

WBIO 494 SENIOR SEMINAR

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COURSE OBJECTIVES: The primary objectives of this course are to give students experience in giving professionally oriented talks and to learn about wildlife conservation issues. Seminars must focus on biology or conservation. Each student will give two oral presentations on a topic in one of these subject areas.

REQUIREMENTS: Each student is required to give two, 20-25 minute oral presentations (one using PowerPoint, one not using PowerPoint) and short (≤ 1 page) critiques of their own seminars after viewing them on videotape. ***Each topic must be approved by the instructor no later than 9 September 2008.*** Students will also critique the seminars of other students. Attendance is mandatory. There will be no final for those who have not missed classes. Grading is Cr/NCr.

SCHEDULE:

26 January	Introduction, Assignments
2 February	Movie and Discussion: <i>Be Prepared to Speak</i>
9 February	Movie and Discussion: <i>I Have a Dream</i>
16 February	Elevator Speeches
23 February	Student seminars begin

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at <http://www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm?page?1321>.

