

## **Seminar in Animal Behavior- Syllabus**

*Online, Synchronous, 1 credit*

*ZOO 6939 section 5859*

*Thurs 12:50-2:45 pm via Zoom, link provided in Canvas course page.*

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Join us for a widely ranging journal club focused on animal behavior. Each week we will discuss a paper of the discussion leader's choosing. Enrolled students are expected to lead one discussion. All participants are expected to read the assigned papers and participate in the discussion.

### Leading a discussion:

Please sign up (by posting in a week's discussion) with your intention to lead a discussion as soon as possible. Email [stmary@ufl.edu](mailto:stmary@ufl.edu) to let Colette know and she will add your name to the roster. At least a week prior to the class meeting, post a link to the paper and provide a brief statement about the paper authors (if there are many you can be selective). Any other information you choose to share is welcome.

In preparation to lead the discussion it is advisable to prepare some leading questions, points of particular interest in the paper, and a summary of important contributions the paper makes. This preparation may require reading related literature.

Class meetings: include every Thurs of the Fall term, except Thanksgiving day. In case of technical difficulties: [visit the helpdesk website](#) or call 352-392-4357

Class meetings will not be recorded.

All UF's academic policies apply and are posted from the course Home page along with the UF resources available to support you during the term.

### What technology resources will help me?

Did you know that UF has 24/7 technical assistance? That UF has blocked over 5 billion malicious emails? Learn more about digital tools, getting assistance, and ways to protect your data.

## Technical Help

### *UF Computing Help Desk*

In the event that you have technical difficulties with your course (i.e., documents not downloading properly, log in problems, video playback problems, etc.) please contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) either by filling out an [online request form](#) or calling (352) 392-4357 - select option 1. The Help Desk is located on the ground floor of the Hub on the UF campus, and can assist you with a variety of issues, including:

- e-Learning (Canvas) questions
- Connectivity issues
- Video playback (Mediasite) concerns
- And many more!

If your technical difficulties will cause you to miss a due date, you **MUST** report the problem to the Help Desk and then email your instructor. Include the ticket number that you are given from the Help Desk in an e-mail to the instructor to explain the late assignment/quiz/test.

### *e-Learning/Canvas*

For more assistance, the [Canvas Student Guide](#) has step-by-step screenshots and tutorials on a variety of topics. If you're using the Canvas mobile app, it may be helpful to consult the [Canvas Mobile Guide](#).

- *Mediasite Player*
- To better understand the full functionality of Mediasite Player, visit the [Mediasite Help page](#) and view this short tutorial video.

## Technology Requirements and Expertise

Please note that in addition to the University's [Student Computing Requirements](#), [colleges may have their own](#). The general minimum expectations are outlined below.

### *Technology Requirements*

- Computer with internet connection
- Internet browser
- Email
- Software
- e-Learning (Canvas)

### *Technology Expertise*

In order to succeed in this course, you need to possess the following technology skills:

- Navigating the eLearning management system
- Using email with attachments
- Creating and submitting files in commonly used word processing programs (such as Microsoft Word)
- Downloading and installing software
- Using spreadsheet programs (such as Microsoft Excel)

#### Recommended Notification Settings

##### *Under "Settings"*

1. Verify ufl.edu email
2. Confirm EST timezone
3. Edit display name if anonymity is preferred (note that this will be visible to other students, TAs and instructors)
4. Add additional contact methods if desired (phone for text alerts)

##### *Under "Notifications"*

1. Daily or ASAP notification for invitations and grading (This makes it easy to navigate to per review and see conference/collaboration invites)
2. Other notifications per preference

For additional information on how to update the Notification settings please refer to the [Notification Help](#) page in the Student Guide.

#### Digital Tools Information

##### *Digital Tools*

- [Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus](#)
- [UFApps](#) (software like ArcGIS, AutoCAD, etc.)
- [LinkedIn Learning](#) (formerly Lynda.com)
- [Zoom](#)

##### *Privacy and Security*

As per UF's [Online/Internet Privacy Statement](#), UF values individuals' privacy and actively seeks to preserve the privacy rights of those who share information with us (see below). To help keep your data and devices secure, please review these [security tips from UFIT](#).

- [Instructure \(Canvas/e-Learning\)](#)
- [Turnitin](#)
- [ProctorU](#)
- [Honorlock](#)
- [Zoom](#)
- [iClicker](#)

- [McGraw-Hill Connect](#)
- [Mediasite](#)
- [Prulu](#)
- [Pearson Revel](#)
- [Cengage](#)
- [Bookshelf](#)
- [Respondus](#)

### *Accessibility Statements*

- [Canvas](#) (e-Learning)
- [Google products including YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn Learning \(formerly Lynda.com\)](#)
- [Office 365](#)
- [Storyline](#)
- [VoiceThread](#)
- [Zoom](#)

What academic services are available to me?

