

UTEP

Course Syllabus

**Biology 4298: Special Problems (2 units)**

**BRB 3.216**

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**Text:** None.

**Prerequisites:** Instructor approval; laboratory fee required.

**Objective:** This is a laboratory research course, designed to provide students with hands-on experience in research and increase their familiarity with laboratory methods and processes. The knowledge gained in this course will provide a background for students interested in pursuing careers in biology, biotechnology, research, health/medicine or the allied health professions. Students will participate in research projects in faculty mentor's laboratory, interact with other students, staff and faculty, attend lab meetings, and may be asked to present their data and/or published papers from the primary research literature. Research projects will be in the area of virology.

It is expected that students will dedicate 5-9 hours per week to the completion of this course and its requirements.

Specific research projects and responsibilities will be assigned at the beginning of the semester for each student.

This course may be used as upper division elective units; however, no more than 6 hours of 4198-4298-4398 may be counted as upper division elective units toward graduation.

**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

**Drop date:** To receive an automatic "**W**", students must drop or withdraw from this class by the drop date listed in the semester's academic schedule. After this date, a "**W**" can only be assigned by the Dean of the College of Science, and is only granted under exceptional circumstances.