

Syllabus - Orientation to Biology Degree Programs (BIOL 1990)

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The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviation announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Course Description: This course introduces students to the Division of Biological Sciences, its departments and the requirements for the biology degree as well as careers in the biological sciences. Sessions will consist of presentations from guest speakers from the eight departments and other units that comprise the Division of Biological Sciences, sessions with academic advisors, staff from the science library, CURO and other units, and a meeting with experts in alternative careers in the Biological Sciences.

Meeting Times: With the exception of the UGA Health Professions Fair (details below) class will meet Thursdays, 3:50-5:10, via ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91988862723>

We will not have class on March 4 and instead you will be expected to participate in the **UGA Health Professions Fair 2021 Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 11:00AM-3:00PM (Eastern Time)**

The goal of the Health Professions Fair is to provide UGA pre-professional students the opportunity to connect directly with recruiters and admissions representatives from health professional schools across the country. We hope that through these connections, our students can learn more about the programs and their options when applying to graduate professional schools. This Fair will include representatives from medical, dental, veterinary, optometry, allied health, physician assistant, and pharmacy programs.
<https://ppao.uga.edu/2021-health-professions-fair/https://ppao.uga.edu/2021-health-professions-fair/>

The 2021 Fair will be moved to Handshake, a virtual platform offered through the Career Center due to COVID-19. Registration for the event opens **February 15, 2021**.

https://app.joinhandshake.com/student_account_registrations/new#/email

Grading System: S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory). Grades will be determined by class participation as measured by attendance on Zoom and completion of written assignments. A minimum of thirteen (13) completed assignments will be required for a passing grade (S). Attendance is mandatory. Each week after class each student will be responsible for uploading a one page synopsis to the class eLC page BEFORE the beginning of the next week's class. Each write-up should summarize the major points that were covered during the class session. All

write-ups must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism is a violation of UGA's academic honesty policy. No late submissions or excused absences for missing class will be accepted.

Academic honesty: "I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty of others." A Culture of Honesty, the University's policy and procedures for handling cases of suspected dishonesty, can be found at: <https://honesty.uga.edu/Academic-Honesty-Policy/>. All academic work must meet the standards outlined in "A Culture of Honesty" found at: <http://honesty.uga.edu/>.

Accommodations due to disability: If you plan to request accommodations for a disability, please register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC can be reached by visiting Clark Howell Hall, by calling 706-542-8719 (voice) or 706-542-8778 (TTY), or by visiting <http://drc.uga.edu>.

Mental Health and Wellness Resources: If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care and Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at 706-542-7774 or visit <https://sco.uga.edu>. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services. UGA has several resources for a student seeking mental health services (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) or crisis support (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies>). If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) for a list of FREE workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center. Additional resources can be accessed through the UGA App.

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