

Senior BSC 4931 Senior Seminar: Fall 2018 (Tuesday Section) Paul Sharp, PhD

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Wed. 3-4:30 PM

Schedule:

- Aug 21 Introduction; How to research your topic and write Annotated bibliography;
Term Paper Guidelines & Rubric; Oral presentation Guidelines & Rubric
- Aug 28 **Research Question and short synopsis (2X) due (biological comparison / contrast)**
Discuss your question with Dr. Sharp; Group discussion of your research question
- Sept 4 **Annotated Bibliography of 8 primary references with your annotation due**
Group discussion of your research progress
- Sept 11 **Revised Research Question and short synopsis due**
Career awareness & USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov); Schedule talks
- Sept 18 **USAJOBS due**
How to give a talk; PowerPoint pointers; Group discussion of USAJOBS
- Sept 25 **Mini-presentations group 1 due (first 6 slides: 5 min.)**
8 additional primary references with your annotation
How to write a topic (detailed) outline
- Oct 2 **Mini-presentations group 2 due (first 6 slides: 5 min.)**
Detailed outline is due
- Oct 9 **Mini-presentations group 3 due (first 6 slides: 5 min.)**
CV versus Resume
- Oct 16 **Curriculum vitae due**
Group discussion of Curriculum vitae
* optional submission rough draft of research paper for critique
- Oct 23 Presentations - Group 1
- Oct 30 Presentations - Group 2
- Nov 6 Presentations - Group 3
- Nov 13 Presentations - Group 4
- Nov 20 Presentations - Group 5
- Dec 4 ETS Major Field Test (TBA) (**Research paper is due**)

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

Tentative Title & synopsis:	5%	Detailed outline:	5%
Participation:	10%	Curriculum Vitae:	5%
Annotated Bibliographies:	5% + 5%	Mini-presentation:	5%
Oral Presentation:	20%	Term Paper:	35%
USAJOBS:	5%	ETS exam:	Mandatory

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.*

Attendance is mandatory. Two absences will result in a 100% deduction of your participation grade. Three or more absences will result in a failing grade.

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

All assignments must be turned in at the very start of class on the day that the assignment is due to avoid a 25% deduction off the graded quality of the assignment. Late assignments will receive an additional 10% deduction off the graded quality of the assignment each additional 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.

*March 19, 2018: Last day to drop with a DR grade

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