



TENTATIVE—SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BIOL 1111: Biology I COURSE SYLLABUS Lecture Monday, Tuesday Spring Semester 2021

COURSE INFORMATION

Credit Hours/Minutes: 3/2250

Class Location: Vidalia high School (VHS) Room 428

Class Meets: MT 11:24am – 12:54pm

CRN: 40195

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tutoring Hours: Students must **email** to make an appointment

REQUIRED TEXT

1. OpenStax Concepts of Biology – online access through Blackboard course
2. Laboratory Manual to accompany Biology, Mader, 12th edition, McGraw Hill – spiral bound, must pick up from STC book room

REQUIRED SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE

Ink pens, highlighters, and any other supplies deemed necessary by the instructor

Note: Although students can use their smart phones and tablets to access their online course(s), exams, discussions, assignments, and other graded activities should be performed on a personal computer. Neither Blackboard nor Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC) provide technical support for issues relating to the use of a smart phone or tablet so students are advised to not rely on these devices to take an online course.

Students should not share login credentials with others and should change passwords periodically to maintain security.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Provides an introduction to basic biological concepts with a focus on living cells. Topics include chemical principles related to cells, cell structure and function, energy and metabolism, cell division, protein synthesis, genetics, and biotechnology.

MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES

1. Organization and Chemical Basis of Life
2. Cell Structure and Function
3. Metabolism
4. Cell Division
5. Protein Synthesis
6. Central Dogma of Biology
7. Genetics
8. Biotechnology
9. Evolutionary concepts

PREREQUISITE(S)

Regular Admission

Co-requisites: All Required

BIOL 1111L

COURSE OUTLINE

CHAPTER 1:

1. List the characteristics of life.
3. Distinguish between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells.
4. List the six kingdoms of life and distinguish among them.
5. Outline the scientific method.

CHAPTER 2:

1. Define element.
2. State four elements essential to life that make up 96% of living matter.
3. Describe the structure of an atom.
4. Define and distinguish among atomic number, mass number, atomic weight, and valence.
5. Given the atomic number and mass number of an atom, determine the number of neutrons.
6. Define electronegativity and explain how it influences the formation of chemical bonds.
7. Distinguish among nonpolar covalent, polar covalent and ionic bonds.
8. Describe the formation of a hydrogen bond and explain how it differs from a covalent or ionic bond.
9. Explain why weak bonds are important to living organisms.
10. Explain the relationship between the polar nature of water and its ability to form hydrogen bonds.
11. Describe the biological significance of the cohesiveness of water.
12. Explain the basis for the pH scale.
13. Explain how acids and bases directly or indirectly affect the hydrogen ion concentration of a solution.

CHAPTER 3:

1. Recognize the major functional groups, and describe the chemical properties of organic molecules in which they occur.
1. List the four major classes of biomolecules.
2. Describe how covalent linkages are formed and broken in organic polymers.
3. Describe the unique properties, building block molecules and biological importance of the three important of lipids: fats, phospholipids and steroids.
4. Distinguish between a saturated and unsaturated fat, and list some unique emergent properties that are a consequence of these structural differences.
5. Describe the characteristics that distinguish proteins from the other major classes of macromolecules, and explain the biologically important functions of this group.

6. Identify a peptide bond and explain how it is formed.
7. Explain what determines protein conformation and why it is important.
8. Define denaturation and explain how proteins may be denatured.
9. Summarize the functions of nucleic acids.
10. List the major components of a nucleotide, and describe how these monomers are linked together to form a nucleic acid.
11. Briefly describe the three-dimensional structure of DNA.

CHAPTER 4:

1. Describe the anatomy of Prokaryotes.
2. Describe the structure and function of the Eukaryotic nucleus, and briefly explain how the nucleus controls protein synthesis in the cytoplasm.
3. Describe the structure and function of a eukaryotic ribosome.
4. List the components of the *endomembrane system*, describe their structures and functions and summarize the relationships among them.
5. Explain how impaired lysosomal function causes the symptoms of storage diseases.
6. Describe the types of vacuoles and explain how their functions differ.
7. Describe the structure of a *mitochondrion* and explain the importance of compartmentalization in mitochondrial function.

