

Biology 141 General Biology I
Syllabus
Fall Semester 2004

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Lecture Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:45 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. **Room:** Pierce 102

Lab Hours: Tuesday 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Room:** Pierce 125

Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday - 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

Students are encouraged to see Dr. Carter during class to make appointments for other times.

Required Text: *Biology*, N.A. Campbell, 2002, 6th edition, Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Co., Inc. Study Guide is available for sale in the bookstore and is on reserve in the library.

Required Lab Text: *Investigating Biology*, 4th ed. Morgan, Judith Giles and M. Eloise Brown Carter. Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Company, Inc. 2002. *Used lab manuals may not be used.* **Optional Lab Supplement:** Rust, T.G., *A Guide to Biology Lab*, Southwest Educational Ent.

		Chapters
Aug. 25	Science as a Way of Knowing	1
27	Major themes in Biology	1
30	Hierarchies: beginning with living chemistry and water	2,3
1	Building biological macromolecules: carbohydrates and lipids	4,5
3	Proteins and nucleic acids	4,5
6	LABOR DAY	
8	Structure and function revealed in cells	7
9	<i>Scientific Data Presentation – Pierce Hall Room 206; Discussion of Research Projects</i>	
10	Membrane structure and function	8
13	Cellular transport	8
15	Fundamentals of energy transformations: enzymes, ATP and electron carriers	6
16	EXAM I 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. (covers through membrane transport)	
17	Cellular respiration I - Glycolysis	9

	20	Cellular respiration II - Transition and the Krebs Cycle	9
	22	Cellular respiration III - Chemiosmosis and the Electron Transport System	9
	23	8:15 – 9:30 am <i>Scientific Literature and Research</i> <i>Meet in Pierce 206 (Required)</i>	
	24	Review and recapitulation: Accounting Day	
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	27	Homage to photosynthesis	10
	29	Photosynthesis I: the light dependent reactions	10
Oct.	1	Photosynthesis II: the light independent reactions and variations (C4 and CAM)	10
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	4	Cell reproduction: cell cycle, mitosis	12
	6	Sexual reproduction: meiosis	13
	8	Chromosomal mutations and gametogenesis	13, 14
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	11	FALL BREAK	
	13	Chromosomal mutations and gametogenesis	
	14 (Thurs.)	EXAM II – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. (through photosynthesis)	
	15	Mendelian inheritance	14
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	18	Understanding the basis of inheritance	14,15
	20	The buffet of genetic expression	14,15
	22	DNA structure and replication	16
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	25	Gene to Protein I: transcription and the genetic code	17
	27	Gene to Protein II: translation and genetic mutations	17
	29	Control of gene expression	19, pp. 362-365; 367-368
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Nov.	1	Review and recapitulation: Genetics	
	3	Charles Darwin and development of evolutionary concepts	22
	5	Evidence for evolution	22,25, pp. 484-494
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	8	The power of molecular evolution	25
	9 (Tues)	EXAM III - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. (through genetics)	
	10	Bryophytes and seedless vascular plants	29
	12	Sexual reproduction in seed plants	30,38, pp. 783-788, 789-793
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	15	Plant structure and function	35, pp. 720-738
	17	Transport in plants	36, pp. 752-764
	19	Botanical Review	
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	22	Ecology Case Study I: population and community dynamics	52, 53, pp. 1156-1171
	24-26	THANKSGIVING BREAK	
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	29	Ecology Case Study II	53, 1174 – 1184, 1186-1191
Dec.	1	Ecology III: Ecological concepts; carbon cycle	54
	3	Ecology IV: review & recapitulation	
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	6	The Big Themes Revisited	

***** FINAL EXAMINATION*** Thursday, Dec. 9th, 2004 - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

BIOLOGY 141
LABORATORY SCHEDULE
FALL 2004
Dr. Eloise Carter and Dr. Nitya Jacob

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lab Topic (#)</u>	<u>Writing Assignment</u>
Aug. 31, Sept. 1	Scientific Investigation (1)	Title page; Materials and Methods
7,8	Microscopes and Cells (3)	Review table; Library reserve+
14,15	Diffusion and Osmosis (4)	Results; Figure and Table
21,22	Enzymes (2)	Introduction; References Proposal for Respiration
28(Tues.)	LAB EXAM (1,3,4) (8:15 - 9:30 a.m.; 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.)	
28,29	Cellular Respiration (5, Ex. 5.2)	Discussion; References
Oct. 5,6	Mitosis and Meiosis (7)	Comparison Table +
12,13	FALL BREAK	
19,20	Research Project: Genetics; Power point workshop	
26(Tues.)	LAB EXAM (2, 5, 7) (8:15-9:30 a.m.; 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.)	
26,27	Molecular Biology (10)	TBA
Nov. 2,3	Research Symposium	Scientific Presentations
9,10	Plant Diversity I: Bryophytes and Seedless Vascular Plants (15)	Outline+
16,17	Plant Diversity II: Seed Plants (16)	Outline+ Research due in lab.
23,24	THANKSGIVING BREAK	
30, Dec. 1	Plant Anatomy (19)	Review Table+
Dec. 7(Tues.)	LAB EXAM (15, 16, 19) (8:15 - 9:30 a.m.; 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.)	

