

1 **EEB 3894 – Spring 2014**

2 **Current Research in Ecology and Evolution**

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6 **Course Website -**

7 [http://hydrodictyon.eeb.uconn.edu/eebedia/index.php/Current\\_Topics\\_in\\_Ecology\\_and\\_Evolution](http://hydrodictyon.eeb.uconn.edu/eebedia/index.php/Current_Topics_in_Ecology_and_Evolution)

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9 **Class Goals –**

10 The purpose of this class is to interact, first-hand, with the research and researchers that are of current  
11 interest in ecology and evolutionary biology. As a group, we will discuss relevant scientific literature,  
12 learning how to critically read and interpret the data as it is presented in a journal publication. We will  
13 also have the opportunity to meet with the speakers of the EEB Department Seminar Series, to discuss  
14 their research and topics of interest to the group (graduate school, grants, teaching, etc.). Students, at the  
15 end of this class, should be able to read and understand primary scientific literature and have little issues  
16 approaching researchers about potential research opportunities.

17 **Grading –**

18	Attendance	4 pts/week: 56 pts
19	Participation	4 pts/week: 56 pts
20	Response Papers	2 pts/week: 28 pts
21	Lead Discussions	10 pts
22	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	140 pts

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24 Grades will be assigned in accordance with University protocols along the following guidelines:

25	<b>A</b>	90-100%
26	<b>B</b>	80-89.9%
27	<b>C</b>	70-79.9%
28	<b>D</b>	60-69.9%
29	<b>F</b>	<59.9%