

*Syllabus*  
 Writing in the Biological Sciences  
 Biological Sciences1010  
 Spring 03-2

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Assignments due</b>
Jan. 8, 9, 10	Intro to Course and Electronic primary literature search	Topic outline and diagnostic paragraph	
Jan. 15, 16, 17 <i>add/drop period ends Jan 17th</i>	Sentence, paragraph and section writing How to read literature	Summarize an assigned paper	<b>DUE: Topic outline (1 page) with abstracts Diagnostic paragraph</b>
Jan. 22, 23, 24	Discuss paper expectations for first draft, plagiarism, reference format <i>Outline conferences</i>	First draft	<b>DUE: Summary of assigned paper (3 copies)</b>
Jan. 29, 30, 31	Peer grading (in class) and assign peer review	Peer grading	<b>DUE: Three copies of the First Draft (≤ 3 pages)</b>
Feb. 5, 6, 7	Discuss first drafts, revision, presenting data, writing about data	Figure & Table formatting	<b>DUE: Peer grading</b>
Feb. 12, 13, 14	Introductions, Conclusions & Abstracts <i>First Draft Conferences</i>	Second draft	<b>DUE: Figure and Table Formatting</b>
Feb. 19, 20, 21	Document Design	Peer grading	<b>DUE: Three copies of Second Draft (≤ 5 pages)</b>
Feb. 26, 27, 28	The “Science” in Your Document		<b>Due: Peer grading</b>
<b>March 2-9</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	
March 12 <i>Monitored withdrawal deadline</i>	<i>Second draft conferences</i>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	
March 12, 13, 14	CVs, cover letters, requests for references, statement of career goals	CV & cover letter	<b>DUE: Three copies of Third Draft (≤ 9 pages)</b>
March 19, 20, 21	Creating an Oral presentation		<b>Due: Peer grading of Third draft</b>
March 26, 27, 28	<i>Third draft conferences</i>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	CV and cover letter
April 2, 3, 4	Oral presentations (I) <i>Third draft conferences</i>		
April 9, 10, 11	Oral presentations (II)		

April 16, 17, 18	Career placement		<b>FINAL PAPER (8 pages)</b>
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