



Zoology 955  
LIMNOLOGY SEMINAR: Aquatic ecosystem metabolism  
**Official Course Name**

Spring Semester 2023  
1 credit  
Website: <https://canvas.wisc.edu/courses/XXXXX>

**Course Designations and Attributes**  
Graduate 50%

**Seminars:** Tuesdays 2-3 or 1-3 pm in Hasler Laboratory of Limnology, Room 210.

**Instructional Modes**

All face-to-face.  
This seminar will be tutorial-based and focused on developing a skill set that can be applied in graduate student research.

**Credit Hours**

This class meets one 50-minute class period each week over the spring semester and carries the expectation that students will work on course learning activities (reading, writing, problem sets, studying, etc) for about 2 hours out of the classroom for every class period. The syllabus includes additional information about meeting times and expectations for student work.

**Instructor**

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**Course Description and Overview**

Ecosystem metabolism and is a fundamental functional characteristic of ecosystems. This class will explore the fundamentals of lake (and stream) metabolism by reading and discussing literature and analyzing data.

**Requisites**

Graduate or professional standing.

**Additional Recommendations:**

Students should bring laptops to class, with the latest version of R and RStudio installed. Students should be familiar with the R programming language.

If you have never used R and would like to take this course, it does not take long to get acquainted. There are plenty of online courses (e.g. <https://www.coursera.org/learn/r-programming>), and meaty text documents, (e.g. <https://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/R-intro.pdf>).

I highly recommend using [RStudio](#) as a code editor. [RStudio](#) provides a wealth of learning resources, and [handy desk cheatsheets](#).

### **Course Aim**

After completion of this seminar, students will be familiar with ecosystem metabolism concepts, and be able to calculate NEP from dissolved oxygen data.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Understand fundamental ecosystem metabolism concepts.
- Identify applications for lake metabolism
- Organize and work with observational datasets
- Calculate NEP and interpret results
- Prepare well-written research papers

### **GRADING**

Numerical grades are assigned as follows: 93-100 (A), 88-92 (AB), 82-87 (B), 78-81 (BC).

Grades will be based on:

- *Participating in class discussion (10%)*
- *Leading paper discussion (10%)*
- *Research paper review (10%)*
- *Research paper (30%)*
- *Data analysis and write-up (35%)*
- *Final presentation (5%)*

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

A 1-credit class requires ~42 hours of committed time.

Expectations are:

- 10 hours – in class
- 10 hours – reading papers in preparation for class
- 11 hours – dedicated to research paper
- 11 hours – data analysis, write up and presentation

## TIMETABLE

Week	Topic	Readings
Jan 24 <b>20 min</b>	Class introduction	
Jan 31 <b>1-3pm</b>	Background	<p>Odum, H. T. 1956. Primary Production in Flowing Waters. <i>Limnol. Oceanogr.</i> 1: 102–117. doi:10.4319/lo.1956.1.2.0102 <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.1956.1.2.0102">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.1956.1.2.0102</a></p> <p>Hoellein, T. J., D. A. Bruesewitz, and D. C. Richardson. 2013. Revisiting Odum (1956): A synthesis of aquatic ecosystem metabolism. <i>Limnol. Oceanogr.</i> 58: 2089–2100. doi:10.4319/lo.2013.58.6.2089 <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2013.58.6.2089">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2013.58.6.2089</a></p> <p>Howarth and Michaels 2000 (Ch. 5). The Measurement of Primary Production in Aquatic Ecosystems. <a href="https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-1-4612-1224-9_6">https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-1-4612-1224-9_6</a></p> <p>Pace and Lovett 2013. Primary Production: The Foundation of Ecosystems. (in <i>Fundamentals of Ecosystem Science</i> by Weathers et al.) <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780128127629000022">https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780128127629000022</a></p> <p>Williams and del Giorgio 2005 (Ch. 1). Respiration in aquatic ecosystems: history and background. <a href="https://www.uv.es/hegigui/Kasper/delGiorgio%202005.pdf">https://www.uv.es/hegigui/Kasper/delGiorgio%202005.pdf</a></p> <p>Hotchkiss et al. 2018 <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lol2.10081">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lol2.10081</a></p>
Feb 7	Streams 1	<p>Demars et al. 2015 <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lom3.10030">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lom3.10030</a></p> <p>Bernhardt et al. 2018 <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lno.10726">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lno.10726</a></p>
Feb 14	Streams 2	Holtgrieve et al. 2010

		<a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2010.55.3.1047">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2010.55.3.1047</a>  Hotchkiss and Hall 2014 <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2014.59.3.0798">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2014.59.3.0798</a>
Feb 28 <b>1-3pm</b>	Lakes 1	Staehr et al. 2010 (state of science) <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lom.2010.8.0628">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lom.2010.8.0628</a>  Hanson et al. 2008 (comparison of modeling) <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lom.2008.6.454">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lom.2008.6.454</a>  Bogard et al. 2017 (isotope methods) <a href="https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10533-017-0338-5">https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10533-017-0338-5</a>
	Lakes 2	Coloso et al. 2008 (depth integrated) <a href="https://cdnscepub.com/doi/abs/10.1139/f08-006">https://cdnscepub.com/doi/abs/10.1139/f08-006</a>  Van de Bogert et al. 2012 <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2012.57.6.1689">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.4319/lo.2012.57.6.1689</a>  Sadro et al. 2011 <a href="https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10021-011-9471-5">https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10021-011-9471-5</a>
Mar 7	Metabolism Phenology w/ Robert Ladwig	Ladwig et al. (2021) <a href="https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lno.12098">https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/lno.12098</a>
Mar 21	<i>Working on Research Paper</i>	
Mar 28	<i>Editing week</i>	
Apr 4	Exploring data with Stream Metabolizer	Appling et al. 2018 <a href="https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/2017JG004140">https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/2017JG004140</a>
Apr 11	Exploring data with Lake Metabolizer	Winslow et al. 2016 <a href="https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/IW-6.4.883">https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/IW-6.4.883</a>  Dugan et al. 2016 <a href="https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/IW-6.4.836">https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/IW-6.4.836</a>

