



Syllabus: Principles of Biology I for Science Majors - **LABORATORY**

Course Number: BIOL 1108

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Textbook Information

- Inquiry Into Life Lab Manual 14th ed. Sylvia Mader ISBN 978-0-07-352552-5
- Biology – Openstax Rice University (alternative textbook)
<https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/biology>
- Protective clothing - Safety glasses will be required for certain lab activities, lab coat or apron (old work shirt) is encouraged.

Student Learning Outcomes for the Course

*At the conclusion of the **laboratory portion** of this course students should be able to:*

1. Apply scientific reasoning to investigate questions, and utilize scientific tools such as microscopes and laboratory equipment to collect and analyze data.
2. Use critical thinking and scientific problem-solving to make informed decisions in the laboratory.
3. Communicate effectively the results of scientific investigations.
4. Distinguish between prokaryotic, eukaryotic, plant and animal cells, and identify major cell structures.
5. Identify stages of the cell cycle, mitosis (plant and animal), and meiosis.
6. Interpret results from cell physiology experiments involving movement across membranes, enzymes, photosynthesis, and cellular respiration.
7. Apply genetic principles to predict the outcome of genetic crosses and statistically analyze results.
8. Identify the importance of karyotypes, pedigrees, and biotechnology.
9. Identify parts of a DNA molecule, and describe replication, transcription, and translation.
10. Analyze evidence for evolution and natural selection.

Lab Reports and other written assignments in lab 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

Student Requirements for Completion of the Course**Laboratory Topics/ Exams - Biology 1108 Fall 2014**

Scientific Method
Metrics & Microscopy
Chemical Composition of Cells
Cell Structure and Function
Mitosis – Cell Cycle
Meiosis
Enzymes
Cell Respiration
Photosynthesis
Mendelian Inheritance (Genetics)
DNA Biotechnology
Evolution
Sampling Ecosystems

The course grade will be calculated from the following schedule:

Laboratory Weekly Quizzes	60%
Participation	10%
Lab Reports	30%
Total	100%

Grading Scale

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

Make-up Policy

Lab Quizzes **can not be made up in this course**. The lowest quiz score will be dropped.



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.*

In some vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, certification requirements necessitate an absentee policy that is more stringent than the institutional policy. In these instances, the matter of certification takes precedence over local policies, since certification policies are established by the State of Texas.

Faculty members are not obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class. *The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of certain workforce/vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.*

Do not 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.*

EXCUSED ABSENCES

*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.*

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ABSENCES

After official registration, the following number of unexcused absences will be the maximum allowable before a student may be dropped from the class:

The maximum number of absences in this laboratory class is two (2) per semester (the equivalent of two (2) weeks of instruction).

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

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 lab.**

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 lab 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.

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.*

Student Name (**PRINT** First & LAST NAME)

Legal Signature

Date