# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
### DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
#### SYLLABUS

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<th>Course #</th>
<th>BIOL 3192</th>
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<tr>
<td>Course Title</td>
<td>Professional Development Seminars</td>
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<td>CRN</td>
<td>15228</td>
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<td>Credit Hrs</td>
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<td>Term</td>
<td>Fall 2023</td>
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<td>Level</td>
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**Course Meetings & Location:** Hybrid: Mostly, in-person Health Science/School of Nurse (HS/NURS 217) and, occasionally, on Blackboard

**Time:** 12:00-12:50 PM

**Days:** Tuesday (T)

**Course Period:** Aug 29 – Dec 5, 2023

### General Requirements:

- (Course or Test: BIOL 1107 Minimum Grade of C
- May not be taken concurrently.
  and
- Course or Test: BIOL 1305 Minimum Grade of C
  May not be taken concurrently.)
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- (Course or Test: BIOL 1108 Minimum Grade of C
  May not be taken concurrently.
  and
- Course or Test: BIOL 1306 Minimum Grade of C
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- (Course or Test: CHEM 1105 Minimum Grade of C
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- (Course or Test: CHEM 1106 Minimum Grade of C
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- Course or Test: CHEM 1306 Minimum Grade of C
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  and
- (Course or Test: MATH 1411 Minimum Grade of C
  May not be taken concurrently.)
  or
- (Course or Test: MATH 1312 Minimum Grade of C
  May not be taken concurrently.)
  or
- (Course or Test: STAT 2480 Minimum Grade of C
  May not be taken concurrently.)

### Instructor:
Dr. Igor C. Almeida, Professor, Dept. of Biol. Sciences

### Office Location:
Department of Biological Sciences
Biosciences Bldg., 5th floor, room 5.124

### Office Hours:
Tues, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, ONLY by appointment (via e-mail), via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra on Blackboard or Zoom.
Contact Info:

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<th>E-mail:</th>
<th><a href="mailto:icalmeida@utep.edu">icalmeida@utep.edu</a></th>
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Emergency Contact:

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  Biosciences Bldg., 5th floor, room 5.132
  915-747-6891 (office)
  ramaldonado@utep.edu

- Dr. Priscila Farani, Dr. Almeida’s Post-Doctoral Fellow
  Biosciences Bldg., 5th floor, room 5.122
  psilvagrij@utep.edu; phone: 915-747-6898

Textbook and Other Materials:

- Required: None
- Suggested: Websites, articles, and reviews available over the Internet about professional development and career opportunities for undergraduate students in the biomedical field.

Course Objectives (Learning Outcomes):

The course aims to provide the undergraduate student information about career opportunities in the biomedical field, including graduate school, medical, pharmacy school and other professional schools, and teaching careers. Moreover, the course aims to provide the students practical tools for writing and oral skills required for professional careers.

Activities/Assignments:

- Seminars and workshops by guest speakers: Tue, 12:00-12:50 PM, on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra or in-person (HS/NURS room 217)

Grading Policy:

There will be no exams or assignments in this course. The grade will be given exclusively based on attendance. Thus, attendance is mandatory both online and in-class. When on-line, students will automatically sign in as they connect to Blackboard Collaborate Ultra every class. Student can connect 15 min prior to each class but no later than 15 min after the class has started. Unjustifiable absence, tardiness (>15 min late), or early leaving from class is not acceptable and will count against the attendance grade. When in-class, a signing/attendance list will be available.

Evaluation Schedule and grade calculation:

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<th>Day/Date/Time</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>% of the Final Grade</th>
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<td>Attendance (12 lectures)</td>
<td>Tue, 12:00-12:50 PM (Except for the first day of class)</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>Dec 12th, on Blackboard (Only for those who do not get an “A” in Attendance and want to get a better grade. The Final Exam will replace the Attendance grade)</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>100</td>
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Grade calculation:

There will be 15 lectures/seminars in total. However, there will be no attendance taken in the first day of class (Jan 18th), and each student is allowed 3 absences that will not affect her/his grade. Each remaining lecture is worth 10 points. Thus, the maximum number of points in Attendance is 120 points (12 lectures x 10 attendances = 120 points).

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<td>101-120</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>90-100</td>
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<td>70-89</td>
<td>C</td>
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<td>50-69</td>
<td>D</td>
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<td>&lt;50</td>
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Attendance Policy:

Classes are mandatory for all students. Absences must be communicated at least 24 hours in advance. In case of an emergency, please contact the instructor by e-mail (preferred) or phone at a suitable time. Points for attendance in class cannot be made up. There will be no attendance taken in the first day of class (Aug 23rd). Each student is allowed 3 absences throughout the semester that will not affect her/his grade.
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<th><strong>Academic Integrity Policy:</strong></th>
<th>For UTEP's Policy on scholastic dishonesty, please refer to UTEP's Handbook of Operating Procedures, Chapter 1: Student Conduct and Discipline: <a href="https://www.utep.edu/hoop/section-2/student-conduct-and-discipline.html">https://www.utep.edu/hoop/section-2/student-conduct-and-discipline.html</a> Please, also see Academic Integrity and Scholastic Dishonesty: <a href="https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/osccr/student-conduct/academic-integrity.html">https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/osccr/student-conduct/academic-integrity.html</a></th>
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<td><strong>Civility Statement:</strong></td>
<td>Students are encouraged to actively participate in all course activities. However, during lectures, <strong>use of cell phone, talking, texting, and other activities unrelated to the course</strong> are <strong>UNACCEPTABLE</strong>. In addition, please show up to class on time. It’s quite disturbing to have individuals stroll into class late, even on virtual platform. Lastly, although the computer is essential for the virtual lecture/workshop, please refrain to use for activities other than those related to the class during the lecture/workshop.</td>
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<td><strong>ADA Accessibility:</strong></td>
<td>Students who need an accessible classroom or access to adjustable tables or chairs, should register no later than the last week in September for Spring Semester, or by the first week in April for Summer and Fall Semester with the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) (<a href="http://sa.utep.edu/cass/">http://sa.utep.edu/cass/</a>). CASS is located in Union East 106, phone 915-747-5148, email <a href="mailto:cass@utep.edu">cass@utep.edu</a>. If a student has or suspects he/she has a disability and needs an accommodation, he/she should contact the CASS.</td>
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<td><strong>Military Statement:</strong></td>
<td>If you are a military student with the potential of being called to military service and/or training during the course of the semester, you are encouraged to contact the instructor by e-mail at a suitable time.</td>
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<td><strong>Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline</strong></td>
<td>Nov 3rd The instructor will not “drop” you from the course; this is your responsibility. It is the policy of the College of Science (COS) that only a student can drop himself or herself from a course. In addition, the COS will remain aligned with the University and will not approve any drop requests after the semester drop date.</td>
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<td><strong>Holidays or no classes</strong></td>
<td>Thanksgiving: Nov 23rd-24th Dead Day: Dec 8th</td>
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