

Professional Development in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Spring 2018

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Objectives: By the end of this semester you will have a working knowledge of what career paths and options are available to you in EEB, how to prepare yourself for the future and practice hands-on skills to assist you in realizing that future.

What to Expect: We will reach these objectives through discussions, reading relevant papers, reading “Letters to a young scientist” by E.O. Wilson, ISBN:978-0-87140-377-3 (listed as EOW below), discussing topics with guest speakers and hand’s on practice of important professional skills.

Schedule*:

Date	Topic
Jan. 16	Intro
Jan. 23	What’s the plan? (Life goals/vision/how do I get there?)
Jan. 30	EOW – Section I & Opportunities in EEB
Feb. 6	Pathways (EEB careers)
Feb. 13	Outside of the box (Non-traditional careers)
Feb. 20	EOW – Section II & Scientific creativity
Feb. 27	It’s the experiences (UG research how’s and why’s)
Mar 6	Timely things (Time management, skills and strategic thinking)
Mar 13	***Spring Break***
Mar 20	EOW – Section III & Mentors
Mar 27	Say what? (Creating & managing your online presence)
Apr 3	Writing (Science writing)
Apr 10	Getting a job (Resumes/CV’s/cover letters/resources)
Apr 17	EOW – Sections IV/V & How the Universe Works
Apr 24	What you need (Should - and how do- I go to grad school/secure a job?)

**Subject to change with advance notice always given.*

Assessment: Grades will be determined by participation (daily participation grades will be given) and written assessments (always given in advance).

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F <50%

University Policies

Academic Integrity:

“An essential feature of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the university, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity.”

University Civility Statement:

Civility is genuine respect and regard for others: politeness, consideration, tact, good manners, graciousness, cordiality, affability, amiability and courteousness. Civility enhances academic freedom and integrity, and is a prerequisite to the free exchange of ideas and knowledge in the learning community. Our community consists of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and campus visitors. Community members affect each other’s well-being and have a shared interest in creating and sustaining an environment where all community members and their points of view are valued and respected. Affirming the value of each member of the university community, the campus asks that all its members adhere to the principles of civility and community adopted by the campus: <http://civility.utk.edu/>.

Disability Services:

“Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 865-974-6087 in 100 Dunford Hall to document their eligibility for services. ODS will work with students and faculty to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.”

Your Role in Improving Teaching and Learning Through Course Assessment:

At UT, it is our collective responsibility to improve the state of teaching and learning. During the semester, you may be requested to assess aspects of this course either during class or at the completion of the class. You are encouraged to respond to these various forms of assessment as a means of continuing to improve the quality of the UT learning experience.

Key Campus Resources for Students:

- [Undergraduate Catalog](#): (Listing of academic programs, courses, and policies)
- [Graduate Catalog](#)
- [Hilltopics](#): (Campus and academic policies, procedures and standards of conduct)
- [Course Timetable](#): (Schedule of classes)
- [Academic Planning](#): (Advising resources, course requirements, and major guides)
- [Student Success Center](#): (Academic support resources)
- [Library](#): (Access to library resources, databases, course reserves, and services)
- [Career Services](#): (Career counseling and resources; HIRE-A-VOL job search system)
- [Student Health Center](#) (visit the site for a list of services)
- OIT Help Desk: (865) 974-9900