Apr 18	<i>Working on lake data</i>	
Apr 25	<i>Working on lake data/ Final presentations</i>	
May 2	Final presentations	

### LEADING PAPER DISCUSSION

Each week we will read and discuss scientific literature that focuses on aquatic ecosystem metabolism. For each paper, one student will give a short synopsis of the paper (5-10 minutes). This overview should include: the research question(s), key findings, metabolism method(s), method assumptions, things that were interesting or difficult to understand, and the legacy of the paper. Any slides for the presentation should be uploaded to the course Google Drive folder prior to class.

### RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS EXAMPLES [recommend choosing lakes or streams]

History of methods for measuring metabolism in lakes  
 History of methods for measuring metabolism in streams  
 History of methods for measuring metabolism in oceans  
 Oxygen isotopes for measuring metabolism  
 Eutrophication and lake/stream metabolism  
 Trophic status and lake metabolism  
 Climate change on lake/stream metabolism  
 Allochthonous carbon and lake metabolism  
 Spatial heterogeneity and lake metabolism  
 Global upscaling of lake/stream metabolism and the global carbon balance  
 Unknowns in lake/stream metabolism  
 (or another topic)

### RESEARCH PAPER GUIDELINES

Each student will pick a topic. Research papers are to be written independently but discussion amongst class members is encouraged. Final papers should be ~ 3000 words, single spaced, TNR font. Use of a reference manager (e.g. Zotero) is encouraged.

#### Research paper outline due Mar 10<sup>th</sup>

- Prepare a short (1/2 page) outline of your research paper. This outline should include a title, any section headers, and topic sentences for your paragraphs.

#### Research paper due to class-mate March 27<sup>th</sup>. Return to author by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- A final draft of your research paper should be given to a class-mate by Mar 27<sup>th</sup> for a first round of review. This editing should take ~1-2 hours and the paper should be returned to the author by Mar 31<sup>st</sup>. When the paper is returned, please cc' Dr. Dugan in the email to receive grades.

#### Research paper due April 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Incorporate suggests from editor. Upload essay on Canvas as a word doc.

### DATA ASSIGNMENT

Each student will receive a dataset that includes high-frequency dissolved oxygen observations as well as ancillary data needed to calculate metabolism. The goal is to use the LakeMetabolizer package calculate NEP for your lake using a range of methods. The results of this assignment should be presented in manuscript form: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion.

## RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Prepare a short 5-minute presentations on your research findings. 5 min will be given for Q&A. Upload your presentation to the Google Drive folder prior to class.

## OTHER COURSE INFORMATION

Lake Metabolizer paper: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/IW-6.4.883>

<https://github.com/GLEON/LakeMetabolizer>

<https://github.com/USGS-R/streamMetabolizer>

## RULES, RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to the Guide's [Rules, Rights and Responsibilities](#)

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

By enrolling in this course, each student assumes the responsibilities of an active participant in UW-Madison's community of scholars in which everyone's academic work and behavior are held to the highest academic integrity standards. Academic misconduct compromises the integrity of the university. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and helping others commit these acts are examples of academic misconduct, which can result in disciplinary action. This includes but is not limited to failure on the assignment/course, disciplinary probation, or suspension. Substantial or repeated cases of misconduct will be forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards for additional review. For more information, refer to [studentconduct.wiscweb.wisc.edu/academic-integrity/](http://studentconduct.wiscweb.wisc.edu/academic-integrity/).

## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

**McBurney Disability Resource Center syllabus statement:** "The University of Wisconsin-Madison supports the right of all enrolled students to a full and equal educational opportunity. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Wisconsin State Statute (36.12), and UW-Madison policy (Faculty Document 1071) require that students with disabilities be reasonably accommodated in instruction and campus life. Reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities is a shared faculty and student responsibility. Students are expected to inform faculty [me] of their need for instructional accommodations by the end of the third week of the semester, or as soon as possible after a disability has been incurred or recognized. Faculty [I], will work either directly with the student [you] or in coordination with the McBurney Center to identify and provide reasonable instructional accommodations. Disability information, including instructional accommodations as part of a student's educational record, is confidential and protected under FERPA." <http://mcburney.wisc.edu/facstaffother/faculty/syllabus.php>

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

**Institutional statement on diversity:** "Diversity is a source of strength, creativity, and innovation for UW-Madison. We value the contributions of each person and respect the profound ways their identity, culture, background, experience, status, abilities, and opinion enrich the university community. We commit ourselves to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, outreach, and diversity as inextricably linked goals.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison fulfills its public mission by creating a welcoming and inclusive community for people from every background – people who as students, faculty, and staff serve Wisconsin and the world." <https://diversity.wisc.edu/>