

# BSC 1920 FYI Biology

## Spring 2018

### Syllabus

#### INSTRUCTOR

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:15  
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Other times by appointment.

#### SECTIONS

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Period  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Period  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> Period  
All meet in MCCA 2196

#### WHAT'S THIS COURSE ABOUT?

Introduction to the field of biology and UF resources specific to the discipline

#### WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THIS COURSE?

Small enrollment  
1 credit S/U course  
No textbook  
No final exam

#### WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE COURSE?

Class Discussion  
Small and Large Assignments  
Readings, on-line and in-class training, paper writing  
Visits to the campus resources

## WHAT'S NEEDED FOR AN S?

<i>Total Possible Points</i>	550
<i>Points Needed for an "S"</i>	400

## HOW DO I GET POINTS?

*\*\*Required\*\*  
50 points each*

Write paper  
Peer-review a paper  
Revise your paper

*50 points each*

Annotate a Reference  
Make a bibliography  
Complete Animal Care  
and Use Training  
Make an academic plan  
Complete CHOMP  
Questionnaire

*75 points each*

Weekly Assignments  
Class Participation

# PAPER ASSIGNMENT

*When's it Due ?*

**1<sup>ST</sup> DRAFT DUE OCT 17/18  
FINAL VERSION DUE NOV 20**

*What is it?*

**4 PAGE PAPER  
WITH SCIENCE REFERENCES  
GENERAL TOPIC: SCIENCE OF  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