CHAPTER 5:

1. Describe the function of the plasma membrane.
2. Describe the fluid properties of the cell membrane and explain how membrane fluidity is influenced by membrane composition.
3. Explain how hydrophobic interactions determine membrane structure and function.
4. Define diffusion; explain what causes it and why it is a spontaneous process.
5. Define osmosis and predict the direction of water movement based upon differences in solute concentration.
6. Explain how active transport differs from diffusion.

CHAPTER 6:

1. Distinguish between exergonic and endergonic reactions.
2. Describe the function of ATP in the cell.
3. Explain how ATP performs cellular work.
4. Describe the function of enzymes in biological systems.
5. Explain the relationship between enzyme structure and enzyme specificity.
6. Explain the *induced fit* model of enzyme function and describe the catalytic cycle of an enzyme.
7. Explain how substrate concentration affects rate of an enzyme-controlled reaction.
8. Explain how enzyme activity can be regulated or controlled by environmental conditions, cofactors, enzyme inhibitors and allosteric regulators

CHAPTER 7:

1. Distinguish between photosynthetic autotrophs and chemosynthetic autotrophs.
2. Describe the location and structure of the chloroplast.
3. Write a summary equation for photosynthesis.
4. Explain what happens when chlorophyll II or accessory pigments absorb photons.
5. List the components of a photosystem and explain their function.
6. Trace electron flow through photosystems II and I
7. Compare cyclic and noncyclic electron flow and explain the relationship between these components of the light reactions.
8. Describe the role of ATP and NADPH in the Calvin cycle.

CHAPTER 8:

1. Describe the overall summary equation for cellular respiration.
2. Distinguish between substrate-level phosphorylation and oxidative phosphorylation.
3. Define oxidation and reduction.
4. Describe the structure of coenzymes and explain how they function in redox reactions.
5. Describe the role of ATP in coupled reactions.
6. Write a summary equation for glycolysis and describe where it occurs in the cell.
7. Describe where pyruvate is oxidized to acetyl CoA, what molecules are produced and how it links glycolysis to the Krebs cycle.
8. Describe the location, molecules in and molecules out for the Krebs cycle.
9. Describe the process of chemiosmosis.
10. Explain how membrane structure is related to membrane function in chemiosmosis.
11. Describe the fate of pyruvate in the absence of oxygen.
12. Explain why fermentation is necessary.
13. Distinguish between aerobic and anaerobic metabolism.
14. Explain how ATP production is controlled by the cell and what role the allosteric enzyme, phosphofructokinase, plays in this process.

CHAPTER 9:

1. Describe the structural organization of the genome.
2. Overview the major events of cell division that enable the genome of one cell to be passed on to two daughter cells.
3. List the phases of the cell cycle and describe the sequence of events that occurs during each phase.
4. List the phases of mitosis and describe the events characteristic of each phase.
5. Recognize the phases of mitosis from diagrams or micrographs.
6. Compare cytokinesis in animals and plants.
7. Describe the roles of checkpoints, cyclin, Cdk, and MPF, in the cell-cycle control system.
8. Describe the internal and external factors which influence the cell-cycle control system.
9. Explain how abnormal cell division of cancerous cells differs from normal cell division.

CHAPTER 10:

1. Distinguish between asexual and sexual reproduction.
2. Diagram the human life cycle and indicate where in the human body that mitosis and meiosis occur; which cells are the result of meiosis and mitosis; and which cells are haploid.
3. List the phases of meiosis I and meiosis II and describe the events characteristic of each phase.
4. Recognize the phases of meiosis from diagrams or micrographs.
5. Describe the process of synapsis during prophase I, and explain how genetic recombination occurs.
6. Describe key differences between mitosis and meiosis; explain how the result of meiosis differs from that of mitosis.
7. List the sources of genetic variation.

