

Senior BSC 4931
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Senior Seminar: Fall 2015 Paul Sharp, PhD
Office hours: Thurs. & Fri 5:00-6:00 PM

Schedule Week of:

- Aug 24 Introduction; How to research your topic; Term Paper & Rubric
Oral presentation Guidelines & Rubric
- Aug 31 **Tentative title and short synopsis (2X) due (biological comparison / contrast)**
Group discussion of your review paper topics; scheduling talks
- Sept 7 **Annotated Bibliography of 8 primary references with your annotation due**
Curriculum vitae vs. resume; Group discussion of your research progress
- Sept 14 **Revised Tentative title and short synopsis due**
Career awareness & USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov); Group discussion of your CV
- Sept 21 **8 additional primary references with your annotation and USAJOBS due**
How to give a talk; Powerpoint pointers
- Sept 28 **General outline of papers due**
Group discussion of your USAJOBS assignment and dry run of mini-presentation
- Oct 5 **Mini-presentations group 1 due (first 3 slides: 3 min.)**
Curriculum vitae due
- Oct 12 **Mini-presentations group 1 due (first 3 slides: 3 min.)**
Detailed outline is due
Group discussion of your curriculum vitae
* optional submission rough draft of research paper for critique
- Oct 19 Presentations - Group 1 (, ,)
- Oct 26 Presentations - Group 2 (, ,)
- Nov 2 Presentations - Group 3 (, ,)
- Nov 9 **Veterans Day Holiday (No Senior Seminar Classes)**
- Nov 16 Presentations - Group 4 (, ,)
- Nov 23 Presentations - Group 5 (, ,)
- Nov 30 Presentations - Group 6 (, ,)
- Dec 7 ETS Major Field Test (2 hour block) (**Research paper is due**)

Grading: There will be 100 points total, as follows:

Tentative Title & synopsis	5%	Detailed outline:	5%
General outline:	5%	Curriculum vitae:	5%
Annotated Bibliographies:	5% + 5%	Mini-presentation:	5%
Oral Presentation:	20%	Term Paper:	35%
USAJOBS:	5%	ETS exam:	mandatory
Participation:	5%		

Grading Scale: 90-100% = A; 80-89.9% = B; 70-79.9% = C; 60-69.9% = D; <60% = F

Grading standards:

Your talk, paper, and the exit exam are required. *If you fail to do any of these you will get an IN.*

Unexcused absence will result in a 100% deduction of your participation grade.

All oral presentations must be provided as a 2010 PowerPoint file in .pptx format and e-mailed to me one day before your scheduled presentation.

All assignments must be turned in at the very beginning of class on the day that the assignment is due to avoid a 20% deduction off the graded quality of the assignment. Late assignments will receive an additional 10% deduction off the graded quality of the assignment each day it is late.

All assignments must be submitted as both a typed hardcopy and as a Microsoft Word file submitted to Turnitin.com to get credit. They will be checked for plagiarism using Turnitin.com. Any paper that includes any amount of plagiarized material will be given an F, and the grade for the entire course will be an F. No exceptions!

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Plagiarism: "The act of plagiarizing."

Plagiarize: "To take and pass off as one's own (the ideas, writings, etc. of another)," *from Webster's Dictionary*. This means do not copy material from your research sources.

*November 2, 2015: Last day to drop with a DR grade

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