Foundations of Life History Theory (Bio 294F): Course Information

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Course Location & Times:
Lec: #84536 Mon 5:30 to 6:20pm Room 109 HMB

Office hours:
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What this course is about:
We will be examining life history theory starting with the classical foundation papers on which the field is based and working towards modern ideas of life history theory. Each week a student will lead the discussion of one or two chapters.

Learning Objectives:

Conceptual
• To be exposed to the scientific literature surrounding life history theory including both theoretical and empirical approaches

Practical
• To gain experience in leading group discussions

Attendance and Preparedness:
You are expected to attend every class. This course is about reading and discussing papers so it is absolutely essential that you read the material in advance of the class so that you are ready to discuss it during class.

Textbook & Website:
There is no textbook. We will be using the primary literature.


Exams:
There are no exams.

Grading:
This course is worth 1 unit.

To get credit for taking this course, you must do several things. First, you must attend the classes as stated above and you are expected to participate in the discussions.

Secondly, you must lead one of the weekly discussions.

Attendance and participation: 50%

Presentation: 50%

Your letter grade will be calculated according to the following table:

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Feedback:

I appreciate your feedback on this course. Let me know if you think of ways we can improve upon it.