

UTEP

Course Syllabus

Offered in every semester

BIOL6398, BIOL6399: Dissertation

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Prerequisites: Instructor approval; laboratory fee may be required.

Objective: BIOL6398 is a research course to be taken by graduate students in the Master of Science program as they begin the initial work on their Ph.D. dissertation. BIOL6399 is a research course to be taken by graduate students in the Biosciences Ph.D. program; students should be enrolled in this course continuously while working on their Ph.D. dissertation.

Students will conduct research projects for dissertation in the faculty mentor's laboratory, attend weekly lab meetings to present and discuss research data or published research papers, meet with members of the student's dissertation committee, attend scientific meetings/conferences and present data, and write and defend the dissertation. Research projects are in the field of neuroscience on learning, memory, addiction, neurodegeneration, neurodevelopment or reproduction in the genetic model organism *Drosophila melanogaster*.

Students are expected to dedicate at least 20 hours per week to the completion of a research project or dissertation. Students are required to submit a report on research progress each semester, which should include title of the research project, the goal of the project, background/introduction, research methods, results and discussion by a dead day.

Exams: None.

Grading: Letter grades for this course will be determined based primarily on student attendance and performance, and will be assigned as follows:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% or less	F

Academic Dishonesty and Expected Behavior: Students at UTEP are expected to behave in a manner that supports the integrity of the academic system. Cheating, plagiarism and collusion are prohibited, and will result in disciplinary action. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students. A zero tolerance policy for plagiarism will be applied. For more information, please check the web site: www.plagiarism.org

Disabilities: If you have a disability and need accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148 or by email to cass@utep.edu, or

visit their office located in Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.

COVID-19 PRECAUTION STATEMENT

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu, so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID-19 testing.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit epstrong.org.

COVID-19 vaccination and mask wearing are strongly encouraged.