**Syllabus:** Biology II for Science Majors **LECTURE**  
**Course Number:** BIOL 1307   
**Semester & Year:** Spring 2016

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**Textbook Information**

Required: (free download)

* **Biology 1ed. OpenStax** Rice Univ. [Free Download](https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/biology)

*Optional / Suggested:*

* [*Principles of Life. Hillis, Sadava, Heller and Price 1st ed. Sinauer Assoc Inc and W.H. Freeman and Co.*](http://www.whfreeman.com/hillis1e)

**Student Learning Outcomes for the Course**

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| *At the conclusion of the* ***lecture portion*** *of this course students should be able to:*   1. Demonstrate an understanding of genomic organization and molecular genetics including recombinant DNA biotechnology, differential gene expression and development. 2. Describe modern evolutionary synthesis, natural selection, Mendelian inheritance, micro and macroevolution, and speciation. 3. Describe phylogenetic relationships and classification schemes. 4. Identify the major phyla of life with an emphasis on plants and animals, including the basis for classification, structural and physiological adaptations, evolutionary history, and ecological significance. 5. Describe basic animal physiology and homeostasis as maintained by organ systems. 6. Compare different sexual and asexual life cycles noting their adaptive advantages. 7. Illustrate the relationship between major geologic change, extinctions, and evolutionary trends. |

**Student Requirements for Completion of the Course**

**Lecture Topics/ Exams - Biology 1307 Spring 2016**

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| **Principles of Biology** (Optional Text) | **Biology 1ed.** OpenStax (Required Test) |
| Chapter 12: Genomes | Chapter 17 Biotechnology and Genomics |
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| Chapter 14: Genes Development and Evolution | Chapter 18 Evolution and the Origin of Species |
| Chapter 15: Mechanisms of Evolution | Chapter 19 The Evolution of Populations |
| **EXAM I** |  |
| Chapter 18: The History of Life on Earth | Chapter 20 Phylogenies and the History of Life |
| Chapter 24: The Plant Body | Chapter 30 Plant Form and Physiology |
| Chapter 27: Reproduction of Flowering Plants | Chapter 26 Seed Plants |
| Chapter 29: Physiology, Homeostasis and Temperature Regulation | Chapter 33 The Animal Body: Basic Form and Function |
| **EXAM II** |  |
| Chapter 30: Animal Hormones | Chapter 37 The Endocrine System |
| Chapter 31: Immunology: Animal Defense Systems | Chapter 42 The Immune System |
| Chapter 34: Neurons and Nervous Systems | Chapter 35 The Nervous System |
| Chapter 42: Organisms and their Environment | Chapter 44 Ecology and the Biosphere  Chapter 46 Ecosystems |
| **EXAM III** |  |
| **FINAL EXAM** (Comprehensive) Emphasis on Student Learning Guide Questions (all chapters covered during the course) including all homework quiz questions for all chapters and selected essay questions from Exams I, II, and III. | |

**Student Assessment (EXAMS)**

Three (3) lecture exams will be given over thee units at 55% of the course grade. The comprehensive Final Exam is valued at 20% of the course grade. The examination format will include multiple choice and short answer essay items. Exams will be administered a minimum of one (1) week after being announced. Please inform the instructor ASAP if you know you will miss a lecture exam on the scheduled date and make arrangements to take the exam in advance. The lecture unit exams will be conducted in the TC testing center housed in the Palmer Memorial Library.

I understand the course requirement to take the two (2) parts of the remaining lecture exams Part I Section A and Part 1 Section B (Total of 70 points) during the same testing session (no break allowed) on the Moodle Course Management System (TC Online). I understand that I may take the Part II Essay (30 points) during a different testing session. All sections of the exam must be completed prior to the exam deadline. I also understand no outside materials (paper, study materials) are allowed to be brought in to the testing center.

**I understand that there are no makeup exams available for these exams.**

**Lecture Exams are conducted using the TC CMS (Moodle) and administered in the TC testing Center.**

**Part 1:** **Section A** **40 multiple guess questions (56 points/100)**  
This part of the exam consists of 40 multiple guess "choice" questions. (each question is valued @ 1.4 points each) This portion is not timed but must be completed in one session, and you only have 1 attempt to complete this 40 question session.   
 **You are also required to take Part I: Section B:** 10 question Merit based curve  portion of the exam (10 questions @ 1.4 points = 14 points) **during the same testing session in the TC testing center. (Failure to complete this portion during the same session will result in a score of zero on Part B of the exam.)**  
  
**Part II:** Essay/short answer portion of the exam is available by requesting a test booklet from the TC testing center proctor. Write your responses on the test booklet.  No outside paper is allowed on this exam.  **You are NOT required to take the essays during the same test session as Part I SectionA & Section B**.   
  
EXAM must be completed by  before the close of the testing center that evening. (cannot start a test after 8PM ... center closes at 8:30PM.)

**Bonus Credits**

During each lecture class session there will be opportunities to earn **bonus credits** by successfully answering timed questions using your textbook, and notes and the powerpoint lecture so use of tablet/laptop/smart phones in encouraged! You will be working with a partner (small group) as well and must submit a single answer from your group for credit before time expires. These bonus credits are redeemed into bonus points on the major lecture exam that follows later in the course.

**Merit based curve points**

Your performance on Part I Section B of each lecture exam (based upon the question pool of homework quiz questions used during this portion of the course) is used to determine the percentage of a merit curve if warranted.