We want to provide you with the skills and knowledge to do your best. Did you know there is free tutoring and you have access to streaming video services like Kanopy?

UF Libraries

[UF Libraries](#) can assist you in finding information and developing digital literacy skills. In addition to research consultations, the libraries offer a range of technology, workshops, and subject guides. Utilize these services online or by going to one of the libraries and finding a librarian.

- [Ask-A-Librarian](#) is a quick way to get outside expertise on finding or using library resources.
- [Off-Campus Access](#) allows you to access all online UF resources from anywhere. This is necessary to access course reserves from off campus.
- [Streaming Videos](#) provides access to thousands of movies, documentaries, and educational videos.

Office of Academic Support

[The Office of Academic Support](#) (352-392-0788) helps undergraduates through tutoring and workshops that cover academic topics and general skills for success.

- [Peer Coaches](#) are available to help first-year students adjust to college.
- [Tutoring](#) is available via online appointments or during walk-in hours.
- [Workshop](#) registration is available online.

## Teaching Center

The [Teaching Center](#) (352-392-2010 | [teaching-center@ufl.edu](mailto:teaching-center@ufl.edu)) offers tutoring, standardized test preparation, and information on study skills. Make an appointment online or drop in with a couple of quick questions.

- [Tutoring](#) services include study groups, test reviews, and video resources.
- [Study skills](#) help is available through workshops or individual appointments.

## Writing Studio

[The Writing Studio](#) (352-846-1138) can assist UF students with academic writing through one-on-one consultations either in person or online. Consultations can be scheduled through their website.

- [English language learners](#) can request general writing help or can get help with a specific assignment.
- [Writing resources](#) are available for students who cannot visit the Writing Studio in person.

What other services and resources do I need to know about?

Learn about options for assistance (e.g., food pantry, accessibility, counseling and wellness) and getting involved to enrich your UF experience.

## Career Connections Center

[Career Connections Center](#) (352-392-1601 | [CareerCenterMarketing@ufsa.ufl.edu](mailto:CareerCenterMarketing@ufsa.ufl.edu)) connects job seekers with employers and offers guidance to enrich your collegiate experience and prepare you for life after graduation.

## Counseling and Wellness Center

[Counseling and Wellness Center](#) (352-392-1575) provides counseling and support as well as crisis and wellness services including a [variety of workshops](#) throughout the semester (e.g., Yappy Hour, Relaxation and Resilience).

*U Matter, We Care:* If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu), 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Dean of Students Office

[Dean of Students Office](#) (352-392-1261) provides a variety of services to students and families, including [Field and Fork](#) (UF's food pantry) and [New Student and Family programs](#)

Disability Resource Center

- [Disability Resource Center](#) ([accessuf@dso.ufl.edu](mailto:accessuf@dso.ufl.edu) | 352-392-8565) helps to provide an accessible learning environment for all by providing support services and facilitating accommodations, which may vary from course to course. Once registered with DRC, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodations. Students should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester. For accessibility statements on digital tools in this course, please see the Digital Tools Information section under Technology Resources.

Multicultural and Diversity Affairs

[Multicultural and Diversity Affairs](#) (352-294-7850) celebrates and empowers diverse communities and advocates for an inclusive campus.

Office of Student Veteran Services

[Office of Student Veteran Services](#) (352-294-2948 | [vacounselor@ufl.edu](mailto:vacounselor@ufl.edu)) assists student military veterans with access to benefits.

ONE.UF

[ONE.UF](#) is the home of all the student self-service applications, including access to:

- [Advising](#)
- [Bursar](#) (352-392-0181)
- [Financial Aid](#) (352-392-1275)
- [Registrar](#) (352-392-1374)

What policies do I need to know about?

Did you know that the Student Conduct Code changed in 2018? Familiarize yourself with the most up-to-date policies in order to be successful as a UF student.

Policies

The official source of rules and regulations for UF students is the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) and [Graduate Catalog](#). Quick links to other information have also been provided below.

- [Student Handbook](#)

- [Student Responsibilities](#), including academic honesty and student conduct code
- [e-Learning Supported Services Policies](#) includes links to relevant policies including Acceptable Use, Privacy, and many more
- [Accessibility](#), including the Electronic Information Technology Accessibility Policy and ADA Compliance
- [Student Computing Requirements](#), including minimum and recommended technology requirements and competencies