

Cell Biology and Genetics
Biology 141 (INQ, WR)
Fall Semester 2017 Section 10A

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Lecture Hours: MWF; 10:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Room: OSB 115

Lab Hours: Thursday 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Room: OSB 325

Office Hours: By chance or by appointment. I'm usually here from 8:30-5. Just come by and see me or make an appointment during class or through email.

Required Texts: *Campbell Biology*, Reece, J.B., Urry, L.A., Cain, M.L., Wasserman, S.A., Minorsky, P.V., and Jackson, R.B. 11th edition, Pearson, 2017; *Practicing Biology*, Heitz, Jean and C. Griffen. Pearson, 2014.

Required Lab Text: SYMBOSIS: *Investigating Biology*, 9th ed. Morgan, J. G. and M. E. B. Carter. Pearson, 2017. A customized new edition published for BIO 141 is available ONLY in the bookstore. ***Used lab manuals are not permitted.***

Optional Writing Book: *A Student Handbook for Writing in Biology*, Karin Knisely, 2017, 5th edition, W.H. Freeman and Co. This is a great resource for writing, and is also on reserve in the library. ***Although it is not required, this is a writing intensive course and this book is strongly recommended.***

Optional Workbook: *Practicing Biology*, Heitz, Jean and C. Griffen. Pearson, 2017.

Canvas: Most assignments will be turned in as a hard copy and on Canvas, and most communication will be carried out through announcements on Canvas. Please check the website consistently.

Course Objectives: The purpose of this course is to give you a firm foundation in the underlying themes of biology.

- 1) You will study living organisms, cell structure and function, genetics, and evolution. You will first develop an understanding of the chemical molecules that make up the structure of a cell and how these molecules govern cell function.
- 2) You will study the fundamentals of cell function, including transport across cell membranes and energy transformation in living cells.
- 3) You will learn the basic mechanisms of cell reproduction, inheritance of biological traits, and processing of genetic information. You will also develop an understanding of gene transmission within populations and how genes are responsible for the evolution of populations.
- 4) You will use your knowledge of cellular mechanisms to understand the concepts of evolution and diversity in the biological world.
- 5) You will learn to **“think and act like a scientist”** through methods of scientific inquiry and the practice of deductive reasoning. Both lecture and laboratory are designed to accomplish these goals with the two components of the course integrated through study, laboratory exercises, group work, scientific writing, and individual disciplined study. Mastering these fundamental themes of biology will prepare you to further explore the more intricate and specialized areas of this field. *This course fulfills the Inquiry (INQ) and Continuing Writing Requirement (WR).*

Date	Topic	Assigned Reading
W, Aug 23	Science as a Way of Knowing	1
F 25	Major themes in Biology	1
M 28	Hierarchies: beginning with living chemistry and water	2,3
W 30	Building biological macromolecules: carbohydrates and lipids	4, 5
F, Sep 1	Proteins and nucleic acids	5
M 4	**Labor Day**	
W 6	Structure and function revealed in cells	6
F 8	Cell biology - Problems/Case Study	
M 11	Membrane structure and cellular transport	7
W 13	Transport problems	
Th 14	<i>Scientific Literature & Research (OSB115 - Required) 8:00 – 8:45am and 9:00 – 9:45am</i>	
F 15	Fundamentals of energy transformations: enzymes, ATP and electron carriers	8
M 18	Cellular respiration I - Glycolysis	9
T 19	EXAM I 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. (through membrane transport)	
W 20	Cellular respiration II - Transition and the Krebs Cycle	9
F 22	<i>Presentation of Scientific Data – bring your lab data and laptop to class</i>	
M 25	Cellular respiration III – Chemiosmosis and The Electron Transport System	9
W 27	Review and recapitulation: Accounting Day	
F 29	Homage to photosynthesis	10
M, Oct 2	Photosynthesis I: the light dependent reactions	10
W 4	<i>Development of Team Research Proposals – (Bring laptop to class)</i>	
F 6	Photosynthesis II: the light independent reactions and variations (C4 and CAM)	10
October 9 & 10	**FALL BREAK**	
W 11	Cell reproduction: cell cycle, mitosis	12
Th 12	EXAM II – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. (through photosynthesis)	
F 13	Sexual life cycles and meiosis	13
M 16	Chromosomal mutations	15 pp. 304-307
W 18	Mendelian principles; genes and chromosomes	14, 15 pp 292-295
F 20	Patterns of inheritance	14 pp. 276-288
M 23	Chromosomal theory and linkage	15
W 25	Genetics problems and review	14, 15
F 27	DNA structure	16
M 30	DNA replication	16
W, Nov 1	Gene to Protein I: transcription and the genetic code	17
F 3	Gene to Protein II: translation and genetic mutations	17
M 6	Molecular genetics workshop	
W 8	Charles Darwin and development of evolutionary concepts	22
Th 9	EXAM III - 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. (through genetics)	
F 10	Evidence for evolution	22, 25 pp 519-530