+These assignments are not turned in for a grade.

***Digital cameras and camera phones may not be used in lab!**

STUDENT'S GUIDE TO BIOLOGY 141




Welcome to Biology 141! The information in this handout and accompanying materials should be read and followed by all students in Introductory Biology. If you do not understand everything in this handout, you should ask for clarification.





Introductory Biology (141) is designed for students who **plan to major in 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 not only learn and apply complex information, but that you also organize this information within the major concepts of biology. This information will be essential to your success in other biology courses, where your competence in basic biology will be assumed. In addition many of you will be taking examinations to enter graduate or professional schools, and the knowledge you gain here will be required later.

Course Objectives. In Biology 141 students are introduced to basic concepts in biology following the hierarchy of life from basic biological molecules, to cell structure and function, fundamentals of genetics, evolution and organismal diversity (specifically plants). Students master detailed information within the broad themes of unity and diversity, structure and function, and evolution.

The laboratory component of the course emphasizes student use of scientific methods of inquiry, fundamental concepts and techniques in biology, and communicating scientific results through laboratory presentations and scientific writing. Students participate in an independent team research project: proposal, research, symposium and scientific paper.

Tips for Studying: Biology 141 is an intensive course and requires time. If you are an average reader, you should spend about 8 hours a week outside class working in BIO 141. To perform well in this course, you must be diligent about the following:

-  *Keep up with assigned readings.* The readings listed for each lecture in the syllabus must be done BEFORE the lecture. The best overall study **approach is to read assignments over quickly at first for an overview. Then read more carefully, jotting down questions or areas of confusion for later checking and review.**
-  *Take good notes.* In lecture, I will explain the most significant concepts from your readings. At times, I will present examples that may not be given in your textbook. You are responsible for all of this information.
-  *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 in detail.

-  *Study the diagrams in your text and lecture handouts.* Practice writing out pathways and link the concepts. It is helpful to **prepare your own tables and diagrams** as a study aid and review for much of the material in BIO 141.
-  *Memorize and think.* While studying, keep two things in mind: One is to **learn terminology** and most importantly, understand the relevance of that terminology to biological function. Second – it is crucial to remember that this course is designed to make you **think** and not just to have you memorize facts. 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, concept maps (see Study Guide). Use the CD Study Guide. Attend Supplemental Instruction and organize an active study group. **Don't be lulled into thinking familiarity is the same as knowledge.** The latter takes hard work!
-  *Be prepared for laboratory and invest time and effort in lab each week.* Read the lab and review terminology and diagrams before lab each week. During lab complete all components of the lab. After lab review the objectives, answer all questions and prepare a study guide for the lab materials.

Supplemental Instruction. is provided for all students in BIO 141. The instructor will explain this important program that provides assistance for all students who wish to improve their performance in biology.

Examinations. The lecture exams will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer and short essay questions. Exams will cover all material covered in lecture in addition to assigned readings in the text. The final examination is comprehensive. Students should feel free to ask for clarification about any question during the exams.

Scientific Writing and Laboratory Project. Students will write one section of a scientific paper for four laboratory exercises. Students will propose and implement an independent investigation as a research project. For this laboratory, they will prepare a symposium presentation and write a complete scientific paper. Specific instructions will be provided in lab.

Honor Code. All examinations and work for credit in this course come under the regulations of the Honor Code. Your signature on your work attests to your upholding the Honor Code.

Absences. The policy on absences is provided in a separate handout. Unexcused absences or a failure to follow the procedures outlined in that handout will result in a reduction in your grade. Any questions about absences should be asked immediately.
Cell Phones. Cell phones must be turned off in class and laboratory. Cell phones are not permitted during examinations.

Evaluation. Students are evaluated on their performance in the classroom and laboratory. The assignment of points will be:

300 points	3 lecture exams
150 points	3 laboratory exams
175 points	final examination
30 points	scientific writing
60 points	lab project

715 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.

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