

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Semester	Fall	Year	2009
Course title	Introductory Biology w/lab		
Course number	BIO 104	Credits	3 (includes lab)
Section number	B	CRN number	13609
Days & Time	M & W 9:05-10:00 T 10:10-12:10	Location	Ankeny Campus Bld. 4 Room 10

Course description
Introduction to basic concepts in biology. Topics include biochemistry, cell structure and function, metabolism and energetics, classical and molecular genetics and the diversity of life at the organismal level. Biology, as an experimental science, and biotechnology will be explored through laboratory experiences.

Course competencies
<http://www.dmacc.edu/competencies/>

Textbooks & Materials


Required textbooks	What is Life? A Guide to Biology, by Jay Phelan. W.H. Freeman, 2010
Required materials	Sharpie marker, Basic Calculator (no cell phones)

Course Policies

Attendance	<p>Regular attendance is essential for success in this course. Absence and tardiness interfere with the learning process, <i>even if for legitimate reasons</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Participation slips will help track attendance. • Repeated tardiness is not acceptable. • If you miss a class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You are responsible for any material covered and any assignments given. Call a friend, get the assignment, and be prepared for the next class. It is your responsibility to stay caught-up in this course. • Announced and unannounced quizzes and in-class assignments will be given at the instructor's discretion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Missed quizzes and in-class assignments <u>cannot</u> be made up this includes missing a quiz due to tardiness.
Lecture	Attached is a general lecture outline for the course. You are responsible for taking notes and reading the assigned chapters in your textbook. If you miss a class, you will have to get the notes, handouts and find out about any announcements from someone in your class. Lecture exams and a comprehensive final will be administered according to the tentative dates on the outline.
Lab	Attached is a tentative lab schedule. You are required to attend each lab, participate in and complete all activities during the lab period. Failure to be actively involved in lab activities results in a loss of points.
Lab Safety	Laboratory safety is of paramount importance. It is essential that you follow proper procedures at all times. Some of the materials you will be handling are dangerous! No food, drink, tobacco or gum is permitted in the lab. Safety equipment such as a lab coat or smock, safety glasses or goggles and gloves will be required for certain activities.
Instructor Communication	All course information sent to students will be sent to your DMACC e-mail account. If you have not yet set up the account or are unable to access it contact the help desk at 515-965-7300 or 1-800-362-2127, ext. 7300.

Study expectations	Learning happens in the minds of individuals. It is not the doing that causes learning; it is the thinking about the doing, the thinking about the experience that causes learning. Therefore, each of you is responsible for your own learning . All experiences and assignments for this course have been designed to promote your acquisition of enduring understandings about the course content. You are not doing any of the assignments for me; you are doing them for yourself. And, you deserve to do high quality work for yourself .
Assignments	Homework will be assigned throughout the semester. These may include (but are not limited to) working problems, brief oral presentations, current literature searches, etc. Specific assignments will be made at appropriate times throughout the course. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All work handed in must be neatly and properly done. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assignments will not be accepted if they are messy. ○ When writing answers, you must be certain that you have answered all parts of a question. ○ If you do not understand an assignment or a question, it is your responsibility to look for help. You may come to me, go to the tutoring center or ask a friend. But your not understanding something will not be accepted as an excuse for incomplete work.
Late assignments	Missed lab exercises, in class activities and quizzes cannot be made up this includes missing them due to tardiness. <u>Some</u> outside assignments may be accepted up to two in-session days after the due date, the score will be reduced by 30%.
Exams	Lecture examinations will cover the textbook; material presented in lecture, activities and related readings. Each student is responsible for the contents of the textbook and supplemental material unless the instructor specifically desires to omit a certain portion of material. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you know in advance you will miss an exam you may take <u>one</u> exam ahead of time with no penalty. • Only <u>one</u> exam not taken at the scheduled time may be made-up within two weeks; however the <u>overall score is lowered for by 10% for each week the exam is not completed</u>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For example, if the exam is taken during the first week a score of 80% will automatically become a score of 70%; the second week a score of 80% will be recorded as a score of 60%. If an examination is not made-up within two weeks of the original exam date, a grade of zero will be given for the missed examination.
Alternate activities & class cancellations	You will always receive notification of alternate activities and class cancellations. Notice can be given in advance via in-class announcements or e-mail and for unanticipated events a notice will be posted on the classroom door.
Classroom conduct	"Students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to show respect for faculty, staff and fellow students, exhibit and maintain integrity and honor in all matters related to the College and not interfere with or disrupt the orderly educational processes of the College." For additional information refer to the DMACC Student Handbook: http://www.dmacc.edu/handbook/welcome.asp
Grading criteria	Grades will be assigned according to the following scale: 100-90 A 89-87 B+ 86-84 B 83-80 B- 79-76 C+ 75-71 C 70-66 C- 65-62 D+ 61-58 D 57-55 D- 0- 54 F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can keep track of their own grades using returned assignments or they may use the following website, which will be updated throughout the semester. • Grades may be viewed online at: http://www.eclassinfo.com • This is a secure website which keeps track of grades, assignments and attendance. The information is private so that only you can view your grades online using an individual <u>Student ID</u> and <u>Password</u>. If you ever forget, misplace or wish to change your ID and Password contact me.

