

UNM Valencia Campus

Semester: Spring

Year: 2021

CRN #: 54596 section 501

Credits: 1 credit hour

Course Description: This course is an overview of how to find, read, and critique scientific research articles.

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Contact Information: My office is HS100B. My phone number on campus is 505-925-8726. My email address is benflicker@unm.edu. Aside from my office hours and immediately before and after class, email is the best way to contact me.

Student Drop-In Hours: Student Drop-in Hours: Mondays 2:00-3:00, Tuesdays 10:30-12:00, 1:00-2:30, Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 or by appointment.

Zoom Policy: Online class meetings will be held via Zoom. Please make sure you have Zoom installed on your device and logged in, preferably with your UNM account. By default, when you join class meetings, your camera and microphone will be turned off. You are more than welcome to leave them that way, or to turn your camera on. I do request that you keep your microphone off unless you are actively speaking and contributing to the class or group discussion. This helps keep down potentially distracting background noise. All class meetings over Zoom will be recorded for later posting on Learn for playback. If you are uncomfortable with being recorded, please keep your camera turned off.

Student Learning Objectives:

- 1.) Students will display an understanding of the scientific method.

- 2.) Students will show the ability to conduct literature searches to find relevant scientific articles.
- 3.) Students will exhibit familiarity with the different types of scientific literature and will be able to distinguish between and identify examples of each.
- 4.) Students will demonstrate competency in critiquing scientific literature.

Attendance: Attendance is Required for all classes. Attendance will be taken via a daily sign-in sheet. Excessive tardiness (greater than 10 minutes) will be counted as an absence.

Withdrawal: If you drop the course after the drop deadline, you will receive a grade of 'W'.

COVID-19 SYLLABUS LANGUAGE

UNM Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccinations

All students, staff, and instructors are required by [UNM Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccinations](#) to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2021, and must provide proof of vaccination or of a UNM validated limited exemption or exemption no later than September 30, 2021 to the [UNM vaccination verification site](#). Students seeking medical exemption from the vaccination policy must submit a request to the [UNM verification site](#) for review by the UNM [Accessibility Resource Center](#). Students seeking religious exemption from the vaccination policy must submit a request for reasonable accommodation to the [UNM verification site](#) for review by the [Compliance, Ethics, and Equal Opportunity Office](#). For further information on the requirement and on limited exemptions and exemptions, see the [UNM Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccinations](#).

UNM Requirement on Masking in Indoor Spaces

All students, staff, and instructors are required to wear face masks in indoor classes, labs, studios and meetings on UNM campuses, see [masking requirement](#). Vaccinated and unvaccinated instructors teaching in classrooms

must wear a mask when entering and leaving the classroom and when moving around the room. Students who do not wear a mask indoors on UNM campuses can expect to be asked to leave the classroom and to be dropped from a class if failure to wear a mask occurs more than once in that class. With the exception of the limited cases described above, students and employees who do not wear a mask in classrooms and other indoor public spaces on UNM campuses are subject to disciplinary actions.

Communication on change in modality: The university may direct that classes move to remote delivery at any time to preserve the health and safety of the students, instructor and community. Please check your email and your UNM Learn site regularly for updates about our class, and please check <https://bringbackthepack.unm.edu> regularly for general UNM updates about COVID-19 and the health of our community.

Acceptable masks and mask wearing in class: A two-layer mask that covers the nose and mouth and that is cleaned regularly is acceptable, as are disposable medical masks, KN95, KF94, FFP1 and FFP2 masks. A face shield is not sufficient protection. It is vital that you wear your mask correctly, covering your nose and mouth. Removing your mask for an extended period to eat or drink in class violates the university mask requirement and endangers others.

Consequences of not wearing a mask properly: If you don't wear a mask, or if you do not wear a mask properly by covering your nose and mouth, you will be asked to leave class. If you fail to wear a mask properly on more than one occasion, you can expect to be dropped from the class. If you insist on remaining in the classroom while not wearing a mask, class will be dismissed for the day to protect others and you will be dropped from the class immediately.

Students with disabilities: Qualified Students with disabilities should see me or the testing center as soon as possible so we can meet your needs suitably and quickly.

Title IX: In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Assistants are considered "responsible employees" by the department of Education (see pg 15 - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201404-title-ix.pdf>). This designation requires that any report of gender discrimination which includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct,

and sexual violence made to a faculty member, TA, or GA must be reported to the Title IX coordinator at the Office of Equal Opportunity (Oeo.unm.edu) For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see: <https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html>

Course Webpage: The course webpage can be found by logging in to learn.unm.edu. There, I will post course documents like the syllabus and other relevant course material. Any course announcements will be made on this webpage, so be sure to check it regularly.

Course Grading Policy: Lecture grades will be based on the percentage of points earned (100% or higher = A+, 99-91% = A, 90% = A-, 88-89% = B+, 87-81% = B, 80% = B-, 79-78% = C+, 77-71% = C, 70% = C-, 69-68% = D+, 67-61% = D, 60% = D-, < 60% = F.

- 25 points: Poster Assignment
- 25 points: 'Elevator Pitch'
- 25 points: Science Journalism Presentation
- 50 points: Representation Presentation
- 75 points: Interview Presentation
- 200 Points: Total

Date	Lab Exercise
09/08/2021	Course Introduction & Syllabus
09/15/2021	Off Week
09/22/2021	Science Journalism - 'Elevator Pitch', Face-to-face
09/29/2021	Off Week
10/06/2021	Journalism Presentation, Research Posters -Face-to-face
10/13/2021	Off Week
10/20/2021	Poster Assignment Due, Representation Assignment
10/27/2021	Off Week
11/03/2021	Off Week

11/10/2021	Representation Presentation, Interview Assignment
11/17/2021	Off Week
11/24/2021	Thanksgiving Holiday
12/1/2021	
12/08/2021	

***This schedule is tentative. The instructor reserves the right to alter it as the semester progresses. Changes in the dates of major presentations and assignments will be given with at least a week's notice.**