Supervised Practicum in Biology
BIO 475
Syllabus
Sections 006, 011, and 012
Miller Science Building Room 203

Course Description
For undergraduate credit only.
Independent investigations by students guided through conferences and lab or field-based research with the professor. May be repeated for a maximum of six semester hours toward degree plan. Pass or fail.

18 hours of biology with minimum B average or permission of instructor. Lab fee required.

Required materials
No materials required.

Student Learning Outcomes
- Achieve proficiency in standard molecular laboratory equipment
- Execute experiments independently or as a team
- Analyze and report on scientific data

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Wed: 4:00 p - 5:30 p
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Fri: 12:00 p - 2:45 p
Or by appointment

Attendance Policy
Students are expected to adhere to the research schedule agreed upon at the beginning of the semester. A passing grade for the course requires a time commitment of 2-3 hours per week per credit hour enrolled.

Grading Policy
A passing grade requires adherence to time commitments as agreed upon at the beginning of the course as well as satisfactory progress on the agreed upon research project.

Course Evaluations
In accordance with the College of Sciences and Mathematics, and adopted by the Department of Biology the completion of an end-of-semester on-line student evaluation is required by all students enrolled in this course. Instructions and location of the course evaluations can be found on MySFA.

Lab Incivility
All students are expected to conduct themselves in the lab in a way that is not distracting to the instructor or to other students, and that does not create a hazardous working environment for others in the lab.
## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

## Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

## Withheld Grades

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

## Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability related accommodations alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).