

Species Interactions (2355)

Fall 2013 Syllabus

Faculty

Jonathan N. Pruitt, Ph.D.
213 Clapp Hall, (412) 624-7222
E-mail: pruittj@pitt.edu

Lectures

Wednesday 4-6pm, Clapp 235

Course objectives

The goal of this course is to provide students with a highly focused look at key PIs working in the field of species interactions. The specific PIs to be explored will be determined by the students, who will be responsible for summarizing the PI's research program and key contributions to the field.

Final Grade

40% of your grade will be determined by 1-2 presentations given throughout the semester on your chosen PI. 60% of your grade will be determined by an attitude and participation grade. Attitude and participation will be assessed by students' willingness to engage in in-class discussions (i.e., remaining on topic during break-away, small-group discussions and summarizing those discussion points to the class), turning in weekly questions to the discussion leader, and their ability to refrain from in-class disturbances and behavioral problems. Texting in class or use of laptop computers (without notification from disability services) are deemed off-topic behavior; perpetrators will be asked to leave the class and 5% point will be removed from their grade.

G Grades

Students who wish to petition for a G grade (an incomplete) must submit to either instructor, in writing, a specific request for this grade change and you must document your reason(s). You will be required to make arrangements with the instructors for the specific tasks you must complete to remove the G grade. Remember that G grades, according to CAS guidelines, are to be given only when students who have been attending a course and have been making regular progress are prevented by circumstances beyond their control from completing the course after it is too late to withdraw (University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Bulletin, 1999-2002, p. 29).

Students with

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an

Disabilities

accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and the Office of Disability Resources and Services, 216 William Pitt Union, 412-648-7890/412-383-7355 (FTY), as early as possible in the term. Disability Resources and Services will verify your disability and determine reasonable accommodations for this course.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity Policy: Cheating/plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students suspected of violating the University of Pittsburgh Policy on Academic Integrity, noted below, will be required to participate in the outlined procedural process as initiated by the instructor. A minimum sanction of a zero score for the quiz, exam or paper will be imposed.

Email policy

Each student is issued a University e-mail address (username@pitt.edu) upon admittance. This e-mail address may be used by the University for official communication with students. Students are expected to read e-mail sent to this account on a regular basis. Failure to read and react to University communications in a timely manner does not absolve the student from knowing and complying with the content of the communications. The University provides an e-mail forwarding service that allows students to read their e-mail via other service providers (e, g., Hotmail, AOL, Yahoo). Students that choose to forward their e-mail from their pitt.edu address 'to another address do so at their own risk. If e-mail is lost as a result of forwarding, it does not absolve the student from responding to official communications sent to their University e-mail address. To forward e-mail sent to your University account, go to <http://accounts.pitt.edu>, logintoyouraccount, click on Edit Forwarding Addresses, and follow the instructions on the page. Be sure to log out of your account when you have finished.

(For the full E-mail Communication Policy, go to www.bc.pitt.edu/policies/policv109/09-i 0-01.html.)