**The course grade is available on myTC on the student tab and will be calculated from the following schedule:**

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| **Lecture Exams (3)** | **55%**  (18.33% x 3) |
| **Final Exam** | **20%** |
| **Online Weekly Quizzes** | **15%** |
| **Participation** | **10%** |
| **Total** | **100%** |

**Participation Grade is based primarily on daily attendance.**

**The student will lose 10 points for every unexcused absence.**

**Grading Scale**

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| **Semester Grade** | **Course Average** |
| **A** | 89.5-100 |
| **B** | 79.5-89.4 |
| **C** | 69.5-79.4 |
| **D** | 59.5-69.4 |
| **F** | 59.4-below |

**Class Schedule** See above (*Lecture Topics/ Exams - Biology 1307 Spring 2016)*

**EXAM I (5th week of semester)**

**EXAM II (10th week of semester)**

**EXAM III (15th week semester)**

**Absentee Policy***(TC Official Policy)*

*Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she may be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. Check the syllabus for each class to see how much time you are allowed to be late before the tardy is counted as an absence.* **(10 minutes after class has begun)**

*Do no stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institution’s published Last Day to Drop. If a student does not attend class and does not withdraw from the class, the student will receive a grade of F in the class. The published Last Day to Drop applies to students; an instructor may withdraw a student for excessive absences at any time during the semester.*

*Withdrawal from a course(s) may affect a student’s current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.*

As an adult learner, you must assume responsibility for attending lecture classes and laboratories. It is to your benefit to be present at each class session.   
You should make every effort to be present in each class because: the laboratory class is designed to provide hands-on learning experiences. Students will learn basic laboratory skills while reinforcing concepts learned in lecture. To a large extent, grades in the laboratory will reflect participation and laboratory skills acquired, so it is important that students do not miss laboratory exercises.

**The maximum number of absences in a MW or T-TR class is four (4) per semester (the equivalent of two (2) weeks of instruction).** The only excused absences are for officially recognized TC student club activities or for Texarkana College official business. **Please Note: Illness and doctor appointments do not qualify as an excused absence.**

**EXCUSED ABSENCES** (TC Official Policy)

A student’s absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student’s allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only types of absences that are considered excused by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual instructor’s syllabus.

**WARNING: If you exceed the maximum number of absences for this course you will be dropped (W) from the course.**

Students are required to attend lecture classes for the entire period. Students that arrive more than 10 minutes after class has begun or leave early, will be marked as absent. Students that arrive after the door has been closed and 10 minutes after class has begun will be recorded as tardy. **Three tardies will be recorded as an absence**.

Students that sleep during class or ignore this class because they are busy texting, chatting, checking social media sites or doing homework for other classes or do not participate in class activities for any other reason, **may be marked as absent.**

**You can view your attendance record on the *myTC* portal under the student tab.**

**Official attendance will be recorded throughout the semester, however the attendance requirement will only be enforced through the 10th week of classes for the semester (60% of the class sessions) due to federal requirements for financial aid purposes. After this point, the instructor will NOT drop a student for lack of attendance.**

If situations make it necessary for missing class you are still responsible for all the work you missed during class. If you miss class, you should let me know ASAP (by TC student e-mail) and in advance if at all possible. I can give you the assignments to help you remain current in the course.

If circumstances develop (e.g. extended illness, moving from the city, etc.) which necessitates your withdrawal from this or any other course be sure to let me know AND officially withdraw in the Director of Admissions office located in the C. M. Nelson Administration building. The date each semester is posted on the inside page of the current Texarkana College Catalog / Website under "Academic Calendar". A grade of W is recorded on your permanent transcript*if**you withdraw before the official deadline*.

**Make-up Policy**

**Lecture Exams:**

Any portion (multiple choice or essay part) of the exam **cannot** be made up **if it was originally administered in the TC Testing Center**, as this portion of exam was made available for an extended period of time (normally one (1) week).

**Written assignments** in lecture are due at the beginning of the class session and will be penalized 10% for being late for the first 24 hours and 20% for the second 24 hours and will not be accepted after 48 hours . Late work can be turned in via e-mail to my e-mail address: [*Mark.Storey@texarkanacollege.edu*](mailto:Mark.Storey@texarkanacollege.edu)

**Class Conduct**

Students are expected to conduct themselves as adults. Any student who acts in such a manner as to disturb the class and interfere with the learning process will be expelled from the course with a grade of "F". **No music players or cellular phones are permitted in my classroom**. **No texting or talking on a phone or messaging device during class...TURN THEM OFF!** (See Absentee Policy above)  
If you bring a cell phone (electronic communication device) into my classroom,be sure that it is **turned off and not out on your desk.** If I notice you using your phone during lecture and ask you to turn it off on the first offense the second time **you will be asked to leave and you will be counted absent for that class period.** (You will be free to communicate electronically during breaks during each class session.)

**Any student that has a cell phone or any electronic communications device in their possession during any quiz or examination will receive a zero (0) for the quiz or examination. NO EXEPTIONS! You will also be counted absent for that class session.**

**All electronic devices** (e.g. audio recorders, laptop/tablet computers etc.) brought into class must be cleared by the instructor for use for **each** class session.

**Academic Integrity Statement**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, col­lusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F”.

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

**Disability Act Statement:**

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations..

**Financial Aid:**

**Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

# Course Continuity Plan

In the case that the college officially closes because of an emergency (inclement weather etc.) which causes a short term disruption of this course, we will use the TC Moodle CMS (“TC Online”) and TC student e-mail to continue this course in the short term (1-3 weeks). All students need to use their campus e-mail to receive course related information.

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| **I reserve the right to modify the syllabus at any time during the semester. The online version of this syllabus (*TC Online CMS*) is the official syllabus and supersedes all versions of this document in print.**  ***Current version last updated:*** |

By signing this statement, I agree that I have read and understand what is expected of me to perform satisfactorily in this course of study.

*I also understand that any photographic and or audio recordings that are made of students including myself) during this class of are the property of Texarkana College and can be used to promote the educational mission of Texarkana College.*

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