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Lecture: Online and Asynchronous

Lab: Tuesday & Thursday 12:00-2:50; LFS 11.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Title: Biology 11B – Biology for Science Majors II

Prerequisite: BIOL 11A

Catalog Description: This course is the second course of a two-semester sequence of general biology for science majors. Students will study the origins of life, the evolutionary history of biodiversity, plant form and function, animal form and function, and ecology. This course is intended for science majors and pre-medical, pre-veterinarian, pre-dental, pre-optometry, and pre-pharmacy majors. PREREQUISITES: Biology 11A and Mathematics 103 or equivalent. ADVISORIES: English 1A or 1AH.

## Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- compare and contrast the structural and functional systems of living organisms.
- evaluate how ecological and evolutionary principles, pressures and constraints influence the adaptations of organisms.
- apply the principles of taxonomy, phylogenetics and evolution to the classification of prokaryotic, "protist", plant, fungi, and animal groups.
- connect the influences of abiotic and biotic factors on the distribution and abundance of organisms, populations, communities and biomes.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS:

### Required Texts:

Biology by Raven et al., 13th Edition, with access to the Learnsmart component of the textbook.

Biology: Laboratory Manual by Vodopich & Moore, 13th.

### Required Equipment and Materials:

Active Smartbook code.

Scantron form 886 E.

## COURSEWORK AND EXAMS

Reading assignments: You are responsible for learning the material in the assigned readings regardless if it

was discussed in lecture. If you have any problems understanding reading material, I encourage you to seek my assistance. It is encouraged that you read the material to be discussed for the day before the class meeting. Doing this will not only make you a more active participant in the entire learning process, it will greatly increase what you get out of the class.

Smartbook assignments (5 pts. each): Each student will be required to purchase an active access code for the Smartbook component of the textbook. I will assign a Smartbook assignment for each chapter we cover in the class. You will have one week to complete each assignment.

Semester Project (100 pts.): A semester research project will be required. More on this later.

Field Trips: Field trips may be required. One field trip may be required during the course. I am aware that you may have classes on the trip date so I will let you know some time in advance so that you may make the appropriate arrangements. Information and concepts discussed during these meetings are fair game on quizzes and exams. If a field trip cannot be made, prior notification is required and you will be responsible for making up the activity on your own.

Lecture/lab Exams: There will be 4 major exams worth 100 points each. Additionally, there will be one cumulative final exam worth 200 points. Exams will be multiple choice, short answer and essay. Exams will include information from lecture, Learnsmart, lab and your reading assignments. Additionally, lab exam material may include photographic slides or be of the practical type where questions and specimens are at various stations throughout the room. The lab portion of the exam will only be available during the scheduled exam time. Because of this fact, students are encouraged not to miss class exam days.

Labs (10 pts each): Laboratory work is a crucial component of this course. Do not treat laboratory material as separate material from the lecture component of the course. I have constructed this class so that the materials in these two components complement each other. Various points will be assigned for lab work. Always bring lecture notes, textbook and lab notebook to laboratory sessions.

Extra Credit: Up to 25 extra credit points will be assigned throughout the semester. If you have over four absences within the semester you will not be eligible for these points.

Class Disturbances: Disruptive behavior will result in removal of the student for up to 2 class meetings. Further disruptions will be handled by the college. Cell phones are not allowed to be on in the classroom during exams.

ATTENDANCE: You are expected to be on time for each laboratory and lecture session. Tardiness may be construed as an absence from the class. Be aware that 3 tardies = 1 absence. If you are late, it is your responsibility to see the instructor after class. This is very important because if you miss more hours than this class meets in two weeks you will be dropped unless your instructor has been informed of the extenuating circumstances causing your absences. Any missed lab counts for three hours absence. Attendance in this class is closely monitored due to safety issues. It is your responsibility to keep track of your absences/tardies.

GRADING: 90 – 100% =A, 80 – 89% =B, 70 – 79% =C, 60 – 69% =D, 59% and Below =F

At any point you can check your grades on our Canvas class site under gradebook. You are encouraged to check this site regularly and keep track of your own grades! Additionally, all handouts and class notes for our class will be available on this site.

