

BIOL 4869 - Topics in Ecology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 43338,

Credit hours: 1

Instructor

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Course Description

4869. Topics in Ecology. This 1 s.h. course is designed to familiarize you with current developments and potential paradigm shifts in ecology. It involves student-led discussions of student-chosen contemporary papers that relate ecology and may include evolutionary or environmental issues as well. This 1 s.h. course may be taken twice for a total of 2 s.h. Prereq.: C or better in BIOL 2602/H. Prereq. or Coreq.: Any 3700-level BIOL course. 1 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	PDF papers will be made available		

There is no required textbook. Supplementary PDFs or hardcopy handouts materials will be provided by me.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Tue	8/25	At the beginning of the semester, we'll coordinate which students will be presenting on which dates.		

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