*Get Ready*

**WATCH A DOCUMENTARY ON YOUTUBE  
PICK A SCIENTIFIC ISSUE TO RESEARCH**

*Learn to use resources*

**USE A SCIENTIFIC DATABASE TO  
FIND PAPERS ON YOUR ISSUE  
USE SOFTWARE TO MANAGE AND  
USE CITATIONS**

*Form your position*

**READ SCIENTIFIC PAPERS**

*Write your paper*

**USE SCIENTIFIC STYLE AND  
PROPER CITATION**

*Peer review a paper*

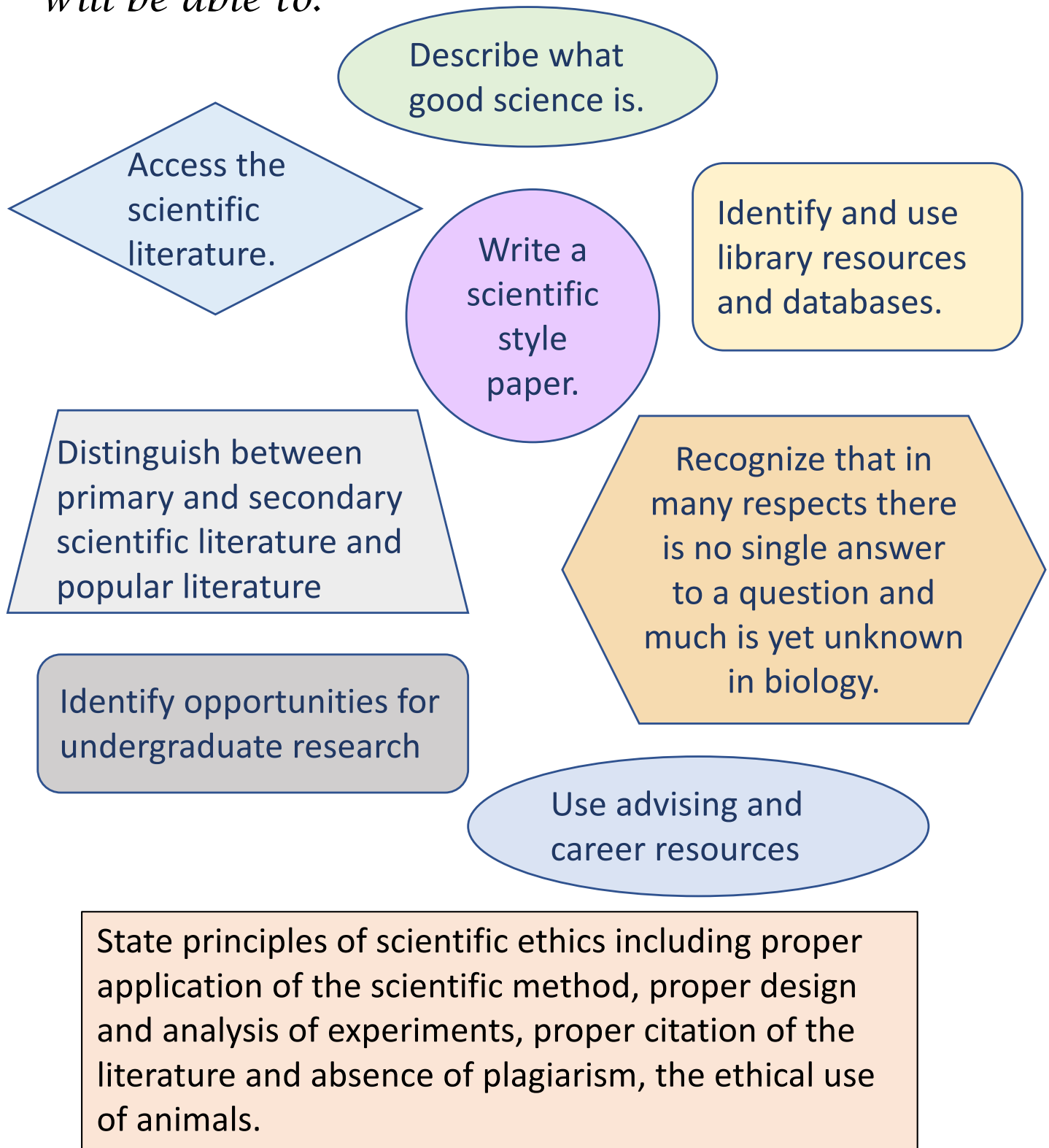
**EVALUATE A CLASSMATE'S  
PAPER**

*Revise your paper*

**RESPOND TO ADVICE OF  
REVIEWERS**

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

*Students who have participated fully in this class will be able to:*



# COURSE POLICIES

## Class etiquette

In class discussions, please be courteous to others and respectful of alternative views. All of you are encouraged to ask either factual or interpretative questions and discuss the assigned reading material. Please refrain from side-bar discussions and distracting behavior.

## Out-of-class work

Readings should be done in advance of class; you are expected to come ready to discuss the topics.

## Class attendance and participation

Class attendance is counted as part of class participation. Participation includes discussion and other in-class exercises. It will not be possible to make up class participation points, but there are ample available points to cover for missing a class due to illness or other one-off needs. Classes that are most important for doing the required assignments are marked on the class schedule with asterisks.

In cases of major medical and/or family emergencies, as officially documented by a letter, students can negotiate an incomplete for the term. Consistent with University policy, Incompletes will revert to U if not completed within one term.

# PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious violation of the Student Honor Code.

<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>

It includes:

- "Borrowing" without giving credit for the source of an idea, observation, or conclusion
- Failing to cite sources, or citing them improperly
- Changing some words but using the same sentence structure as a source without giving credit
- Copying too many words or ideas from a source, even if you give credit
- Submitting someone else's work as your own

Consequence of plagiarism in BSC 1920:

No credit will be given for any assignment that includes plagiarized text.

# HELP

## **Help with Canvas:**

The Student Guide for Canvas is here:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-4121>

The UF Help desk ( <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu>, 352-392-HELP (4357), [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu)) is available by phone and email 24/7. See the web site for walk-in hours

## **U Matter, We Care**

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

## HELP, CONTINUED

### **University support services**

Resources are available on campus to help students meet academic goals and solve personal problems, which may interfere with their academic performance. Such resources include:

[UF Counseling and Wellness Center](#), 301 Peabody Hall and Radio Rd Facility, 392-1575, personal and career counseling.

[Career Resource Center](#), Reitz Union, 392-1601, career development assistance and counseling.

[CLAS Academic Advising Center](#), Farrior Hall, 100 Fletcher Drive, 392-1521, provides advice on course selection and course planning to meet graduation requirements

### **Disability Notice**

Students with disabilities enrolled in this course and who may need disability-related classroom accommodations are encouraged to make an appointment to see me before the end of the second week of the term. All discussions will remain confidential, although the [Student Accessibility Services](#) office may be consulted to discuss appropriate implementation of any accommodation requested.