

Syllabus

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Instructor Information

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STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are expected to have read the syllabus and be familiar with expectations and due dates. The syllabus will be posted on the Blackboard system and students are expected to pay attention to any changes that are made over the course of the semester.

Communication: Students are expected to check their Mason email and the Blackboard system regularly for

information about the course. The syllabus, including the schedule is posted on Blackboard and students are expected to pay attention to any changes that are made over the course of the semester. Failure to be aware of information posted to a student's Mason email account or on Blackboard is not a valid excuse for missing assignments, assignment instructions, tests, presentations or student responsibilities of any kind.

This course operates under the rules of the [George Mason University Honor System and Code](#). Please be familiar with the code. Quizzes and exams are closed book and your answers must be your own.

Students are expected to be respectful of the instructor and each other during class. Demonstrate that respect by please, not talking out of turn during class, turning off your cell phone and instant messaging during class, and trying not to disturb class if you enter late or leave early.

If you are a student with a disability and you think that you need academic accommodations, contact the [Office of Disability Services](#) at 703-993-2472 or ods@gmu.edu immediately if you have not already done so. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office. You must then bring the accommodation recommendations to your instructor(s) immediately.

COURSE FORMAT

The first week we will discuss potential paleontological topics for seminar. Please bring some topic ideas, along with a paper or two on those topics if possible. As a group, we will discuss potential topics and choose one or two to use for the semester.

Dr. Uhen will then develop a reading list that will be posted to Blackboard, along with dates when each reading will be discussed. Dr. Uhen will lead the first discussion or two, with subsequent weeks' discussions

being led by students. Students will be assigned their discussions when the reading list is posted so they can be prepared to lead the discussion assigned to them.

LESSONS

Week 1: Seminar Topic Choice

Leader: Uhen

August 22, 2023
01:30 PM - 03:20 PM

Week 2: Baleen

Presenter: Mark

01:30 PM - 03:20 PM

Week 3: Feathers

Presenter: Nick

September 5, 2023
01:30 PM - 03:20 PM

Week 4: Fins

Presenter: Mason

September 12, 2023
01:30 PM - 03:20 PM

Week 5: Hair

Presenter: Joe

September 19, 2023
01:30 PM - 03:20 PM

Week 6: Other integuments

Presenter: David

September 26, 2023
01:30 PM - 03:20 PM

Week 7: Et cetera

Presenter: Edward

October 3, 2023
01:30 PM - 03:20 PM