

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

Biology 3192 (CRN 33476)

Summer 2019

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
Course Outline**

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COURSE PERIOD: Tuesday July 09, 2019 - Friday August 02, 2019

COURSE MEETINGS AND LOCATION: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 2:00 pm - 4:10 pm in the College of Business Administration Building, room # 331

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: No textbook is required.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course provides the opportunity for Biology Senior students to attend presentations by top researchers and professionals in the field of Biological Sciences, Public Health Sciences, and Clinical Health Sciences. The knowledge and expertise of the Speakers would give the students the opportunity to explore career options available after graduation. This course will also help the students to explore options and learn about admission procedures for professional and medical-related programs.

EVALUATION: Grades will be based on assignments, student group presentations, and attendance.

Grade Distribution:

Assignments:	70%
Student Group Presentation:	20%
Attendance:	10%

The **Final Course Grade** will be assigned based on the following grading scale:

A = 90%-100%
B = 80%-89%
C = 70% -79%
D = 60% -69%
F = 0-59%

MAKE UP POLICY: Make-up assignments will NOT be allowed. All assignments are due in the first 30 minutes of the following class period. Late assignments will not be accepted.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance of class is mandatory. Absences must be communicated at least 24 hours in advance. In case of an emergency situation, please contact the instructor by e-mail and/or phone at the earliest convenience.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: It is the policy of the University of Texas at El Paso that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All students involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with the University regulations and procedures. For further information, please refer to UTEP's Handbook of Operating Procedures, Chapter 1: Student Conduct and Discipline at <http://admin.utep.edu/Default.aspx?PageContentID=2084&tabid=30292>. Also, please see Plagiarism and Scholastic Integrity webpage, at UTEP's Library: <http://libraryweb.utep.edu/research/plagiarism.php>.

CIVILITY STATEMENT: Students are encouraged to actively participate in all course activities. However, during lectures and labs, use of cell phones, talking, texting, and other disruptive activities are **unacceptable**. All cell phones must be placed in silent mode. Laptops, iPads, smart phones etc. are allowed in class only as a resource for class material. These devices **cannot** be used for any activity other than those related to the class session. Taking pictures by any means in the class is strictly forbidden.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES: If a student has or suspects he/she has a disability and needs classroom accommodations, he/she should contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by e-mail to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located at the UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.utep.edu/CASS. *CASS staff are the only individuals who can validate and if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.* Students registered with CASS are responsible for presenting any CASS accommodation letters and instructions to the instructor.

MILITARY STATEMENT: 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 phone and/or e-mail at the earliest convenience.

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Course Syllabus

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Speakers and Assignments

July 09 **Speaker: Dr. Igor Almeida, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Texas at El Paso**

Assignment: Write a summary (250-300 words) of the speaker's presentation. Find and include a copy of an event/topic related to the speaker's talk.

July 11 **Speaker: Dr. Roshanak Jafari, Lecturer, Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Texas at El Paso**

Assignment: Write a summary (250-300 words) of the speaker's presentation. Find and include a copy of an event/topic related to the speaker's talk.

July 16 **Speaker: Dr. Kristina Mena, Interim Regional Dean, El Paso Regional Campus, School of Public Health, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**

Assignment: Write a summary (250-300 words) of the speaker's presentation. Find and include a copy of an event/topic related to the speaker's talk.

July 18 **Speaker: Dr. Delfina Dominguez, Professor, Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department, College of Health Sciences, The University of Texas at El Paso**

Assignment: Write a summary (250-300 words) of the speaker's presentation. Find and include a copy of an event/topic related to the speaker's talk.

July 23 **Speakers: Ms. Mary Wells, M.A., Academic Advisor, College of Science, The University of Texas at El Paso**

Assignment: Write a summary (100-150 words) of the options to be pursued by a Biological Sciences graduate indicated in the Speaker's presentation. Discuss the goals you would achieve by choosing one of these options.

Dr. Gail Arnold, Director, Medical Professions Institute, College of Science, The University of Texas at El Paso

Assignment: Find a professional school in the United States and write a summary

(100-150 words) of the reasons for this choice. Turn in a copy of the first page of the home page of this school with your essay.

July 25 **Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Walsh, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Texas at El Paso**

Assignment: Write a summary (250-300 words) of the speaker's presentation. Find and include a copy of an event/topic related to the speaker's talk.

July 30 Student Group Presentations: Each group should chose and present a topic supported by scientific journal articles. A copy of the articles should be turned in at the end of the presentation.

August 01 Student Group Presentations: Each group should chose and present a topic supported by scientific journal articles. A copy of the articles should be turned in at the end of the presentation.