

BIOL 402– Fall 2009
UNO Fall Schedule

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Tuesdays 4-5pm — CERIA Room 337

UNO Seminars on Becoming a Scientist and Preparing for Graduate School

- Week 1 (25 Aug):** Introduction to UNO. What to expect and what is expected.
- Week 2 (1 Sep):** Assessment procedures (SB), expectations (BILL), Wiggio (TH).
- Week 3 (8 Sep):** Introduce research project (students) – prepare abstract for *20 Oct submission* in class.
- Week 4 (15 Sep):** Publications and plagiarism (Bill).
- Week 5 (22 Sep):** GRE overview (Shannon's contact).
- Week 6 (29 Sep):** What to look for in a graduate program (Joe)
- Week 7 (6 Oct):** Presenting science to high school students (Diana, plus HS teachers).
- Week 8 (13 Oct):** How to apply to grad school (Joe). CVs, letter of intent, letters of recommendation etc.
- Week 9 (20 Oct):** Journaling (TH). *Abstracts due.*
- Week 10 (27 Oct):** Discuss abstracts (all UnO managers and students).
- Week 11 (3 Nov):** Proposal preparation (Bill/Joe?).
- Week 12 (10 Nov):** Invited faculty talk/s about their research and graduate opportunities (TBA).
- Week 13 (17 Nov):** Open discussion – career opportunities (all UnO managers and students).
- Week 14 (24 Nov):** *5 minute presentations of research projects* (UnO students).
- Week 15 (1 Dec):** Open discussion of 5 minute presentations (all UnO participants).
- Week 16 (8 Dec):** What makes a jazzy talk to the public? (Diana).