

**ABIO 490
SENIOR SEMINAR
SPRING, 2003
1 credit hour**

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Classroom/time: Science Building 202; Discussion Session – Th 6:00-7:15 PM
Science Building 327; Presentation Session – F 1:00-2:15 PM

Reading Assignments: Journal articles to be read will be distributed each week during the Discussion sessions.

Course Description

Discussion and presentation of current topics in biology and geology by students, faculty, and visiting scientists. Emphasis is placed on effective oral communication and critical examination of scientific information and ideas. Students will discuss current papers in the fields of biology and geology as a prelude to weekly seminars given by faculty, visiting scientists, and USCA biology majors.

Competency Goals

By the end of the course, students will have demonstrated the ability to:

- Read current journal articles in biology and geology critically
- Exhibit logical thought and synthesis of ideas
- Effectively communicate their ideas and opinions in an open oral discussion format

Method of Evaluation (Pass/Fail option only)

You will be expected to read at least one article per week and **actively participate** in the group discussions. Your grade will be determined as follows:

- 40% - Class attendance
- 30% - Class preparation
- 30% - Class participation

Failure to attend at least 75% of the discussion sessions and 75% of the presentation sessions will automatically result in a grade of "F".

Note: If you have a learning or physical disability which might affect your performance in this class, please inform your instructor and the Office of Disability Services as soon as possible. Once an evaluation has been made, appropriate accommodations will be determined.