

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.

Classroom health and safety:

- All students taking courses with a face-to-face component are required to follow the university's public health and safety precautions and procedures outlined on the university Safe Return to Campus webpage (<https://www2.gmu.edu/safe-return-campus>). Similarly, all students must also complete the Mason COVID Health Check daily. Only students who receive a "green" notification from the the Mason COVID Health Check are permitted to attend class face-to-face. If you suspect that you are sick or have been directed to self-isolate, please quarantine or get testing. Faculty are allowed to ask you to show them that you have received a Green notification and are thereby permitted to be in class.
- Students are required to follow Mason's current policy about facemask-wearing. As of August 11, 2021, all community members are required to wear a facemask in all indoor settings, including classrooms. **An [appropriate facemask](#) must cover your nose and mouth at all times in our classroom.** If this policy changes, you will be informed; however, students who prefer to wear masks either temporarily or consistently will always be welcome in the classroom.

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

Week 2

Leader: Uhen

Week 3

Leader: Uhen