

Syllabus CIMA 8785-Spring 2004

Course Title: CURRENT TOPICS SEMINAR (2 credit hours).

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Schedule: TBA

Office hours: Thursday 4:00PM-5:00PM

Course Requirements and grade breakdown:

Each student is responsible of presenting at least 2 seminars. One of the seminars could be on the student's research. Presentations are expected to be of professional quality (use Powerpoint, or a pdf format), they should be 20-25 minutes long, and students should expect to respond to questions.

Each student will be evaluated for the organization, clarity and degree of understanding of the presentation. Each presentation will be evaluated by both the students and the professors. Students will be evaluating each presenter by using a scale of 1 to 5 (5 is excellent, 4 is very good, 3 is good, 2 is average, 1 is below average). 50% of the grade will be determined by the students' evaluations and the other 50% from the professors' evaluations.

Students are responsible of attending all student seminars and departmental seminars.

Topics in Ecology and Evolution

Coral reefs, fisheries, species invasions, conservation biology, speciation, adaptation, natural selection, molecular evolution. Papers will be available in Dr. Schizas' web page for download or available as hard copies in the copy room. Students should feel free to pick a paper on their own as long we approve it. Each student is expected to present a paper that covers one of the suggested topics together with a background paper for this particular topic.