

Seminar in Biology

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 Tuesday 2:30pm – 5:30 pm

Restricted to Year 4 Honors Specialization in Biology and Scholars Electives.

If we go into another lockdown, zoom and OWL will be the primary **interface** and video recording for assessments.

In person needed	zoom if			weekly	Mandatory

This course's primary focus is to develop further the skills necessary to search, understand, synthesize, discuss, and present (written and oral) on current biology topics. After completing this course, you should be able to speak more spontaneously, instinctively, and directly with an audience and learn how to adapt the presentation's complexity for different audiences. We will also take our skills to our community; this will be a core component of the course and facilitated by (<http://experience.uwo.ca/index.html>).

An OWL website will be established for this course. Items posted to this website include required readings, videos, announcements, grades, useful URLs, and assignment instructions.

- 10% - participation and leadership
 - 15% - 10 minute talk in class and supportive 800 word essay
 - 20% - 2000 word essay (research paper)
 - 15% - research presentation based on your paper
 - 40% - *CEL partner's evaluation, deliverables, reflective essay, exit talk
- **all final grades based on interviews with your instructor**

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Sept 1	Introductions		
Sept 1	Community Engaged Learning (CEL)		
Sept 2	Essay and talk workshop	CEL partner assigned	
Oct 3	TBD		
Oct 10	10 min presentations	Short supportive essays	15% + talk
Oct 17	TBD		
Oct 24	Halfway review of CEL projects		
Oct 31			
Nov 7	TBD		
Nov 14	Research Presentations	Research Paper & talk	20% & 15%

referencing such as citations. Please ask Dr. Taylor if you are unsure how to do this! Please note: submitting two assignments on the same topic to two different courses falls within the realm of plagiarism.

"Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf. (Western Academic Calendar).

"All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>)." (Western Academic Calendar).

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