CHAPTER 11:

1. List several features of Mendel's methods that contributed to his success.
2. State, in their own words, Mendel's law of segregation.
3. Use a Punnett square to predict the results of a monohybrid cross and state the phenotypic and genotypic ratios of the F₂ generation.
4. Distinguish between genotype and phenotype; heterozygous and homozygous; dominant and recessive.
5. Explain how a testcross can be used to determine if a dominant phenotype is homozygous or heterozygous.
6. Use a Punnett square to predict the results of a dihybrid cross and state the phenotypic and genotypic ratios of the F₂ generation.

7. Explain how the phenotypic expression of the heterozygote is affected by complete dominance, incomplete dominance and codominance.
8. Describe the inheritance of the ABO blood system and explain why the I^A and I^B alleles are said to be *codominant*.
9. Define and give examples of pleiotropy.
10. Give a simple family pedigree, deduce the genotypes for some of the family members.
11. Describe the inheritance and expression of cystic fibrosis, Tay-Sachs disease, and sickle-cell disease.
12. Explain how a lethal recessive gene can be maintained in a population.

CHAPTER 12:

1. List the three components of a nucleotide.
2. Distinguish between deoxyribose and ribose.
3. List the nitrogen bases found in DNA and distinguish between pyrimidine and purine.
4. Explain the "base-pairing rule" and describe its significance.
5. Describe the structure of DNA and explain what kind of chemical bond connects the nucleotides of each strand and what type of bond holds the two strands together.
6. Explain, in their own words, semiconservative replication and describe the Meselson-Stahl experiment.
7. Describe the process of DNA replication and explain the role of helicase, single strand binding protein, DNA polymerase, ligase and primase.
8. Explain the Central Dogma (transcription, translation, protein modification)

CHAPTER 13:

1. Explain Prokaryotic gene regulation and use the example of the *Lac* operon
2. List the four ways Eukaryotic gene regulation occurs
3. Explain how a gene mutation occurs

CHAPTER: 14

1. Explain the two methods of DNA cloning
2. List the benefits of biotechnology
3. Explain gene therapy and genomics

CHAPTER 15-18:

1. Write the general Hardy-Weinberg equation and use it to calculate allele and genotype frequencies
2. List the conditions a population must meet in order to maintain Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium
3. Explain how genetic drift, mutation, nonrandom mating and natural selection can cause micro evolution
4. Distinguish between the bottleneck effect and the founder effect
5. Distinguish between prezygotic and postzygotic isolating mechanisms
6. Explain how an atheistic world view can impact how data can be interpreted.
7. Define sympatric speciation and explain how polyploidy can cause reproductive isolation
9. Explain the difference between microevolution and macroevolution
10. Compare and contrast various models of creation
11. Explain the importance of the fossil record to the study of evolution

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES

STC (Southeastern Technical College) has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to be successful in this class, students should study a minimum of 2 hours per credit hour each week (minimum of 8 hours). Before arriving for class, students should read assigned chapters taking special note of bold-faced vocabulary terms and any study questions within the chapter. While not required, printing the lecture PowerPoints is advised. Failure to comply with these suggestion will make it impossible to understand and follow the lecture material and will result in a student being unsuccessful in this course.

Students are responsible for the policies and procedures in the STC Student Handbook. Additionally, during exams, students are to place all notebooks, bags, and other belongings on the floor or on the counters located in the back and sides of the classroom. Also during examinations students are to be seated with one empty chair between each student. No talking is permitted once the exams are handed out. **Students found with their cellphone or any other personal communication device (including smart watches) will be considered cheating and given a zero for the exam. This includes taking out a phone or similar device after the student has completed the exam but while others in the classroom are still testing.**

Students are expected to exhibit professional behavior at all times. Each student is to show respect and concern for fellow students and for the instructor. Insubordination will not be tolerated, and disciplinary measures will be enacted.