M	13	Genetic Variation, Population Genetics and Hardy-Weinberg	23
W	15	Microevolution: genetic drift, gene flow and mutation	23
Th	16	<i>Scientific Papers – “Ask THE EDITORS” 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. OSB 115</i>	
F	17	Selection and Speciation	23, 24 pp 500-513
M	20	Evolution of land plants <i>Research papers due in class</i>	29

November 22-24 **Thanksgiving Break

M	27	Bryophytes and seedless vascular plants	29
W	29	Seed plants: gymnosperms and angiosperms	30, 38 pp 821-829
F, Dec	1	Sexual Encounters of the Floral Kind	
M	4	Evolutionary trends in land plants & Big Themes Revisited	

***** FINAL EXAMINATION *****
Wednesday, December 13, 9am-12pm

BIO 141 Thursday 9:45am-12:45pm Laboratory Schedule

Fall 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lab Topic (#)</u>	<u>Writing Assignment</u> ¹
Aug. 31	Scientific Investigation	Materials and Methods; Title page
Sep. 7	Microscopes and Cells <i>Lab Meets on Friday this week only due to Labor Day</i>	Review table ²
14	Diffusion and Osmosis	Introduction; References
21	Enzymes	Table; Figure
22	<i>Respiration Proposal posted to Canvas by 2:30 p.m.</i>	
28	Cellular Respiration and Fermentation (Thur.) LAB EXAM (thru Enzymes) ³	Figure; Results; Discussion; References
Oct. 5	Mitosis and Research Teams: Proposal Development	Comparison Table ²
7	<i>Team Research Proposal submitted to Canvas on Friday by 2:30 p.m.</i>	
Oct. 12	*** FALL BREAK *** No Lab This Week	
19	Field Research: Ecology and Evolution on the Outcrops Thur.) LAB EXAM (Mitosis and Meiosis) ³	
26	Microbial Diversity (Bacteriology)	<i>Research papers due in class 11/20</i>
Nov. 2	Research Symposium <i>Technology Rehearsal - Upload and check your presentation first 15 mins of class!</i>	
9	Molecular Biology	Map ²
16	Plant Diversity I & II	
Nov. 23	*** THANKSGIVING BREAK *** No Lab This Week	
30	Bioinformatics: Molecular Phylogeny of Plants <i>Report completed in lab</i>	
30	(Thur.) LAB EXAM (Bacteriology, Molecular Biology and Plant Diversity I & II) ³	

¹Writing assignments are due one week later at the beginning of the lab period unless otherwise noted.

²These assignments are **not** turned in for a grade

³Lab exams are scheduled in several sessions on Thursday afternoon and evening. Sign up online by Aug. 31st.

Important Dates for Biology 141
(Includes lab and out of class sessions)

September:

- 7 Materials & Methods; Title page due in lab
- 14 *Scientific Literature Workshop, preliminary references due (required)*
- 19 Lecture Exam I**
- 21 Introduction; References due in lab
- 22 *Effective Data Presentation Workshop – bring your data and laptops to class*
- 22 Respiration/Fermentation proposal due on Canvas by 2:30 p.m.
- 28 Table; Figure due in lab
- 28 Lab Exam I**

October:

- 5 Figure; Results; Discussion; References due in lab
- 6 *Team Research Proposal submitted to Canvas by 2:30 p.m.*
- 12 Lecture Exam II**
- 19 Lab Exam II**
- 30 Research Symposium (*Technology Rehearsal (2:30 p.m.)*)

November:

- 9 Lecture Exam III**
- 16 *"Ask the Editors" session 5-6 p.m.*
- 20 Research paper due in class**
- 30 Molecular phylogeny report completed in lab
- 30 Lab Exam III**

December:

- 13 Final Exam 9am-12pm**

Expectations, Evaluation and Tips for Success in Biology 141

Welcome to Biology 141! Please read carefully and follow the information in this handout and any accompanying materials. You are responsible for understanding all of the information presented here, so please ask questions if needed. Please pay attention to any changes to the syllabus as some information may be subject to change during the semester.

