

SENIOR SEMINAR (BIOL 499) Fall 2017

Fridays 12:30 – 1:20 pm, LSF 207

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Course Description: In order to take this class you must be a senior (at least 90 hours earned credit hours) and have taken 24 credit hours of Biology courses. The letter grades assigned (A through F) will be based on 2 written assignments, 1 exam, and attendance/participation in class.

You must earn a D or higher in order to pass, and thus, to graduate!

Lack of attendance and participation in class, or poor performance on class assignments can result in an unsatisfactory grade.

Course requirements:

- Attendance and participation – you **cannot** miss more than 2 classes! Attendance is recorded.
- **100 Points:** Write a cover letter for a job or a graduate/professional school application. Details of this assignment will be provided during class.
- **100 Points:** Submit a first draft copy of your resumé and then a completed (revised) resumé. Details of this assignment will be provided during class.
- **100 Points:** Complete the Biology Exit Exam.
- Participate in class discussions, including practice interviews.

The letter grade you earn will be based on your total score, out of 300 points.

SCHEDULE*

- Aug 25 • Introduction to Senior Seminar
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- Sept 1 • "Jobs with A Biology Degree"
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- Sept 8 • "Resumé writing"
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- Sept 15 • "Graduate School"
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- Sept 22 ► **First draft of resumé due**
• "Professional School and Health Careers"
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- Sept 29 • "Cover Letter Writing"
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- Oct 6 ► **Revised resumé due**
• "Government Jobs"
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- Oct 13 • "So You Want to be a Professor"
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- Oct 20 • "Entrance Exams"
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- Oct 27 ► **Cover letter due**
• "Interviewing"
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- Nov 3 • *NO CLASS*
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- Nov 10 • Mock / practice interviews
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- Nov 17 ► **Biology Exit Exam**
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- Nov 24 • *NO CLASS*
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- Dec 1 • Discuss Biology Exit Exam results
• End-of-semester wrap-up

* Schedule subject to change, **EXCEPT** for the due dates of assignments!