Per STC policy no cell phones are allowed in hallways or in classrooms. If your phone must be with you it must be turned off and in a bag. In cases of emergency when a student needs his or her phone, he or she is expected to 1) notify the instructor before class begins and 2) leave the phone on silent (NO VIBRATE) while they are in the class (this excludes examination guidelines for phones). No personal calls are to be taken during class, regardless of the situation. This should be handled before or after class.

No eating or drinking is permitted in the lab or lecture classroom. Water is allowed if it is in a spill-proof container and must be kept under the desk or on the sides of the classroom.

COVID-19 MASK REQUIREMENT

Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times while on the campus of Southeastern Technical College. Your participation in this course, while physically on the VHS campus, falls under this mandate. This measure is being implemented to reduce COVID-19 related health risks for everyone engaged in the educational process. Masks or face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A student's refusal to wear a mask or face covering will be considered a classroom disruption and the student may be asked to leave campus and/or receive further discipline.

COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

We encourage individuals to monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming on campus.

If you have experienced the symptoms listed below or have a body temperature 100.4°F or higher, we encourage you to self-quarantine at home and contact a primary care physician's office, local urgent care facility, or health department for further direction. Please notify your instructor(s) by email and do not come on campus for any reason.

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
Fever or felt feverish
Cough: new or worsening, not attributed to another health condition

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
Shortness of breath, not attributed to another health condition
New loss of taste or smell
Chills; Repeated shaking with chills
Sore throat, not attributed to another health condition
Muscle pain, not attributed to another health condition or exercise
Headache, not attributed to another health condition
Diarrhea (unless due to known cause)
In the past 14 days, if you:
Have had close contact with or are caring for an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 at home (not in healthcare setting), please do not come on campus and contact your instructor (s).

COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Students, who test positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, are required to self-report using the [COVID 19 Health Reporting Form](#). Report all positive cases of COVID-19 to your instructor and [Stephannie Waters](#), Exposure Control Coordinator, swaters@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3195.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Class attendance is a very important aspect of a student's success. Being absent from class prevents students from receiving the full benefit of a course and also interrupts the learning process. Southeastern Technical College considers both tardiness and leaving early as types of absenteeism. Responsibility for class attendance rests with the student. Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled classes is required for student success. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the individual course syllabus.

Instructors have the right to give unannounced quizzes/assignments. Students who miss an unannounced quiz or assignment will receive a grade of 0. Students who stop attending class, but do not formally withdraw, may receive a grade of "F" (Failing 0-59) and face financial aid repercussions in upcoming semesters.

Instructors are responsible for determining whether missed work may be made up and the content and dates for makeup work is at the discretion of the instructor.

Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep sign in sheets and records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an "F" in a course.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact the appropriate campus coordinator to request services.

Swainsboro Campus: [Macy Gay](#), (mgay@southeasterntech.edu), 478-289-2274, Building 1, Room 1208

Vidalia Campus: [Helen Thomas](#), (hthomas@southeasterntech.edu), 912-538-3126, Building A, Room 108

SPECIFIC ABSENCES

Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

PREGNANCY

Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please make arrangements with the appropriate campus coordinator.

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It is strongly encouraged that requests for consideration be made **PRIOR** to delivery and early enough in the pregnancy to ensure that all the required documentation is secured before the absence occurs. Requests made after delivery **MAY NOT** be accommodated. The coordinator will contact your instructor to discuss accommodations when all required documentation has been received. The instructor will then discuss a plan with you to make up missed assignments.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" (Withdrawn) is assigned for the course(s) when the student completes the withdrawal form.

Important – Student-initiated withdrawals are not allowed after the 65% point. After the 65% point of the term in which the student is enrolled, the student has earned the right to a letter grade and will receive a grade for the course. Please note: Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of "F" (Failing 0-59) being assigned.

Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course, does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must also speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. A grade of "W" will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

Remember - Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND MAKEUP GUIDELINES

Students will be asked to bring a composition book to record notes and keep track of group work.

Chapter Review Exercises, Chapter Quizzes, and Chapter Discussion Boards will be assigned each week in Blackboard.

