

SENIOR SEMINAR (BIOL 499) Fall 2020

Fridays 12:30 – 1:20 pm, Kassab Recital
Hall (Fine Arts building)

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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 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 21 • Review syllabus and website resources (ONLINE)

Aug 28 • Introduction to Senior Seminar (ONLINE)

Sept 4 • "Jobs with A Biology Degree" (ONLINE)

Sept 11 • "Graduate School"

Sept 18 • "Resumé writing"

Sept 25 • "Professional School and Health Careers"

Oct 2 ► **Resumé due**
• "Cover Letter Writing"

Oct 9 • "Government Jobs"

Oct 16 • "So You Want to be a Professor"

Oct 23 • "Entrance Exams"

Oct 30 ► **Cover letter due**
• "Interviewing"

Nov 6 • Mock / practice interviews

Nov 13 ► **Biology Exit Exam**

Nov 20 • End-of-semester wrap-up

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