Weather policy	<p>“Individual circumstances such as health, childcare, rural roads, distance from the College, etc. can vary greatly among students and staff. It is always DMACC’s goal to provide safe learning conditions, as well as provide the opportunity for students to attend classes when the vast majority is able to safely attend. The final decision to come to College can only be made by the individual student based on their specific extenuating circumstances that may make it unsafe for them to travel. During adverse weather, DMACC faculty is considerate of students who are unable to attend classes due to unique extenuating circumstances. It is the responsibility of each faculty member to notify their students (in addition to their dean or provost) through some predetermined means if they are must postpone or cancel a specific class due to weather or illness.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the campus is closed due to inclement weather, check your <u>DMACC email</u> for instructions from me for problems or assignments which will be due for the next class period.
Academic dishonesty	<p>“Academic integrity, doing one’s own work in course assignments and in tests, is one of the most important values in higher education. Receiving credit for plagiarizing or cheating violates the value of all degrees conferred. It is unacceptable for students to submit another person’s work as their own. If students quote, summarize, paraphrase or use an author’s idea, they must acknowledge the source, otherwise they are plagiarizing. Allowing others to accept credit for work not their own in tests or in written and oral reports is also cheating. Students who plagiarize or cheat will be held accountable by their instructor and are subject to the following sanctions.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All incidences of academic dishonesty, based on my perception, will be reported to the college. During this course the first offence will result in a 0 for the work and the second offence will result in an F for the course. Severe offences may result in an immediate F for the course. <p>For additional information refer to the DMACC Student Handbook: http://www.dmacc.edu/handbook/welcome.asp</p>
DMACC Information Web Sites	
DMACC home page	http://www.dmacc.edu/
Instructor home pages	http://www.dmacc.edu/Instructors/jegonzalez2/
Admissions & registration	http://www.dmacc.edu/potenti.asp
Cellular phone use statement	http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/cellphone.asp
WebCT	http://webct.dmacc.edu/webct/public/home.pl
Student handbook	http://www.dmacc.edu/handbook/welcome.asp
Add/drop dates	http://www.dmacc.edu/registration/add_drop.asp
Refund policy	http://www.dmacc.edu/refund.asp
Support Services	
Accommodations	<p>“It is the policy of DMACC to accommodate students with disabilities. Any student with a documented disability who requires reasonable accommodation should contact the special needs coordinator at 515-964-6850 voice or 515-964-6810 TTY.”</p>
Services for students with disabilities	<p>http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/disabilities.asp Contact the special needs coordinator at 515-964-6850V, 515-964-6809 TTY or the counseling & advising office on any campus for an Application for Accommodation.</p>
Academic & educational advising	http://www.dmacc.edu/advising/welcome.asp
Career counseling	http://www.dmacc.edu/counseling/
Library	<p>http://www.library.dmacc.edu/ Building 6, room 3 Monday – Thursday 7:30 am to 9:00 pm Friday – 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Saturday – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm</p>