Lecture Exams: These exams will be taken in-seat. Lecture exams can only be made up with a documented, verifiable, excuse that is given to the instructor. If an excuse is not provided, a grade of zero will be assigned. Provisions for online examinations (through Blackboard) will be made for COVID related absences *only*. Otherwise, if students know they will miss a certain class day ahead of time for something *not* excused, they

may request an appointment in the guidance center to take the exam *early*. Lecture exams account for 50% of the overall course grade.

Lecture Final: A comprehensive final will be given at the end of the semester. It will be a reflection of all reviews, discussions, and Lecture Exams through the term. This assignment has a definite due date and cannot be taken late. The final will account for 30% of the final course grade.

Chapter Review Exercises: While these assignments have a designated due date (in lesson plan and outlined on Blackboard) students may submit these late for partial credit. Assignments submitted after the due date will incur a 10% deduction per day late. Students have three attempts. The highest score earned is the score that is recorded in the grade book.

Chapter Discussion Boards: Discussion Boards for each chapter are opened for the week(s) students are working on that chapter. Discussion boards cannot be submitted late. After they close, they are closed. Chapter Discussions together with Chapter Review Exercises account for 10% of the overall lecture grade.

Group Project Presentation: Students will work in small groups and give an educational presentation on a topic related to the chapters covered in this course. A list of topics, guidelines for arrangement, content, requirements, and a rubric can be found on the M-Drive. Presentations should be 15-20 minutes long. Points will be deducted for going under or over the time limits. Students are required some type of visual aid. Informative videos or other media may be used if it will enhance the presentation. These video clips or other media are not to exceed 7 minutes of the presentation.

Group members should have equal participation in the completion of this project. A team rating scale will be provided for students to “grade” each other on the work they have done concerning their project. Additionally, students are encouraged to report team member failure to comply with scheduled meetings, discussions, emails, group texts, etc. Failure to correspond and communicate with group members will result in very different project grades.

The week of the presentations (see course schedule), all presentations are to be submitted to the instructor, saved on the classroom computer’s desktop from a jump drive, or downloaded from the web prior to the day of the presentations. Thus, no procrastination will be accepted.

The Group Project Presentation accounts for 10% of the final lecture grade.

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

OPTIONAL: While not required, it is tremendously beneficial for students to also complete Key Terms activities.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

The STC Academic Dishonesty Policy states All forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the STC Catalog and Student Handbook.

PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

1. First Offense

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in

course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

2. Second Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

3. Third Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, federally financed programs, educational programs and activities involving admissions, scholarships and loans, student life, and athletics. It also applies to the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.

All work and campus environments shall be free from unlawful forms of discrimination, harassment and retaliation as outlined under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, Executive Order 11246, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Equal Pay Act, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the Georgia Fair Employment Act of 1978, as amended, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and other related mandates under TCSG Policy, federal or state statutes. The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

ADA/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) - OCR Compliance Officer	Title VI - Title IX (Employees) - EEOC Officer
Helen Thomas, Special Needs Specialist Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 165 Phone: 912-538-3126 hthomas@southeasterntech.edu	Blythe Wilcox, Director of Human Resources Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 138B Phone: 912-538-3147 bwilcox@southeasterntech.edu

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on STC's website.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the [STC website](#).

TCSG GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT

The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.

GRADING POLICY

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Lecture Exams	50%
Discussions, Review Exercises	10%
Group Presentation	10%
Comprehensive Final	30%

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

Instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus and/or lesson plan as necessary. The official copy of the syllabus is located on the STC M Drive and will be discussed on the first day of class. The syllabus displayed in advance of the semester in any location is for planning purposes only.

