

Birds in Our Lives- POUL 1010E (Online Version): At A Glance

Credits: 3 hours

When the course is offered:

The online version of “Birds in Our Lives,” listed for registration purposes as POUL1010E, is offered in the Spring semester, as well as in the 8-week summer session. Additionally, the face-to-face version, listed as POUL 1010, is taught in the Fall Semester, for those students desiring a more hands-on learning experience with a variety of avian species.

Registering for the course:

I. UGA students: POUL 1010E is listed on OASIS. Students register as they would for any face-to-face course offered at UGA. The course does not have set days/times listed in the registration bulletin because it is taught entirely online.

II. **Transient students:** Please refer to the "Apply as a Transient Student" link on the POUL 1010E website.

Course Format:

POUL 1010E is taught exclusively online and does NOT require any face-to-face meetings with instructors or other students. Additionally, there are NO synchronous sessions that would require students to be online at a specific time. All course materials will be on the POUL 1010E course webpage within eLearning Commons New (eLCNew), <https://uga.view.usg.edu/>. Students will gain access to POUL 1010E materials just prior to the beginning of the course.

Communication with Instructors:

All assignments and exams will be conducted through eLCNew. Course announcements to students will be displayed in the News Widget on the course page in eLCNew or will be emailed to students at the UGA email address they have listed on file. If students need to contact the instructors, they may do so through the instructors’ email listing on eLCNew.

Required Equipment: (Read Carefully!)

Students **MUST** have access to a computer that can **download programs** (Google Chromebook, for example, is incompatible) and that is equipped with a **webcam, microphone and audio capabilities**.

Expectations of Students:

Students are expected to check eLCNew regularly, keep up with the assigned readings in the textbook, and participate in the quizzes and discussions posted in eLCNew. Additionally, students must complete two course exams and a final examination. The course DOES NOT have any synchronous sessions that would require students to be online at a specific time. However, there is a time window during which assignments and exams MUST be completed. If the time window does not fit a student's schedule, they may contact the instructors such that alternative accommodations can be made if feasible.

Expectations of Instructors:

Instructors will be online every day of the course, checking eLCNew and email. They will make every effort to respond to students' questions within 24 hours.

Readings:

Assigned readings in the textbook, *Birds in Our Lives*, are mandatory. All of the tested material will come directly from the textbook. Supplemental videos and links are provided on eLCNew to assist with comprehension of the concepts presented in the textbook.

Testing:

There will be 8 quizzes, 2 exams, and 1 final examination. Quizzes will be completed through eLCNew and will be **open-book**. The three exams are to be proctored by a remote proctor online and are **closed-book**. **This proctoring service is electronic and online and you do not need to be in any particular physical location for it to work, other than a location that has internet service. You may take the exams and final examination from your personal computer in a quiet location of your choice. There is a \$25 per exam/final charge (\$75 for the entire course) for the proctoring service.** Consider this a convenience fee for not having to spend money on gas to travel to class each day. You will be asked to pay online before each exam. In order to take an exam, **you will need a computer with a webcam, speakers, and a microphone**. Students will have a designated 24-hour period to complete each exam and scheduling conflicts will be handled on an individual basis. Detailed instructions regarding setting up the proctoring service will be provided on eLCNew.

Grading:

There will be 8 graded quizzes, 2 exams, and 1 final examination. Students may view their grades on eLCNew. The grading scheme is listed below:

Letter grades:

90-100	A	76-78.9	C+
86-89.9	B+	72.5-75.9	C
82.5-85.9	B	69-72.4	C-
79-82.4	B-	59-68.9	D
		< 59	F

Quizzes	20%
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Final exam	30%