

BSC 5945: Teaching Biology

Fall Semester 2018 (taught the week before Fall semester officially starts, Aug 13-17); Class. no. 79395; email Eunice (biograd@fiu.edu x4130) or Wilma for permission to register. August 13-17

Materials needed for course:

- [TA Manual](#)
- [Survival Guide](#)

Checklist

- You will need permission to register for BSC 5945; Class. no. 79395. You will register for 1 or 2 credits depending on whether you are an M.S. or PH.D. To get permission to register, you must email Eunice (biograd@fiu.edu) or see Wilma in the main office. For some of you, there may be a reason why you can't take the credits at this time (you have reached your 9 or 10 credits you need for the semester already). If that is the case, you can simply attend the course now and register for it any other semester. However, this is the only time in the year you can actually take the course so you must attend now.
- If you are teaching in the Fall, you will choose your teaching sections (day/time) with your Head TA or course instructor. You will be given all materials you need for teaching when you meet with them.
- Confirm your registration for CPR with Roberto rpereir@fiu.edu, x71224
- Have the necessary handouts: TA Manual, Survival Guide, syllabus, etc. Most have links above.

I. Instructor

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II. Course Description

Pedagogical, practical, and procedural aspects of instruction in the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida International University. Required for all new grads.

III. Course Objectives

To develop an appreciation and understanding of skills to successfully facilitating learning in the classroom or laboratory. To acquire the knowledge and skills that will help students in their graduate work.

IV. Grade Determination: Grades will be determined based on presence and participation in all aspects of the course.

V. Required Texts: Graduate Handbook; Survival Guide; TA Manual

VII. Course Outline

Note: there will be a quiz at the beginning of each session to ensure that you have done the reading.

TIME	TOPIC AND ACTIVITIES	SPEAKER/LOCATION
Monday August 13 Readings: The Survival Guide' TA Manual		
11:00am	Introduction	Pitzer OE-291
12:00pm	Lunch Social with Department	Wertheim Conservatory
2:00pm-4:00pm	Biology Specific Training	Pitzer OE-291
Tuesday August 14 Readings: The Survival Guide, TA Manual		
8:30-1:00pm	*CAT Orientation; Attend either Tuesday OR Wednesday; not both!!	CAT: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
1:30pm-4:00pm	Biology Specific Training	Pitzer OE-291
Wednesday August 15		
10:00am -1:00pm	*CAT Orientation; Attend either Tuesday OR Wednesday; not both!!	CAT: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
9:00am-1:00pm	CPR Training/Recertification**To register for this session, click here	AHC-3 Room 309
1:30pm-5:30pm	CPR Training/Recertification** To register for this session, click here	AHC-3 Room 309
Thursday August 16		
No Class; take this day to get some errands done.		
Friday August 17		
9:00am-1:00pm	CPR Training/Recertification**To register for this session, click here	AHC-3 Room 309
10:30am-12:30pm	Teaching Lab Mock Sessions	OE-291/293/297 ALBERTE/CRUZ/NUNEZ-CASTILLA
Afternoon	Meet with your Head TA or instructor of record.	TBA

We will meet weekly following this first week's orientation and training, day/time to determined.

**Center for the Advancement of Teaching (CAT) training is mandatory. Please attend one of the selected orientation times.*

***Current CPR certification is required to teach lab. Please sign up for CPR training/recertification if needed.*

We will meet weekly following this first week's orientation and training, day/time to be determined.

All CPR Sessions will meet in at the MMC campus in the AHC-3 building in Room 309

CPR certification Wednesday August 15th 9:00AM-1:00PM

1. To register for this session, click here:<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cpr-certification-wednesday-august-15th-900am-100pm-tickets-48735493172>

2. CPR certification Wednesday August 15th 1:30PM-5:30PM

1. To register for this session, click here:<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cpr-certification-wednesday-august-15th-130pm-530pm-tickets-48735616541>

3. CPR certification Friday August 17th 9:00AM-1:00PM

1. To register for this session, click here:<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cpr-certification-friday-august-17th-900am-100pm-tickets-48735709820>

If you end up not being able to make it to a session or change your mind, please email Roberto Pereira (rpereir@fiu.edu) and let him know so that he can delete you from that session to make space for someone else.