

COURSE: FISH 7960, Special Problems, Trends in Marine Aquaculture, 1 total credit hour

WEEKLY MEETING TIME / LOCATION: Th, 2:00-5:00 pm / Swingle Hall Rm 215

OFFICE HOURS / LOCATION: open

REQUIRED PREREQUISITES: Permission of instructor

INSTRUCTORS: Dr. S. A. Bullard (office phone: 334-844-9278; ash.bullard@auburn.edu)

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COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH: The objective of this Special Problems course is for upper level/graduate students in the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures to gain an appreciation for modern trends in global marine aquaculture. Students and instructors will participate in informed discussions of the current literature concerning the challenges and opportunities of marine aquaculture, including the present state of technologies in the United States, European Union, Australia, SE Asia, and other geographic localities. Class group discussions are not limited to fishes and could include any organism cultured in the sea. Each student will scrutinize the week's literature assignment and orally present their ideas and perspectives on the work to the class for open group discussion.

PRIMARY RESOURCES FOR LECTURE MATERIALS: Relevant peer-reviewed scientific literature concerning marine aquaculture.

GRADING POLICY: Students will be evaluated based on the following criteria and grading scale.

1. Participation in discussions:	25 possible points	
2. Preliminary research paper and summary:	25 possible points	
3. Final research paper:	25 possible points	
4. Oral presentation of research product:	25 possible points	
A = 100-90%	C+ = 77-79%	D = 63-66%
B+ = 87-89%	C = 73-76%	D- = 60-62%
B = 83-86%	C- = 70-72%	F < 60%
B- = 80-82%	D+ = 67-69%	

ATTENDANCE POLICY: You are expected to attend class. Missing a class meeting will likely affect your grade directly or indirectly.

CONDUCT POLICY: If you distract or disrupt other students' learning you will be ejected from the class upon instigating said behavior. If you are unsure about what comprises distracting or disrupting behavior, it is your responsibility to seek clarification from the instructor.

CHEATING POLICY: Cheating, which includes plagiarism, is guaranteed to result in a "0" (zero credit) mark on the relevant work. The cheater, without exception, will be reported to the appropriate authorities at Auburn University and punished to the maximum extent legally allowable under the University's guidelines. If unsure about what constitutes cheating, you are encouraged to query me and seek clarification before taking any questionable action.

E-MAIL POLICY: Here are five recommendations for emails regarding this course: concise emails will elicit the most rapid response!

- Your first and last name should be included in the body of the email; your email address does not suffice because it is an alias, not a proper name.
- If multiple recipients are listed in the "TO:" and/or "CC:" lines of your message, the text of your message should nevertheless specify (A) to whom you are sending information and/or (B) from whom you are requesting information. The latter avoids a 'no response' by the targeted recipient(s), who do not wish to duplicate effort(s).
- The subject line should include a helpful synopsis of why you are emailing, e.g., "stuff" and "question" are not helpful.
- The text should comprise complete sentences, or at least employ capital letters and periods enclosing a word string that communicates a subject-verb concept.

- Dictionary words should be used: email is not “text-messaging;” hence, your email should lack an abundance of acronyms.

ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES: See me during the first week of classes if you are registered with Disabled Students Services and need special consideration.

WITHDRAWING FROM COURSE: Departmental and University policies are followed herein; see appropriate semester schedule for those policies as well as their respective deadlines.