

Dear Mentors,

Attached you will find a copy of the syllabus and schedule for the YSP writing course. The assignment for most weeks will be a one-page summary of the research that the students have accomplished in lab that week and are to be presented in the scientific paper format of introduction, methods, results, conclusions, and (if applicable) references (see syllabus for more information).

To help the students understand this format better, I would like each mentor to give their student a good journal article from their field that exemplifies this format. They will need this for the first few weeks of class, while we discuss the topic of journal articles. Please note that this article should not be a review or book chapter. Also, it would probably be easiest conceptually if the articles had clearly demarcated Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, and Discussion/Conclusion sections.

I appreciate your cooperation and if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the writing course, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,