

IDH 2930: (Un)common read

Thursdays 12:50-1:40, LIT 0117

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REQUIRED READINGS

Rigor Mortis: How Sloppy Science Creates Worthless Cures, Crushes Hope, and Wastes Billions (Harris, 2017)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this section of IDH 2930, students will be asked to read Harris (2017). One chapter will be covered per two weeks of class, with eight chapters to be reviewed in total. Topics to be covered in the course include the basics of the scientific method, ethical issues in the conduct of science, ethical issues in academic culture, the economy of academic publishing, and possible solutions to the aforementioned issues. Course assignments will be comprised of weekly discussion questions submitted before class and a final 5-page paper that applies course material to a student's discipline or future career

GRADING

Attendance:	20%
Weekly Questions:	40%
Final Paper:	40%

Grading scale: A, 100-93; A-, 92-90; B+, 89-87; B, 86-84; B-, 83-80; C+, 79-77; C, 76-74; C-, 73-70; D+, 69-67; D, 66-64; D-, 63-60; E, 59 and below

ASSIGNMENTS AND DEADLINES

Attendance (20%): To successfully complete the course, it is recommended that students come to class on a weekly basis and complete all assigned materials in advance. Your grade for attendance/participation will be determined based on the frequency and quality of your contributions to class discussion.

Weekly Questions (40%): Every two weeks you will be asked to submit a minimum of three questions for the assigned chapter. Questions should demonstrate familiarity with the assigned class material through both summary and application. **Questions should be submitted via e-mail (frank.waddell@ufl.edu) at least 24 hours before our class meeting.**

Final Paper (40%): In this paper (5 pages minimum), summarize one or more chapters from Harris (2017) then apply the material summarized to either your future career or academic discipline of study. The final paper should demonstrate clear mastery of course material as well as an awareness of how the topics discussed in class are relevant to one's own life and future career and/or academic goals.

LATE WORK POLICY

One letter grade (-10 points) will be deducted per day for work submitted past the assignment's deadline. If students anticipate that they will be unable to meet a deadline due to university documented issues (e.g., health condition, death in family), please contact me as soon as possible to arrange an extension. Work that is more than 10 days late will be given a "0" unless you contact the professor to arrange an alternative due date within the week that the assignment was due.

HONOR CODE POLICY

This class strictly adheres to the UF honor code. Any prohibited behavior such as plagiarism, data fabrication, or cheating will result in a failing grade for the assignment in question and referral to the honor court, who may administer additional penalties such as a failing grade for the course or dismissal from the college. More information about the university honor code is available online at the following link: <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

It is expected that all students will arrive to class on time and be respectful of fellow classmates during lecture and student presentations. Please turn all cell phones to silent. While laptops are allowed, it is expected that they will only be used for class-related work such as note-taking or group assignments. In the event that you need to answer an emergency phone call, please excuse yourself from class and answer the call in the hallway. The professor reserves the right to revoke the use of technology during class if the above policies are not followed.

Schedule

August 23rd: Introduction to IDH 2930

August 30th: Harris, Ch.1, Part 1

September 6th: Harris, Ch.1, Part 2

September 13th: Harris, Ch.2, Part 1

September 20th: Harris, Ch.2, Part 2

September 27th: Harris, Ch.3, Part 1

October 4th: Harris, Ch.3, Part 2

October 11th: Harris, Ch.4, Part 1

October 18th: Harris, Ch.4, Part 2

October 25th: Harris, Ch.5, Part 1

November 1st: Harris, Ch.5, Part 2

November 8th: Harris, Ch.6

November 15th: Harris, Ch.7

November 22nd: Holiday; No Class

November 29th: Harris, Ch.8

December 6th: Reading Day; No Class

December 13th: Final Paper Due