Academic Achievement Center	http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/academic_achievement_center.asp Provides academic assistance for students on a drop-in basis. Also serves as a make-up testing center. 515-964-6558 or 1-800-362-2127 ext. 6558 Building 6, Room 20 Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Friday – 8:00 am to 2:30 pm NOTE: Summer hours may vary
Online Tutoring	SMARTHINKING Online Tutoring at DMACC!!  Don't forget DMACC's free on-line tutoring service that you can log on to at any time! Smarthinking provides tutoring in a variety of subjects. You can connect with an e-structor and interact with a live tutor, submit your writing for any class to their Online Writing Lab, and submit a question and receive a reply from a tutor. For more information go to http://www.dmacc.edu/smarthinking.asp . Contact the DMACC Tutoring Office (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) at 515-964-7004 or 1-800-362-2127 ext. 7004 or email at tutor@dmacc.edu and receive a DMACC SMARTHINKING user ID and Password. Your SMARTHINKING account will allow a maximum usage of 140 minutes per semester. Your password will be valid for one semester. For further information contact Sharon Bittner, Program Development Director, at sgbittner@dmacc.edu
Computer labs	http://www.dmacc.edu/helpdesk/pc_labs.htm Building 6 Monday – Thursday 7:30 am to 10:00 pm Friday – 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Saturday – 7:30 am to 1:00 pm

Disclaimer

“This syllabus is representative of materials that will be covered in this class; it is not a contract between the student and the institution. It is subject to change without notice. Any potential exceptions to stated policies and requirements will be addressed on an individual basis, and only for reasons that meet specific requirements. If you have any problems related to this class, please feel free to discuss them with me.”

Nondiscrimination Policy

Des Moines Area Community College shall not engage in or allow discrimination covered by law. This includes harassment based on race, color, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, and disability. Veteran status in educational programs, activities, employment practices, or admission procedures is also included to the extent covered by law. Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against may file a complaint through the College Discrimination Complaint Procedures. Complaint forms may be obtained from the DMACC Web site, the Ombudsperson, Judicial Officer, Human Resources Department, the campus Provost's Offices, and Academic Deans' Offices.

Students who wish additional information or assistance may contact the **Executive Dean, Student Services, Laurie Wolf**, Building 1, 515-964-6437 or the **EEO/AA Officer, Dr. Sandy Tryon**, Human Resources, Bldg. 1, 515-964-6301 or they may refer to Student Services procedure 4645 located on the DMACC Intranet at <http://my.dmacc.edu/procs.aspx> . Go to Policies & Procedures and choose Student Services Procedures. Employees and applicants who wish additional information or assistance may contact the **EEO/AA Officer, Dr. Sandy Tryon**, Human Resources, Bldg. 1, 515-964-6301 or refer to HR Procedures 3000, 3005, 3010, 3015, and 3020 at <http://www.dmacc.edu/hr/hrpp.asp> .

For requests for accommodations, the **Accommodation/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Sharon Bittner**, can be contacted at 515-964-6857. Students with requests for accommodations should refer to the Student Services procedure 4610 located on the DMACC Intranet at <http://my.dmacc.edu/default.aspx> . Go to Policies & Procedures and choose Student Services Procedures.

Intro. Biology Tentative Schedule for Fall 2009				
Week	Date	Day	Topic	Chapter
1	Aug 26	W	Course Intro	
2	31	M	Scientific Thinking	1
	Sep 1	T	Science as a Discipline / Metric Measurement	
	2	W	Cells	3
3	7	M	Holiday -- College Closed	

