

**BIOL 6398 and 6399
Dissertation**

Time: TBA
Cox Lab, Biosciences 3.200

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Course Objectives: This course is designed to provide credit for a PhD level student performing a dissertation project within my laboratory.

1. This course has one objective and that is to complete a publishable research project by the time of graduation. On a semester by semester basis for grading purposes you will be judged on your progress solely during that semester.

Assessment of Course Objectives: A learning outcomes evaluation (self-assessment) will be handed out for you to complete at the end of the semester.

Textbook: None Required. Research literature will be provided.

Activities/Assignments:

Laboratory work: Under my direction you will undertake an independent research project. Refer to the Department of Biological Sciences website for details regarding the research interests of my laboratory.

Grading: You will be graded based solely on your effort and progress.
Grading scale: A=90-100%; B=80-89%; C=70-79%; D=60-69%; F is <60%.

Make-up Policy: There will be no make-ups as there are no exams and quizzes.

Absence and Drop Policy: It is your responsibility to attend the lab the required amount of time. If you have a serious illness or a legitimate excuse (includes military personnel called to active duty or training) for being out-of-town, make arrangements with me before you leave. **October 30** is the last day students may drop with an automatic "W".

Academic Integrity Policy: UTEP's policies regarding academic integrity apply in this course. Information on this policy can be found at <http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=23785>

Civility Statement: Please be respectful of all students' right to learn without disruptions. In line with this statement please make an active effort to respect the other students working in the laboratories. Avoid making excessive amounts of noise and try to remember to turn your cell phone to vibrate mode.

Disability Statement: If you have a disability and need classroom 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 UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.

Course Schedule: The schedule for each student will be determined on an individual basis based on that student's course schedule etc...Graduate students wishing to perform a thesis project are expected to be in the lab working anytime they are not in class. Students are expected to be in the lab after hours and on weekends if required by the experiments being performed.