

Stoppel Lab Undergraduate Research

EGN 4912 Section WS11

Location: Wertheim 580

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Instructor:

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Course Description

The primary purpose of this course is to provide the student an opportunity for firsthand, supervised research. "Research" is defined as mentored, but self-directed, work that enables individual students or a small group of students to explore an issue of interest to them and to communicate the results to others. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery, or application, depending on the topic, and the student is aware of how her or his project fits into and contributes to solving the larger problem to which it belongs. The student will usually assist a faculty member with a research project by helping to prepare the study and contributing in a meaningful way in meeting the objectives of the study. The student may work with a graduate student who is performing research with Dr. Stoppel.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

Instructor approval.

Course Objectives

Course objectives vary based on the level of credit the student is taking. 0 credit hour expectations are highlighted in blue, while 1+ credit hour registrants are expected to stive to complete all of the goals, expectations, and deliverables noted below:

Goals: By the end of the semester, undergraduates should grow in their abilities to

- Learn to work collaboratively
- Improve your scientific written communication
- Improve your scientific oral communication
- Read and understand primary literature in the field of biomaterials
- Synthesize sources in a literature review
- Understand the research process and how experiments are designed
- Understand the difference between qualitative and quantitative research
- Conduct qualitative data analysis
- Understand how to interpret error bars in various types of data sets
- Feel more confident in readiness for future research

Expectations: During the semester, you are expected to

- Participate in the learning community and research group
- Meet weekly (or as needed) with your mentor
- Maintain a progress update/weekly report structure that allows you to track your growth
- Develop a research poster for the UF Undergraduate Research Symposium either alone or with your peers in the lab
- Propose a future research plan for how your work from the semester can be continued and expanded.
- Write a research report (in the style of a conference paper) that summarizes your work over the semester.

Deliverables:

- Weekly Report/Progress Update
 - Submit every Friday by 8:00 pm on Canvas, starting 1/14/2022
- Literature synthesis
 - Peer review of literature synthesis
- Abstract for the Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Poster for Undergraduate Research Symposium
 - Present at the symposium as an individual or in a group with other undergraduates
- Research proposal/report

Materials and Supply Fees

None.

Relation to Program Outcomes (ABET):

Outcome	Coverage*
1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics	Medium
2. An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors	High
3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences	
4. An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts	Medium
5. An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives	
6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions	
7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies	Medium

*Coverage is given as high, medium, or low. An empty box indicates that this outcome is not covered or assessed in the course.

Required Training

Maintenance of all required safety trainings and research specific trainings is required. Please ensure you are up to date in all safety trainings as noted on the Stoppel Lab GatorTracs website: <https://labcliq.com/1/ufl/#>

Recommended Reading

Responsible Conduct of Research, National Science Foundation <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rcr.jsp>

On Being a Scientist: Responsible Conduct in Research, 2nd Edition, National Academy Press, 1995 (free)
<http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/obas>

Avoiding Plagiarism Guide, George A. Smathers Marston Science Library
http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/subjects/images/plagiarism_26_guidelines.pdf

The Craft of Scientific Writing, 3rd Edition, by Michael Alley (1996), Springer-Verlag, NY, NY.

The Craft of Scientific Presentations: Critical Steps to Succeed and Critical Errors to Avoid, by Michael Alley (2002), Springer-Verlag, NY, NY.

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

Students conducting undergraduate research are expected to exercise a significant degree of autonomy in their work, completing research tasks with relatively little direct oversight from their research advisor. Nevertheless, the student should dedicate a minimum number of hours on their project that is consistent with the total credit hours sought for the experience. Besides the minimum expectations outlined in the Assessment section of this syllabus, the faculty advisor may also have additional expectations for participation, including attendance at group meetings, individual meetings, etc.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. Click here to read the university attendance policies:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

Evaluation of Grades

70% Degree to which students meet expectations.

Expectations are noted above as Goals, Expectations, and Deliverables.

20% Quality of the final report and oral presentation.

Clear expectations of the desired format, content, and deadlines of the final report will be provided on canvas. Final reports may be in written or oral presentation form depending on the student's progress and the goals we outline for their specific growth and development over the semester.

10% Attendance

Showing up when expected and maintaining open lines of communication regarding when you will be in the lab.

You will receive a final grade of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U) in this course. That is, you will not receive a letter grade. A grade of S will be assigned if you achieve at least 70% of the available points by the end of the semester.

For more information on grades and grading policies, please visit: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their

Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

In-Class Recording

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Conduct Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values broad diversity within our community and is committed to individual and group empowerment, inclusion, and the elimination of discrimination. It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and culture.

If you feel like your performance in class is being impacted by discrimination or harassment of any kind, please contact your instructor or any of the following:

- Your academic advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator
- Jennifer Nappo, Director of Human Resources, 352-392-0904, jpennacc@ufl.edu
- Curtis Taylor, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, taylor@eng.ufl.edu
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, nishida@eng.ufl.edu

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as

appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html>

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <https://counseling.ufl.edu>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, Assault, or Violence

If you or a friend has been subjected to sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violence contact the **Office of Title IX Compliance**, located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, title-ix@ufl.edu

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

COVID-19

- You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated.
- If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email covid@shcc.ufl.edu) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus.
- If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect, you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.
- Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.
<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling; <https://career.ufl.edu>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>; <https://care.dso.ufl.edu>.

On-Line Students Complaints: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.