20%	Term Paper:	35%
USAJOBS:	5%	ETS exam:	mandatory

Grading Scale: 90-100% = A; 80-89.9% = B; 70-79.9% = C; 60-69.9% = 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.*

Attendance is mandatory. Two absences will result in a 100% deduction of your participation grade. Three or more absences will result in a failing grade.

All oral presentations must be provided as a 2010 PowerPoint file in .pptx format and e-mailed to me the day **before** your scheduled presentation.

All assignments must be turned in at the very start of class on the day that the assignment is due to avoid a 25% deduction off the graded quality of the assignment. Late assignments will receive an additional 10% deduction off the graded quality of the assignment each additional day it is late.

All assignments must be submitted as both a **typed** hardcopy and as a Microsoft Word file submitted to Turnitin.com to get credit. They will be checked for plagiarism using Turnitin.com. Any paper that includes any amount of plagiarized material will be given an F, and the grade for the entire course will be an F. No exceptions!

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	(Tuesday Section 9)	(Thursday Section 10)
Class ID:	13203425	13203429
Enrollment password:	paulsharp	paulsharp

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.

*October, 2016: Last day to drop with a DR grade

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