Overview

The objective of this one-credit course is to create a scientific presentation that engages the audience, stimulates discussion and demonstrates the speaker’s knowledge of the topic.

Goals

The student is expected to

- Develop a 30 minute scientific seminar
- Participate in topic discussions
- Critically evaluate presentation skills, content and quality

Requirements

The seminar course is open to all graduate students in the Department of Animal Sciences.

Evaluation

Participation is required. One excused absence is permitted over the course of the semester. Consult with the instructors prior to absence is mandatory (if possible). All other absences result in a 0.5 letter grade reduction in the final course grade.

Instructor evaluation of the student represents 70% of the grade and is determined subjectively; 30% of the grade is determined by peer evaluation; attendance will affect the final grade as outlined above.

A scoring sheet for peer-evaluation will be developed in class.

Topic and Seminar Schedule Spring 2013

We will develop the seminar schedule during the first one or two classes.
General Information

Services for Students with Disabilities
The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. 0001 Reid Hall, 392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/

Campus Helping Resources
Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university’s counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/
   Counseling Services
   Groups and Workshops
   Outreach and Consultation
   Self-Help Library
   Training Programs

Community Provider Database
Career Resource Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1602, www.crc.ufl.edu/

Academic Honesty
In 1995 the UF student body enacted an honor code and voluntarily committed itself to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. When students enroll at the university, they commit themselves to the standard drafted and enacted by students.

The Honor Pledge: We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

On all work submitted for credit by students at the university, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

Students should report any condition that facilitates dishonesty to the instructor, department chair, college dean, Student Honor Council, or Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution in the Dean of Students Office.

(Source: 2011-2012 Undergraduate Catalog)

It is assumed all work will be completed independently unless the assignment is defined as a group project, in writing by the instructor.
This policy will be vigorously upheld at all times in this course