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Spring Semester 2021 Lesson Plan

Subject to change at instructor's discretion

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
01/11	Intro to Course, Syllabus, Outline, Regulation, etc. 1: Introduction to Biology	Students must read chapters before coming to lecture each week.	C: 1-9 G: a-c
01/12	1: Introduction to Biology	Assignments due 01/18, 11:59pm: Ch 1 Review Ch 1 Discussion	C: 1 G: a-c
01/18	MLK Holiday	No class	
01/19	2: Chemistry of Life	Assignments due 01/24, 11:59pm: Ch 2 Review Ch 2 Discussion	C: 1-2 G: a-c
01/25	3: Cell Structure and Function		
01/26	3: Cell Structure and Function	Assignments due 01/31, 11:59pm: Ch 3 Review Ch 3 Discussion	C: 1-3 G: a-c
02/01	4: How Cells Obtain Energy		
02/02	4: How Cells Obtain Energy	Assignments due 02/07, 11:59pm: Ch 4 Review Ch 4 Discussion	C: 1-2 G: a-c
02/08	Lecture Exam 1	Chapters 1-4	C: 1-3 G: a-c
02/09	5: Photosynthesis	Assignments due 02/14, 11:59pm: Ch 5 Review Ch 5 Discussion	C: 1-3 G: a-c
02/15	President's Day Holiday	No class	
02/16	6: Reproduction at the Cellular Level	Assignments due 02/21, 11:59pm: Ch 6 Review Ch 6 Discussion	C: 1-3 G: a-c
02/22	7: The Cellular Basis of Inheritance		C: 1-3, 7 G: a-c
02/23	7: The Cellular Basis of Inheritance	Assignments due 02/28, 11:59pm: Ch 7 Review Ch 7 Discussion	C: 7 G: a-c
03/01	8: Patterns of Inheritance		C: 6-7 G: a-c
03/02	8: Patterns of Inheritance	Assignments due 03/07, 11:59pm: Ch 8 Review Ch 8 Discussion	
03/08	Lecture Exam 2	Chapters 5-8	
03/09	9: Molecular Biology	Assignments due 03/14, 11:59pm: Ch 9 Review Ch 9 Discussion	C: 5-7 G: a-c

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
03/15	10: Biotechnology		C: 7-8 G: a-c
03/16	Finish lecture Films	Assignments due 03/21, 11:59pm: Ch 10 Review Ch 10 Discussion	C: 9 G: a, c
03/22	11: Evolution and its Processes Alternatives to the Theory of Evolution		C: 9 G: a, c
03/23	12: Diversity of Life	Assignments due 03/28, 11:59pm: Ch 11 Review Ch 11 Discussion Ch 12 Review Ch 12 Discussion	C: 9 G: a-c
03/29	Lecture Exam 4	Ch 9-12	C: 1-9 G: a-c
03/30	Group Assignment	Bring Laptops (notify instructor for need of Chromebook 3/29)	
04/05-04/08	Spring Break	No classes	C: 9 G: a-c
04/12	Presentations		
04/13	Presentations Late assignment submission	Last day to submit any outstanding assignment for partial credit.	C: 1-9 G: a-c
04/19	Lecture Final Exam	Comprehensive Final Exam	C: 1-9 G: a-c
04/20	No formal class	Can come to review Lecture Final exam grade	

Competency Areas (C)

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General Core Educational Competencies (G)

- a) The ability to utilize standard written English.
- b) The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
- c) The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

Group Project Presentation Evaluation

PRESENTATION TOPIC:

GROUP MEMBERS:

GROUP PROJECT PRESENTATION RUBRIC

Students must adhere to rubric to outline presentation

Section/Points Possible	Criteria	Comments	Points Earned
Content 25 points possible	Did the presentation contain valuable, informative material that was beneficial for the class?		
Collaboration 25 points possible	Did everyone contribute to the presentation? Did everyone seem well-versed in their portion of the material? Was it clear that everyone had contributed something to the project?		
Organization 25 points possible	Was the presentation well organized and easy to follow?		
Presentation 25 points possible	Did the presentation follow directions and adhere to the topic assigned? Did the presentation meet the time limits? Did presenters speak clearly? Did they engage the audience? Was it obvious the group had devoted time to rehearse the presentation?		