

Syllabus
 Writing in the Biological Sciences
 Biological Sciences1010
 Fall 03-1

Date	Topic	Readings	Assignments
Aug. 26, 28, 29	Conducting literature research	*WPBS pp 1-13, 88-90 Hjortshoj pp 152- 169	
Sept. 4, 5, 9 <i>add/drop period ends Sept.6</i>	Collecting Information and Plagiarism	WPBS pp 14-19, Chap. 6	
Sept. 11, 12, 16	Synthesizing the objective argument – Predatory Reading	Hjortshoj, pp 88-112,129-146	DUE: Topic outline (1 page)
Sept. 18, 19, 23	Document Design/Topic Outline conferences	WPBS pp 90-106	
Sept. 25, 26, 30	Presenting Data	WPBS Chap. 3 Porush “How to Write about Your Interpretation of Results”	DUE: First Draft (≤ 3 pages)
Oct. 2, 3, 7	Writing Introductions and Conclusions <i>First Draft Conferences</i>	Porush, “Writing the Introductory Section.” & “How to Write Conclusions.”	
Oct. 9, 10, 14	Revision	WPBS Chap.7	DUE: Second Draft (≤ 5 pages)
Oct. 16, 17, 21	Writing Mechanics & Format		
Oct. 23, 24, 28 <i>Monitored withdrawal deadline Oct. 26</i>	The “Science” in Your Document <i>Second draft conferences</i>	WPBS Chap 10	
Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 4	Miscellaneous Writing: Posters, oral presentations, and philosophy of career goal		DUE: Third Draft (≤ 9 pages)
Nov. 6, 7, 11	Oral Presentations	WPBS pp 170-174	
Nov. 13, 14, 18	Oral presentations		
Nov. 20, 21, 25	Peer Review		
Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	<i>THANSGIVING RECESS</i>		
Dec. 2, 3, 5	CVs, Resumes & Cover letters		FINAL PAPER (8 pages)

*Writing Papers in the Biological Sciences, 3rd edition, course textbook.
Other suggested readings are available on reserve in Langley Library