Zool 430L Class Expectations

Come to lab prepared

Students are expected arrive to lab on time with all of their work completed: (a) read the lab to be performed (b) completed pre-lab and (c) any labs that are due are completed and ready to turn in. Arriving late or attempting to complete these tasks in class will result in a zero for the prelab grade (a,b), or a late penalty for the lab being turned in (c).

Required Dress

Close-toed shoes are required to be worn for every dissection lab, failure to do so will result in dismissal and a zero for the lab period. Lab coats and goggles are optional.

Late work is accepted with a penalty of 5% per 24 hour period. Remember, some points are better than no points, and zeros for lab report grades will quickly drop your grade to an F (just do the math).

Attendance is mandatory

Students that are not present will receive a grade of zero for the lab and pre-lab that was missed. Students must communicate with their TA and Dr. Butler prior to the absence or as soon as possible. Students may be allowed to attend a different lab section with consent from both TA's if they find you have a valid reason for the absence.

Participation

Participation is mandatory. Labs are hands-on and each student is expected to contribute their share of the workload for each experiment throughout the semester. At each lab, students will be assigned roles that will rotate from week to week: (a) computer/data collection, (b) dissection/subject preparation/subject monitoring, (c) conducting experimental manipulations, and (d) coordinator. The lab coordinator is responsible for coordinating the entire experiment: delegating tasks to other lab members, ensuring data quality, setting deadlines, and ensuring that the lab reports are completed in a timely manner and turned in to the TA at the beginning of the next lab meeting. **The lab coordinator, however, is not expected to write the lab report by him or herself.** Each group member must contribute to writing a section of the lab report (that rotates weekly) and is noted in the report under "respective contributions." The lab is assembled at least 2-3 days prior to the due date so that each lab member can edit and revise the entire report prior to turn-in. This means that the coordinator must schedule deadlines appropriately. Your participation will be graded by your peers (experimentation, analysis, writing, editing). This ensures that everyone is contributing an equal amount of work.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated

Plagiarism includes, but is not restricted to attempting to pass ideas as your own without proper citation and copying the work of your classmates. **Do not** copy word-for-word from published sources, even if you cite. You must paraphrase (i.e., put the ideas into your own words and include proper citation). There is a zero tolerance policy for plagiarism, which is a violation of the Student Conduct Code. We will report any incidents to the Office of Judicial Affairs, so do not do it.