**BIOL 692H: Senior Honors Thesis in Biology, Fall 2020**

**Time: Mondays 3:35-5:35**

**Location:**   
Weekly: https://unc.zoom.us/meeting/tJMvd-iurD4sHdJmYo\_HyspFJsGUFc1RThcG/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCvrDsrHNaQth6BRowEAIigd-7zpiVdgqd3kSbqPAhKcRPQHPFlB5R8Qerk

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**Instructor:       Dr. Amy Shaub Maddox**

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For office hours: *email for appointment*

The classroom portion of BIOL692H has two main goals:

* to cultivate **written and oral communication skills** that are applicable to the written honors thesis, honors symposium oral presentation, and professional settings beyond
* to interact as a community of scholars, discussing active research and its significance in terms that will be understood and appreciated by **biologists from diverse fields**

**Course grade** is based on:      Attendance (mandatory)                    10%

                                                Class participation                              10%

                                                Posting thesis sections weekly           10%

                                                Peer editing weekly                            10%

Completion of peer-critique rubrics   10%

General audience introduction          10%

Written thesis                                     20%

Symposium presentation                   20%

Designation of **Highest Honors/Honors/no honors** will be based on an evaluation of your overall project including the presentation of it and your findings in your talk and thesis. An evaluation committee of three or more faculty will perform the evaluation, with input from your research advisor and / or the biology faculty sponsor. GPA does not figure into HH/H designation. From the College: "Highest honors should be awarded only to students who have met the most rigorous standards of scholarly excellence."

**Class schedule**

Schedule is subject to minor modifications; during some class meeting times, students and instructor may meet by appointment away from the classroom, as noted below.

See Timeline pdf for more deadlines.

1. **Aug 11:**  Syllabus, Course Guidelines, Meet your classmates, Introduction to Abstract

**(2) Aug 17:** Abstracts**,** Finalizesymposium line-up,Talk intros**,** Choose image for display

**(3) Aug 24:** Review[Writing a paper (click here),](https://cbc.arizona.edu/sites/cbc.arizona.edu/files/marc/Sci-Writing.pdf)Intro to writing, anatomy of a thesis, formatting and content

expectations, Authorship and plagiarism, Lay Intros, About thesis Methods

**https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oTvnmcebSdwd-dY0m0a69d7IuTUk50jYWLdF8v1DDjM/edit?usp=sharing**

**(4) Aug 31:** Thesis, Talk Methods, Lay Methods, About Figures

**https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1O-EBAMc14HWyu8PikoLk5RshdP6cfKjaLu2pbC\_tg1E/edit?usp=sharing**

**(5) Sept 7:** Thesis Figures, Talk Figures, Lay Intro, About Results

**(6) Sept 14:** Thesis Results**,** Talk Results**,** Lay Intro, About Intros

**(7) Sept 21:** Thesis Intro, Talk Intro, Lay Intro, About Discussions

**(8) Sept 28:** Thesis Discussions**,** Talk Discussions**,** Practice Lay Intros

**(9) Oct 5: Practice talks round 1** (~15 minute talk + ~5 minutes for questions, peer and instructor comments on paper, could record for more feedback later)

**Wednesday Oct 7, 9pm** **Final thesis (a single pdf) due to Dr. Maddox by email by for faculty evaluation**

**(10) Oct 12: Practice talks round 2**

**Monday Oct 19:** Honors Symposium on zoom. May be attended by honors students, advisors and mentors, thesis graders, family members, friends, and other members of the university community. Please invite your friends and family!

**Sunday Oct 25:** physically distanced potluck lunch at Amy’s house.

**Oct. 26: Designation due for Highest Honors / Honors / no honors**

**Oct. 30**: Receive readers’ thesis feedback from Amy

**LDOC: Deadline** foruploading the final thesis to the [Carolina Digital Repository.](https://cdr.lib.unc.edu/concern/honors_theses/new?locale=en) (Submission Instructions [here](http://blogs.lib.unc.edu/cdr/index.php/how-to-contribute-material-to-the-cdr/))

           You MUST forward your upload confirmation email to Dr. Maddox to complete course requirements.

* [Senior Honors Thesis Guidelines for Academic Units, Faculty Advisors, and Students](http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/research/senior-honors-thesis/)
* [Sample Senior Honors Thesis title page](http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/SampleTitlePage-Feb42016.pdf)
* [Information for Faculty and Staff Advising Honors Theses](http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Senior-Thesis-Guidelines_eff-2019-07-01.pdf)

Full zoom invite:

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**Diversity statement:** The Department of Biology values the perspectives of individuals from all backgrounds reflecting the diversity of our students. We broadly define diversity to include race, sex, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, religion, social class, age, sexual orientation, political background, and physical and learning ability. We strive to make this classroom and this department an inclusive space for all students.

The professor reserves to right to make changes to the syllabus, including project due dates and test dates. These changes will be announced as early as possible.