

Spring 2019 SEMINAR SERIES
BIOL 400/501 – Fridays, 3:30 – 4:45 PM
LSS 277

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIOL 400/501

Seminar is an upper division/graduate level course designed to expose students to advanced scientific subjects and cutting edge technology. While in seminar, we ask for your undivided attention. Repeated late arrivals are not acceptable. It is not only impolite to the speaker, but tardiness causes you to miss essential background at the beginning of the seminar that is designed to help you understand the topic. Speakers will usually finish their presentation by 4:20-4:30 pm followed by ~10 min of open questions; it is common for class to run a bit later than 4:30 but should never run as late as 4:45.

Grading: Seminar is a **pass/fail** course for which you may receive 1 credit per semester. Graduate students may enroll in this seminar course for multiple semesters and can apply 4 credits toward their degree requirement. **To receive a passing grade, you must attend all scheduled seminars and take notes (details below).**

Attendance: Attendance will be monitored by turning in your seminar notes page at the end of each class. Graded seminar notes will typically be available within 1-2 weeks. There is one simple rule: if you miss a seminar, you must make it up by attending another, approved seminar (on a topic germane to the biological sciences). As with all University courses, an absence is permitted in case of illness (with a note from your MD), military service, death in the immediate family, or away on University business. In this case, you can make up a missed seminar after the fact. If you miss a seminar for any other reason, please get permission from the instructor in charge of grading BIOL 400/501 (D. Cole for spring 2019). Even after permission is granted, you will still be required to “make up” the missed seminar by attending an alternate seminar approved by the instructor in charge.

You are required to take notes in seminar.

Your notes will be graded P (pass) or U (unsatisfactory)

1. Just before the beginning of each seminar, you will need to pick up one seminar notes page at the front of class. Please only take only one page for your use.
2. Fill in all blanks at the top of the page.
3. You are expected to generate at least one page of notes for each seminar. You must **turn in this page at the end of each seminar.** Additional note pages are not required but may be turned in if they are attached to the front page.
4. Somewhere on the notes page you need to **pose one or more questions** that could be asked of the speaker. This question should be circled or underlined with a question mark “?” included. This will be your own question and not one asked by others at the end of seminar.
5. The notes should be in the English language. ~~Seminar notes are not expected to contain perfect prose or complete sentences.~~
6. Graded notes will be delivered to your mailbox (graduate students) or they can be picked up before or after class (undergraduate students) or arrangements can be made with Doug Cole.
7. Questions or concerns: contact Doug Cole, dcole@uidaho.edu; Gibb 131