Cell Biology and Genetics (141) is designed for students who **plan to major in biology or neuroscience and behavioral biology**, attend **professional school in a health related field**, or **have a strong background in biology** and have chosen biology to fulfill their distribution requirements. This may be one of the more difficult courses you will take, demanding that you learn detailed and complex information, organize this information around conceptual themes and apply your knowledge. This knowledge will be essential to your success in other biology courses, therefore it is crucial for you to succeed in this course. Many of you will be taking examinations to enter graduate or professional schools, and the knowledge you gain here will be required for your success.

Biology 141 is an intensive course and requires time. To perform well in this course, you must develop a proper plan for managing your time and your work, beginning from the first day of class. The following are some good study habits that will help you succeed in BIO 141:

- 🌿 **Keep up with assigned readings.** The readings listed for each lecture in the syllabus must be done **BEFORE** the lecture. Always come to class prepared; know the fundamentals. *Complete worksheets prior to coming to class.* These are often called, “What’s the Big Deal”
- 🌿 **Take good notes.** In lecture, I will explain the most significant concepts from your readings and present images and examples that may not be in your textbook. You are responsible for all of this information. Creating detailed and well-organized notes is critical for successful studying and learning in this course. Ask questions in class to help you connect the concepts. Since some classes use inquiry, case studies, or other activities, it is important to review the material covered in class, annotate your notes and add material from your text, including images. You will gain the greatest benefit, when you annotate and review your notes immediately after every lecture and before the next class.
- 🌿 **Connect the lecture notes to your readings.** For the test, you are responsible for information in the textbook as well as the lecture notes. Make sure that you are able to grasp the major concepts thoroughly and also include details. Use your notes, handouts, and the summary and review sections of your textbook, as well as images and diagrams from your text and [masteringbiology.com](https://www.masteringbiology.com). In addition, connect the concepts learned in lecture to the lab exercises.
- 🌿 **Review material on a regular basis.** Study the diagrams in your text and lecture handouts. Practice writing out pathways and linking the concepts. Use the blank figures handed out in class for your study. Attend your SI sessions on a regular basis. Studying for exams should begin at least a week in advance. Really, you are studying for the next exam –every day! Take advantage of my office hours to get individual assistance.
- 🌿 **Keep two things in mind.** One - learn terminology and most importantly, understand the relevance of that terminology to biological function. Second – this course is designed to make you think and not just to have you memorize facts. Memorizing facts is important to establish a basis for your knowledge but it is not sufficient. You must be able to use your knowledge to think logically and analytically. Many of the test questions will revolve around applying your knowledge. Therefore you should be confident of what you know and what it means.

🌿 **Be an active learner.** Develop study guides, comparison charts, and concept maps. Use the MasteringBiology (www.masteringbiology.com) web resources provided with your textbook. Complete assignments in *Practicing Biology*. Use the summary and review sections of your textbook to test your ability to apply your knowledge, take advantage of the practice exams and other resources at masteringbiology.com or use the study guide with these same materials at the library, make use of all of the handouts, and use each other to come up with practice questions. *Sketch and draw* structures, metabolic pathways, and life cycles. Drawing is another tool for learning! Attend Supplemental Instruction and organize your own active study group. Don't be lulled into thinking familiarity is the same as knowledge. The latter takes time and an organized plan of study.

🌿 **Lab is equally important!** The laboratory component of this course is intensive and requires time as well. Please read your lab manual BEFORE lab and pay attention to the details. Take good notes and make detailed observations. Answer all questions in the lab manual either during lab or immediately following lab. *Review the objectives and prepare a study guide for the lab materials and activities on a weekly basis*. Learn to manage your time well and prepare in advance for the lab writing assignments. Pay attention to information about lab exams. Make use of *open* lab time.

