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Class Meets: MW 7:30-8:50 pm
Chemistry Conference room 2.0610

Office Hrs.: By Appointment

- Scope:** A study of biochemical systems utilizing the current literature.
- Prerequisites:** The equivalent of Chem 3330 and Chem 3332 are recommended prior to this course.
- Class Meetings:** Class 7:30 - 8:50 am Mondays and Wednesdays in the Chemistry Conference Room. All cell phones and pagers should be turned off during class!
- Lecture Text:** NONE! Everything in this course will come from the latest published literature.
- Course Grading:** Final grade in the course will be determined using scores on presentations, participation in class, a midterm and a final exam.

Presentations and Exams:

Each student will present journal articles to the class. The final grade will be determined by the average grade on presentations. Participation in class discussions will also weigh heavily toward the final grade.

Presentations: Each student will present a new journal article from the literature. The first article will be chosen by the student and then emailed to everyone in the class two days before the presentation so that everyone can read it ahead of time.

Each student will prepare an online evaluation that will generate a grade for the student presenting. Final presentation grade will be subject to instructors' approval to avoid inconsistencies or inaccurate grading.

[Click on this link to go to the online grading form](#)

The summaries are due by the end of the presentation day. Essentially, all topics covered will be presented and taught to the rest of the class by students.

**** Articles selected must not be older than 2012 ****

Exams: There will be **2** exams with questions based on the presentations.

Withdrawal Policy: The last day for you to withdraw from any course with an automatic "W" is listed on the UTEP Academic Calendar. Please note that it is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from a course or to request that the professor drop him/her.

Class Attendance: Class attendance is required. Attendance will be routinely taken in the form of the presentation summaries. Students are responsible for attending lecture regularly and knowing what takes place during classes. This includes not only the material covered in the class, but also all announcements, handouts, changes in the syllabus, etc. *If you must miss a class, you need to make a special effort to learn what occurred during your absence.*