

**BIOL 1107K: Principles of Biology I
Summer II Semester 2014, 4 Credit hours (weekly: 3 h**

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laboratory is considered an extremely important part of this course, any **student missing more than 3 laboratory sessions will automatically receive an F. There are NO MAKEUP LABS.** The laboratory grade is adjusted to 100 percentage points (see below lab schedule).

Grade Assessment:

Calculate your overall grade as follows:

$(\text{Lab average grade} \times .25) + (4 \text{ lecture exams} + 1 \text{ quiz average grade}/5 \times .75) = \text{Overall percentage grade.}$

Overall letter grades will be assigned on a 10 point scale: 90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, 60-79% = D and, 59% and below = F.

Notes on grading philosophy: Students should note that a grade of "A" in this course represents an exemplary command of the material. To obtain this grade of excellence, it is recommended that students study daily and clarify with the professor any problems regarding course information, as they arise. Additionally, the instructor may implement a curve based on the overall class performance at the end of the course.

Mid-term, or in-progress grades: The instructor is required to submit in-progress grades prior to mid-term (7/3/14). In theory, a mid-term grade is necessary for a student to assess how s/he is doing in class by midterm. In this course, students will have feedback on at least one major exam by midterm, several lab quizzes, lab assignments, and any homework or writing assignments. I will, in general, assign an overall average grade at this point on the normal scale of A-F viewable on Banner. St therefore carefully evaluate their option of dropping this course by midterm without academic penalty.

Attendance: Attendance in this course is absolutely required. Students should be seated at the beginning of class. If you are late, your attendance may not be acknowledged. Attendance may be taken at any time during the lecture and/or by use of clicker. The student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. **ABSOLUTELY NO LECTURES OR LABORATORIES CAN BE "MADE UP."** Laboratories in particular are important not to miss as stated above. In the event that a student will miss a lab, s/he should notify o accept the excuse or not.

EXAM SCHEDULE:

Exam 1:	Tuesday, June 24, 2014
Exam 2:	Tuesday, July 08, 2014
Exam 3:	

TENTATIVE LECTURE OUTLINE:

Lecture:	Date:	Topics:	Text Readings (pgs):
1	June 12 (R)	Course Introductions What is science? What is Biology? Unifying Principles	Chpt. 1 (1.2) Chpt. 1 (1.1), Suggested: Evolution (21.1) Phylogeny (22.1)

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