

GENERAL BIOLOGY (BIOL 1305)
Course Syllabus, spring 2022
CRN: (22715)
MW: 9:00-10:20 am
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TEXTBOOK– *Life – The Science of Biology* (8th, 9th or 10th ed, Volume I), Purves, Sadava, Hillis, Heller, Berenbaum.
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First day of classes	Tuesday, January 18th
Census Day:	Feb 2 nd
Spring break	March 14-18
Course Drop Deadline:	April 1 st
Last day of classes	May 5th
Final Exam:	Wednesday, May 11th, 10 am – 12:45 pm

All grades of Incomplete must be accompanied by an Incomplete Contract that has been signed by the instructor of record, student, departmental chair, and the dean. Although UTEP will allow a maximum of one year to complete this contract, the College of Science requests it be limited to month based upon completion data. A grade of Incomplete is only used in extraordinary circumstances confined to a limited event such as a missed exam, project, or lab. If the student has missed a significant amount of work (e.g. multiple assignments or tasks), a grade of Incomplete is not appropriate or warranted.

CLASS RECORDINGS

The use of recordings will enable you to have access to class lectures, group discussions, and so on in the event you miss a synchronous or in-person class meeting due to illness or other extenuating circumstance. Our use of such technology is governed by the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and UTEP's acceptable-use policy. A recording of class sessions will be kept and stored by UTEP, in accordance with FERPA and UTEP policies. Your instructor will not share the recordings of your class activities outside of course participants, which include your fellow students, teaching assistants, or graduate assistants, and any guest faculty or community-based learning partners with whom we may engage during a class session. **You may not share recordings outside of this course.** Doing so may result in disciplinary action.

COVID

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu, so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID 19 testing.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit epstrong.org

Center for accommodation and support services:

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact: The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this class, students should be able to:

- Understand the basic structure of atoms and molecules
- Understand the basic structure and physiology of the cell
- Explain the connection between energy, enzymes, and metabolism in living cells
- Describe the basic structure of DNA and RNA.

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

- There will be four on-line exams during the semester.
- You must take all four exams. If you missed exams without a university accepted excuse, you may be withdrawn from the course.
- There will be a comprehensive on-line **Final Examination** of all the chapters that we have covered in the class during the summer.
- Attendance is required.

GRADING POLICY

A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = Below 60

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Exams (4)	60%
Final Exam	20%
Home work assignments,	20%

THINGS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM

- Talking, cell phones
- Waking out before the class is dismissed
- Listening music, earphones
- Reading newspapers or any other materials not assigned for the class
- Taking a nap

LECTURE	DATE	TOPIC	Required Reading
1	Jan 19,24	Introduction and an Evolutionary Framework for Biology	Chapter 1
2-3	Jan 26, 31	Life and Chemistry: Small Molecules	Chapter 2
4-5	Feb 2, 7	Life and Chemistry: Macromolecules	Chapter 3
	Feb 14	EXAM-1	
6	Feb 9	Cells: The Basic Units of Life	Chapter 4
7-8	Feb 16,21	Cells: The Basic Units of Life	Chapter 4
9-10	Feb 23, 28	The Cell Membrane	Chapter 5
11-12	Feb 28, March 2	Energy, Enzymes, and Metabolism	Chapter 6
	March 7	EXAM-2	
13	March 9	Cellular Pathways that Harvest Chemical Energy.	Chapter 7
14-15	March 21,23	Cellular Pathways that Harvest Chemical Energy.	Chapter 7
16-17	March 28, 30	Photosynthesis: Energy From the Sun	Chapter 8
	April 4	EXAM-3	
18-20	April 6, 11,13	Chromosomes, the Cell Cycle, and Cell Division	Chapter 9
21-22	April 18,20	Genetics: Mendel and Beyond	Chapter 10
23-24	April 25, 27	DNA and Its Role in Heredity	Chapter 11
	May 2	EXAM-4	
25	May 4	Review	
	May 11	FINAL EXAM	

Student Resources:

1. The Textbook Website – www.thelifewire.com . Use this website for chapter summaries, tutorials, interactive quizzes etc. This material is also available as a CD, available with the textbook.
2. Study Guide (Dzialowski *et al.*) to accompany the textbook – Ask at the University bookstore for a hard copy of the study guide.
- 3.** Read the chapter before and after the each lecture