

BIOL 4900: Senior Seminar

Spring Semester 2022, Section A (CRN# 21998) & B (CRN# 21999), 1 Credit hour (0-3-1)

technical jargon. The use of powerpoint and/or other technologies is recommended to convey organization and images on your topic. Failure to give a presentation will result in a grade of Unsatisfactory for the course (U).

4. Major Fields Test: You must contact the VSU Testing Office located in Powell Hall to schedule a day and time to take the Major Fields test. A score of at least 140 is required to achieve a grade of Satisfactory. You must take the Major Fields test by no later than mid-term (**Thursday, March 3, 2022**). If you score less than 140, you must continue to re-take the test until you reach 140. The Biology Department will pay for your initial test; you are responsible for all fees associated with retaking the test. **No new scores on the Major Fields test will be accepted after NOON on Monday, April 25, 2022.** If I have not received a score of 140 or more for you by that time, you will receive an Unsatisfactory for the course (U).

ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION: Students are expected to attend all scheduled meetings (below); any student who cannot attend one or more sessions should discuss this with the instructor prior to the absence. It is expected that all members of the class will participate in a brief discussion after each presentation is given. Therefore, be prepared to ask meaningful questions, critique the quality of the material presented and raise meaningful issues related to the topic discussed.

COURSE GRADE:

Annotated Bibliography	+10
Paper Outline	+10
Rough Draft	+15
Final Paper	+35
Presentation	+30
TOTAL	100 points
Each absence from scheduled class	-10
Failure to score 140 or higher on Major Field Test	-40
Failure to attend Biology Science Seminars &/or online talks	-40

OVERALL: Satisfactory (S) \geq 70% of points or Unsatisfactory (U) $<$ 70%

NOTE: Failure to provide a Bibliography and/or Rough Draft by the due dates will not allow your peers and instructor to help you prepare for the final paper and presentation and will affect your overall grade.

Format of the Written Paper

This document may not exceed 15 double-spaced, typed pages (12 point font), excluding figures, tables and bibliography. The following format is suggested:

1. Main body of the paper
 - A. Introduce the topic
 - B. Present concepts and theories relevant to the topic
 - C. Define key terms
 - D. Present basic information gained by past and present research on the topic
 - E. Discuss experimental procedures involved in gaining information on the topic
 - F. Discuss controversial issues and changes (if any) on your topic

The main body of the paper may be organized in any

