

Writing Research Articles  
Society for Economic Botany Course  
Syllabus for 2023

The Society for Economic Botany is offering a course in writing research papers to student members and recent graduates. We hope this course will improve your writing skills and allow you to meet your peers in SEB – establishing part of your life-time ethnobotany network. The course will meet online using Zoom. Each class period will be one hour long. Although the text is designed for both grants and research papers the course is about research papers. You will get to keep the pdf version so you will be able to read about grants on your own if you wish.

**Course Schedule:** The course will meet once a week for 10 weeks (11 January 2023 to 8 March 2023, first assignment mailed on 4 January 2023). There will be two sections with 12 students per section. We are offering sections at 7 a.m. Eastern Time (New York) and 7 p.m. Eastern Time (New York) and hope that by offering the course at two times participants in any time zone can enroll.

**Cost:** The course is free and open only to members of the Society for Economic Botany.

**Text:** Students will receive a free pdf copy of “Writing Science” by Joshua Schimel. Students will need to download free ebook software to use the pdf copy. Regular Adobe programs will not allow you to read the book.

**Certification:** Students who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Completion.

**Expectations:** YOU SHOULD NOT BE IN THIS COURSE IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE NECESSARY TIME COMMITMENT. Each week there will be a written assignment that will be peer-reviewed by other students. If you apply you should be ready to read, write, and submit your work by Saturday before the next Wednesday. You will be assigned the work of another student and you must complete your review by Monday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Because other students depend on your participation your attendance is mandatory. Most of the class period will be spent discussing student work. It is assumed you are minimally competent with Zoom. Unless bandwidth is a problem you are expected to use video. The language of instruction is English.

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**Class Schedule: (NOTICE: THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF CHANGES.)**

10 December 2022 Enrollment Application closes.

15 December 2022 All Applicants notified as to whether or not they are accepted. Accepted applicants receive instructions as to how to download ebook and ebook software.

4 January 2023 Assignment 1 emailed.

8 January 2023 Assignment 1 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). (This due date is different from other due dates. It is due on Sunday rather than a Saturday.)

11 January 2023 First class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 2 emailed after class.

14 January 2023 Assignment 2 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

16 January 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

18 January 2023 Second class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 3 emailed after class.

21 January 2023 Assignment 3 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

23 January 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

25 January 2023 Third class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 4 emailed after class.

28 January 2023 Assignment 4 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

30 January 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

1 February 2023 Fourth class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 5 emailed after class.

4 February 2023 Assignment 5 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

6 February 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

8 February 2023 Fifth class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 6 emailed after class.

11 February 2023 Assignment 6 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

13 February 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

15 February 2023 Sixth class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 7 emailed after class.

18 February 2023 Assignment 7 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

20 February 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

22 February 2023 Seventh class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 8 emailed after class.

25 February 2023 Assignment 8 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

27 February 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

1 March 2023 Eighth class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 9 emailed after class.

4 March 2023 Assignment 9 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

6 February 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

8 March 2023 Ninth class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. Assignment 10 emailed after class.

11 March 2023 Assignment 10 due at 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York). Send your assignment to your review student and the instructor.

13 February 2023. Review due to assigned student and instructor by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (New York).

15 March 2023 Tenth class meeting. Zoom link will be sent before the class meeting. This class period includes a short lecture on PowerPoint presentations.