	8	T	Experimental Design / Microscope: Exploring Cells	
	9	W	Cells	3
4	14	M	Chromosomes & Cell Division	6
	15	T	Mitosis & Meiosis / Introduction to Micropipettes	
	16	W	Chromosomes & Cell Division / Review for Exam I	6
5	21	M	Exam 1	Exam 1
	22	T	DNA Fingerprinting (PCR) / Bacterial Transformation: pGLO	
	23	W	Mendelian Inheritance	7
6	28	M	Mendelian Inheritance	7
	29	T	Analyze pGLO Results / DNA Fingerprinting (Gel)	
	30	W	DNA & Gene Expression	5
7	Oct 5	M	DNA & Gene Expression	5
	6	T	Pedigrees / Analyze DNA	
	7	W	Biotechnology	5
8	12	M	Biotechnology / Review for Exam 2	5
	13	T	Exam 2	Exam2
	14	W	Evolution & Natural Selection	8
9	19	M	Evolution & Natural Selection	8
	20	T	Hardy-Weinberg in Action	
	21	W	Origin & Diversification of Life on Earth	10
10	26	M	Origin & Diversification of Life on Earth	10
	27	T	Evolution Video	
	28	W	Evolution Activity / Review for Exam 3	
11	Nov 2	M	Exam 3	Exam 3
	3	T	Microbiology / AIDS	
	4	W	Evolution & Diversity Among the Microbes	13
12	9	M	Evolution & Diversity Among the Microbes	13
	10	T	Plant & Fungi Diversification / Plant Characteristics	12
	11	W	Animal diversification	11
13	16	M	Animal diversification	11
	17	T	Survey of Animals / Frog Dissection / Review for Exam 4	
	18	W	Exam 4	Exam 4
14	23	M	Population Ecology	14
	24	T	Eagle Ecology	
	25	W	Population Ecology	14
15	30	M	Ecosystems & Communities	15
	Dec 1	T	Effects of Pollutants	
	2	W	Ecosystems & Communities	15
16	7	M	Climate Change	
	8	T	Species Presentations	
	9	W	Final Jeopardy	
	14	M	Comprehensive Final December 14th 9:30-11:45	Final

This is the approximate schedule we will follow. The instructor reserves the right to alter this schedule as necessary during the course of the semester, including the dates and number of exams.

Study Buddy Contact Info

As stated in this syllabus “You are responsible for any material covered and any assignments given. Call a friend, get the assignment, and be prepared for the next class. It is your responsibility to stay caught-up in this course.”

To assist you with this you must find at least three students in your class who you will contact if you miss a class. Your study buddy can give you notes explain any assignments and pick up handouts for you.

Study Buddy #1

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Study Buddy #2

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Study Buddy #3

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Study Buddy #4 (optional)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Study Buddy Assignment (4 pts)

As you find at least three Study Buddies fill out:

1. Turn in this page for today's in-class assignment.
 - a. Remember to fill out the back side
2. Keep the Study Buddy Contact info page at the back of your syllabus.

Your Name: _____

Activities, clubs, organizations, etc. you plan to be involved in this semester _____

Study Buddy #1

Name _____

One thing you have in common with this classmate _____

Study Buddy #2

Name _____

One thing you have in common with this classmate _____

Study Buddy #3

Name _____

One thing you have in common with this classmate _____

Study Buddy #4 (optional)

Name _____

One thing you have in common with this classmate _____

Student Information Form

Please complete the following by printing or writing legibly.

Name: _____ Phone number(s): _____

Hometown/Country of Origin: _____

Describe your career plans:

Why are you taking this course?

Describe your science and math preparation. (What courses have you taken in high school and college?):

Please feel free to indicate any comments or questions you have for me regarding this course:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING!

I have received the syllabus for the course indicated above. I have or will read it. I am aware of the following course policies:

- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Lecture
- ✓ Lab and lab safety
- ✓ Instructor communication
- ✓ Study expectations
- ✓ Assignments and late assignment policies
- ✓ Exams and late exam policies
- ✓ Alternate activities & class cancellations
- ✓ Classroom conduct
- ✓ Grading criteria
- ✓ Weather policy
- ✓ Academic dishonesty and consequences
- ✓ Resources for additional information, accommodations and services

By signing and dating this form in the space below I am indicating understanding and agreement with the above statements.

Signed: _____ Date: _____