Assignments	Points
Labs (28 @10).....	280
Smartbook (28 @ 5).....	140
Exams (4 @ 100).....	400

Final Exam (1 @ 200).....	200
Project (1 @ 100).....	100
Total Points	1120

Policy for missed exams. The lab practical portion of an exam cannot be made up due to the equipment, time, space availability, and the preparation needed to do so. You will not be able to earn these points if you need to make up an exam. It is highly recommended that you call before an absence! You have one week to make-up any missed lecture exam. After one week any missed grade may not be made up unless prior written arrangements have been made to ensure quality work and fairness to the instructor and the other students. Exams taken late will be docked 10% unless a medical excuse is provided.

Policy for missed labs: If a lab is missed you will not be allowed to make it up. Attending the lab is mandatory. No points will be given for lab work if you were not present during the lab meeting.

Other information:

Drops: You have until the 9th week of school to drop. If you elect to do so, be sure to drop yourself. Do not assume you have been automatically dropped. This is very important, as after the 9th week a grade must be given, by state law, whether you attend class or not.

Adds: If you are given an add slip, be sure to turn it into Student Services within two days of receipt. After this date, you will not be allowed to add the class with that add slip.

Academic Dishonesty :

Students at Reedley College are entitled to the best education that the college can make available to them, and they, their instructors, and their fellow students share the responsibility to ensure this education is honestly attained. Because cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the integrity of the college, each student is expected to exert an entire honest effort in all academic endeavors. Academic dishonesty in any form is a very serious offense and will incur serious consequences. See college catalog for details.

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or material in alternate media (i.e. Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

Help: If you should have difficulty grasping the material presented during the course be sure to see your instructor at the first sign of trouble. Often, a few minutes can clear up many problems! If you are having trouble studying, perhaps you need a few study hints or a tutor at the Tutorial Center. Please come in for help!

Always keep in mind that this is a five-unit course. As a general rule, each hour of lecture requires two hours of additional study outside of the classroom each week. Each hour of lab requires one hour of study time, outside the laboratory each week. This equals twelve hours of study each week in order to pass this class. Do your planning accordingly.

Success comes before work only in the dictionary. Overall, I hope you have a fun semester and learn Biology along the way. Good Luck.

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The Diversity of Life

Viruses

Ch.25

Ch.26

T: Lab Safety & Microscopes

TH: Bacteria

2

Prokaryotes

Protists

Ch.27

Ch.28

T: Algae

TH: Protozoa & Slime Molds

3

Non-Vascular Plants

Vascular Seedless Plants

Ch.29

Ch.30

T: Non-vascular Plants

TH: Seedless Vascular Plants

4

Vascular Seed Plants

Ch.30

T: Gymnosperms

TH: Angiosperms

UNIT 2

5

Fungi

Ch.31

T: Fungi

TH: Exam #1 (Bacteria-Plants)

6

Animal Diversity

Protostomes

Ch.32

Ch.33

T: Porifera & Cnidaria

TH: Platyhelminthes & Nematoda

7

Deuterostomes

Ch.34

T: Mollusca & Annelida

TH: Arthropoda

UNIT 3

8

Plant Form

Transportation in Plants

Ch.35

Ch.36

T: Echinoderm & Chordates

TH: Plant Anatomy

9

Sensory Systems in Plants (Last day to drop with W)

Ch.39

T: Exam #2 (Animals & Fungi)

TH: Plant Physiology

10

Plant Reproduction

UNIT 4

Animal Body

Ch.40

Ch.41

T: Plant Physiology 2 (online)

TH: Animal Tissues

11

Nervous System

Ch.42

T: Sensory System

TH: Exam #3 (Plant Anatomy & Physiology)

12

Musculoskeletal System

Ch.45

T: Muscle System

TH: Skeletal System

13

Respiratory System

Circulatory System

Ch.47

Ch.48

T: Respiratory System

TH: Circulatory System

14

Digestive System

Ch.46

T: Digestion Lab

TH: Virtual Dissection

UNIT 5

15

Ecology of Individuals & Populations

Ch.54

T: Exam #4 (Animal Anatomy & Physiology)

TH: Monterey Bay Aquarium

16

Community Ecology

Ecosystems

Ch.55

Ch.56

T: Demography Lab



TH: Ecosystem Lab

17

The Biosphere

Conservation Biology

Ch.57

Ch.58

T: Carbon Lab

TH: River Lab

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Final Exam (Cumulative)

Thursday May 18th noon