

Course Coordinator

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OR your Thesis Advisor

Additional feedback and conferences will come from your research advisor and Dr. Robert Webb and Ms. Nicole Priolo of the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Class Meetings

Thursdays 3:55 – 5:10 in O&M 112

Office Hours TBA**Email**

Please check your email periodically for reminders & clarifications.

Course Objectives

In this course you will

- Be reminded how to access information and search the scholarly literature
- Learn how to cite and document sources properly
- Learn how to prepare a formal research thesis
- Culminate your research by preparing such a document and depositing it in a public repository
- Present the results of your research in a public forum

Required Texts

Undergraduate Research Scholars Thesis Manual (downloadable from <http://ugr.tamu.edu/scholars/thesis-information/scholarsthesismanual2006.pdf>)

Sample article from the model journal of your choice (for guidance in figure and table captions and reference format)

Recommended Text

Style guide of your choice (e.g. Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*; *American Institute of Biological Sciences Style Manual*; *ACS Style Guide*; *Publication Manual of the APA*; *The MLA Handbook*; *Style Manual for Biological Journals*; or *The Chicago Manual of Style*)

Software

EndNote bibliographic software (available for free to TAMU students) will be extremely helpful in completing your thesis.

Grading and Course Requirements

This course will be graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. To achieve a Satisfactory grade, a student must

- Attend all class meetings
- Conference with advisor during scheduled times
- Hand in assignments on time
- Present during Student Research Week
- Complete and upload a thesis deemed satisfactory by the Office of Undergraduate Research and your research advisor by May 1

Attendance

Attendance is required except as allowed by the University rules on excused absences. If you have an excused absence, it is your responsibility to complete the work that you have missed. (<http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule7.htm>)

Writing Help

- Use the University Writing Center. <http://uwc.tamu.edu>, (979) 458-1455, second floor of Evans Library in room 214.
- Schedule a conference with me or your research advisor.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, the legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities, in Cain Hall or call 845-1637.

Aggie Honor Code

“An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do.” Upon accepting admission to Texas A&M University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the TAMU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor System. Additional information about the Aggie Honor Code can be found at: <http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor/>

The consequences for plagiarism of any kind will be dismissal from the Research Scholar Program and an unsatisfactory grade in the course.

Schedule of Events

<i>Week</i>		<i>Topic</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Hand In</i>
		Thesis Manual: Parts of a Thesis		
1	1/22	Library Class: Database Searching	Evans Library (Liberal Arts students Room 204F, Science/Engin. in Room 204B)	Monday the 26 th Chapter II Draft*
2	1/29	Library Class: End Note	Meet in Evans Library Room 204B	
3	2/5	UWC Writing Workshop: Avoiding Plagiarism	Evans 204E	
4	Week of 2/12	Conference with Advisor about Methods and Results		
5	2/19	UWC Writing Workshop: Understanding Grammar and Punctuation	Evans 204E	
6	2/26	Writing Abstracts	O & M 112	Abstract for SRW*
7	3/5	UWC Writing Workshop: Preparing Poster Presentations	Evans 204E	
8	Week of 3/12	Conference with Advisor about Conclusion and SRW presentation		Friday the 13 th Chapter III Draft*
9	3/26	Student Research Week (no class meeting)		SRW Poster/Talk*

10	4/2	Pre-submittal conference with Thesis Office representatives	O & M 112	Wednesday the 1 st Complete Draft of Thesis*
11	Week of 4/9	Conference with Advisor about Thesis Draft		Friday the 10 th Final Advisor-approved Thesis
12	4/16	Questions about changes to Thesis required by Thesis office	O & M 112	
13	4/23	Questions about changes to Thesis required by Thesis office	O & M 112	
14	4/30	Digital Repository training	O & M 112	Weds May 6 th When OK'd by Thesis Office, upload to Digital Repository

- All assignments are handed in to both the undergraduate research advisor and the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Galveston Students:

The following lectures will be available for you to participate in through the use of TTVN. Listed below are the dates for these presentations, along with the location on the *Galveston* campus. **If you are enrolled in the course, attendance at these sessions is required.**

*The remaining lectures will be made available online as animated power points with audio.

2/5	UWC Writing Workshop: Avoiding Plagiarism	Williams Library 108B
2/19	UWC Writing Workshop: Understanding Grammar and Punctuation	Williams Library 108B
3/5	UWC Writing Workshop: Preparing Poster Presentations	Williams Library 108B

*The Galveston Site Coordinator is Ramona Trevino, 409-740-4564.