Supplemental Instruction. SI is provided for all students in BIO 141. I will explain this important program that provides assistance for all students who wish to improve their performance in biology. The BIO 141 SI leader is *Olivia Zhang* this semester.

Ways of Inquiry (INQ). Biology 141 is designated as a “Ways of Inquiry” or INQ course. In INQ courses, students “understand and question the way knowledge is sought by actively learning and practicing the discipline’s approaches to inquiry” (INQ Vision Statement). In Biology 141, you will have many opportunities to engage in biological inquiry by asking questions, designing experiments, reading and writing critically, and working independently to seek knowledge.

Absences. The policy on absences and being late to class is provided in a separate handout. Unexcused absences or a failure to follow the procedures outlined in that handout ***will result in a significant reduction in your grade***. Any questions about absences should be asked immediately. Any questions about absences should be asked immediately. It is your responsibility to be aware of the policy.

Cell Phones. The use of cell phones is not allowed in the classroom and the laboratory. Please turn off your phone before you come to class and leave your phone at the front during exams. ***Photography with cameras or phones is also prohibited in lab and lecture.***

Personal Computer. If you would like to take notes on your personal laptop in class you must seek special permission from the instructor. Use of laptops to surf the web, login to Facebook, Skype or other networking/chat programs during class is unprofessional and unacceptable.

Honor Code. All examinations and all work for credit in this course are subject to the regulations of the Honor Code. Your signature on your work attests to your upholding the Honor Code. Please read the information on **plagiarism** on the Library web page and always ask if you have any questions about assignments. Note that writing assignments will be submitted to **SafeAssign on Canvas**.

Office Hours. I *encourage* you to meet with me in person about any concerns or questions that may arise during the semester. I have not scheduled specific office hours as my schedule is unpredictable, but please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me or just drop by my office.

Canvas Site: Canvas will have announcements, handouts, information about Practicing Biology questions, and more! Your SI and TA will email you from Canvas. You will upload all writing assignments on Canvas in

addition to submitting a hard copy. The syllabus and other assignments for lecture and lab will be posted on Canvas.

Additional Sessions. We have one required session in this course for library and information technology. This session is a critical element of the writing program and preparation for scientific writing and research.

Exam Protocols. Do not come to any exam with notecards or paper in your pockets or on your person. All cell phones are to be turned off and either in your bag in the front of the room or on the instructor's bench. **You may NOT have phones on your person.** Do not write notes, study material, abbreviations, or material that can be construed to be these on your body. Check for such notations and remove before the exam time. *These are considered to be a breach of the Honor Code.*

Evaluation Criteria:

🍁 *Examinations* - There will be three lecture exams, each worth 100 points, including multiple choice, short answer and short essay questions. Exams will cover all material in lecture in addition to assigned textbook readings and other supplemental materials. Use the knowledge you gain in lab to help with understanding the lecture material. The final examination, worth 175 points, is comprehensive. Three laboratory exams, (1st and 3rd each worth 50 points & 2nd worth 35 points), will be given in this course. Each lab exam will cover the material from the lab exercises and include a practical and a written portion. *All exams are scheduled outside of scheduled class time (Tuesday and Thursday mornings). You will sign up for a lab exam time on sign up genius in advance to avoid conflicts (Thursday evenings). Check all exam times for conflicts immediately.*

🍁 *Scientific Writing and Laboratory Project* - You will write individual sections of a scientific paper for specific laboratory exercises. The lab also involves a group independent investigation as a research project. For this laboratory, you will prepare a group symposium presentation and write an individual complete scientific paper. Specific instructions will be provided in lab. This course meets the Continuing Writing Requirement (WR).

Evaluation Points: Students are evaluated on their performance in the classroom and the laboratory. The following is the distribution of points:

300 points	3 lecture exams (100 pts each)
135 points	3 laboratory exams (50, 35, 50 pts)
175 points	final examination (Comprehensive)
35 points	scientific writing (6 assignments)
75 points	lab project (Proposal, presentation and paper)
720 points	total

Final grade determination:

90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
<60	F

Plus and minus grades are given