

Biology 6181
Graduate Seminar
Plant-Animal Interactions
Fall 2021



Instructor

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Office Hours

Office hours are available MW 11am-12pm, R 9:30-10:45am or by appointment.

Course Information

Course Description

The topic for this seminar is plant-animal interactions. Seminar provides an important opportunity for scientists to learn about new topics, discuss, analyze, and share ideas and concepts.

Prerequisite Skills

Critical reading skills and effective note taking.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify factors in plant-animal interactions that lead to biodiversity.
- Survey and critically evaluate different viewpoints.
- Communicate your views to other students.

Course Delivery

Class will meet in CAV111 each Tuesday of the semester. Support documents are available in Blackboard¹.

Required Textbook

Del-Claro-K and H Maura Torezan-Silingardi (eds). 2021. *Plant-Animal Interactions, Source of Biodiversity*. Springer

Communication

I will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday.

All written communication will be done exclusively through your ASU email address. Check frequently for announcements and policy changes. In your emails to me, include the course name and section number in your subject line and the questions or problems you have for me.

Evaluation and Grades

Each student has two responsibilities: serve as discussion leader for two chapters and be an active, prepared participant for all chapter discussions. Each discussion leader will be evaluated according to a grading matrix (see Blackboard); each discussion will be worth 100 points. A third grade, also worth 100 points, will be determined by each student's participation in chapter discussions. These three scores will be averaged for a final grade. Evaluation forms for student participation are available on Blackboard.

Grade

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Points</i>
Discussion leader (1)	100
Discussion leader (2)	100
Average of chapter participation points	100
Average of three scores 300/3	

Course Grade

The following grading scale is used for this course:

A = 89.5-100 points

B = 79.5-89.4 points

C = 69.5-79.4 points

F = 69.4-0 points

Rounding will follow scientific rounding rules; fractions will be rounded to tenths.

Assignments

Chapter assignments are posted on Blackboard.

Attendance

Your attendance for the course will be based on roll taken during both lecture and lab.

General Policies Related to This Course

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook²
- Angelo State University Catalog³

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU. It is dishonest to use any form of assistance (i.e. another student, notes) while using Respondus LockDown Browser and WebCam to complete a graded assignment.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the university's Statement of Academic Integrity.⁴

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website.⁵ The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford, Director of Student Disability Services Office of Student Affairs; 325-942-2047; dallas.swafford@angelo.edu; Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

Incomplete Grade Policy

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures⁶ for more information.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU's Academic Integrity policy⁷ in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else's work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one's own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.⁸

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy

10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day⁹ for more information.

Title IX at Angelo State University

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU's Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

Michelle Miller, J.D.

Special Assistant to the President and Title IX Coordinator Mayer Administration Building, Room 210; 325-486-6357; michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345. For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Safety Standards

Students, faculty and staff are required to complete the wellness check if:

- You have tested positive for COVID-19
- You are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- You have had contact with a person who has recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- Masks are optional everywhere on campus. Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a face covering should know your decision is supported.
- Washing hands is highly encouraged to prevent spread of all germs.
- Students who do not pass the wellness check should contact their instructors, just as they would for any illness.

- Students who do not feel comfortable coming back to in-person classes should look for online class opportunities or seek an **ADA accommodation**.

Modifications to the Syllabus

This syllabus, including grade evaluation and course schedule, is subject to modification.

1 angelo.blackboard.com

2 <https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/student-handbook/>

3 <https://www.angelo.edu/academics/catalog/>

4 <https://www.angelo.edu/live/files/27603-student-handbook-2020-21#page=96>

5 <https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/disability-services/>

6 <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures>

7 <https://www.angelo.edu/live/files/27603-student-handbook-2020-21#page=96>

8 https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/writing-center/academic_honesty.php

9 <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of>