

JOURNAL COLLOQUY – FINAL LITERATURE REVIEW

MCB 7922 Section: 31394

Class Periods: Asynchronous

Location: e-Learning Canvas

Academic Term: Fall, Spring, Summer

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Course Description – 1 credit

Critical presentation and synthesis of recent original articles in the microbiological literature. Specifically, this course will help students prepare and generate their literature review for the final MS program assessment.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

Students must be in their final semester of coursework.

Course Objectives

The objectives of this course are to: 1) enhance graduate students' understanding of the current state of knowledge regarding the fields of microbiology and cell science; and 2) provide a framework in which students can synthesize that knowledge into a literature review that will be used as the student's programmatic final assessment.

Course Schedule

Week 1 & 2: Decide on topic for literature review and begin to accumulate references. Complete tutorials on science writing and plagiarism.

Week 3: Complete science writing and plagiarism learning module quiz.

Week 4 & 5: Complete outline of proposed review paper and include list of references.

Week 6 & 7: Submit a first draft of the literature review paper.

Week 8 - end: Revise the first draft and complete as many iterations as needed for passing of final draft of literature review before the final deadline.

Rubric for Final Draft of Review Paper

Available in Canvas

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

As this course is online and asynchronous there is no required attendance. As this paper will be used as final assessment for the MS program and the graduate school requires the documents to be submitted at certain times throughout the academic year, therefore there is little flexibility for the final paper submission dates. However, if you have an excused absence for missing earlier tutorials or deadlines for the draft review paper, we can revise as needed. Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the [Graduate Catalog](#) and require appropriate documentation. Additional information can be found in [Attendance Policies](#).

Evaluation of Grades

| <i>Assignment</i> | <i>Total Points</i> | <i>Percentage of Final Grade</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Science Writing Module | 10 | 10% |
| Outline of Review Paper | 10 | 10% |
| First Draft of Review paper | 10 | 10% |
| Final Draft of Review paper | 70 | 70% |
| Total Points | 100 | 100% |

Grading Policy

The course will be evaluated on a straight scale. Those grades with a B or higher are considered a passing grade (grades highlighted in orange below) for the final programmatic assessment. Those students who do not receive a grade of B or higher would have to re-take the course again to pass the final assessment.

| Percent | Grade | Grade Points |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 93 - 100 | A | 93 - 100 |
| 90 - 92 | A- | 90 - 92 |
| 87 - 89 | B+ | 87 - 89 |
| 83 - 86 | B | 83 - 86 |
| 80 - 82 | B- | 80 - 82 |
| 77 - 79 | C+ | 77 - 79 |
| 73 - 76 | C | 73 - 76 |
| 70 - 72 | C- | 70 - 72 |
| 67 - 69 | D+ | 67 - 69 |
| 63 - 66 | D | 63 - 66 |
| 60 - 62 | D- | 60 - 62 |
| < 60 | E | < 60 |

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

[UF Graduate Catalog](#)
[Grades and Grading Policies](#)

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the [Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. [Click here for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner](#). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. [Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students here](#).

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." [The Honor Code](#) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see the [Notification to Students of FERPA Rights](#).

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: counseling.ufl.edu/cwc, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or police.ufl.edu.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.

Library Support, Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints Campus

On-Line Students Complaints