# Valencia College – General Biology I - BSC 1010C

# CRN 13772

## Fall 2020 Course Syllabus

Credit hours: 4

Contact hours: 6 (3 lecture, 3 Laboratory)

Instructor: Professor Ahmed

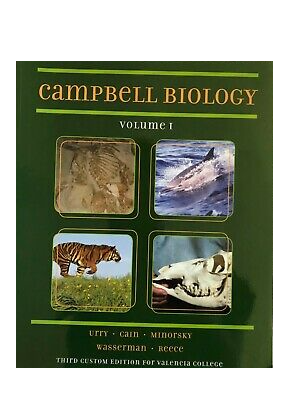
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Meeting times: Lecture: online

Lab: online

Lecture Textbook: URRY, et. al. (2020) Campbell Biology, Custom Edition for Valencia College, Volume 1 w/ Mastering Biology. 4th Edition. 

Lab Manual: McGraw-Hill, (2021) Connect Access Code Biology Virtual Labs, 1st Edition. ISBN: 9781264349739

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Course Description: Introduction to fundamental biological principles emphasizing common attributes of all living organisms. Unifying concepts include chemical structure of living matter, structure and function of the cell, specialized cells, major metabolic functions, control systems, reproduction, genetics, evolution and ecology. It is **prerequisite for advanced biology courses**.

Specific Course Goals: To understand and apply the basic principles and concepts of modern-day biology. Develop critical thinking skills necessary to communicate biological concepts with accuracy and detail.

Special Accommodations: Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office of Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor during the first week of classes. The Office of Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities (West Campus SSB 102, ext. 1523).

Academic Honesty: All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of individual effort. Any student caught cheating on an exam, copying homework or plagiarizing – *using someone else’s words or thoughts without giving credit* – will be treated according to Valencia’s policy on academic honesty. Engaging in acts of academic dishonesty will result in penalties ranging from a zero grade on the assignment, quiz, lecture test, to failure of the course and expulsion from the college.

Classroom Conduct: Valencia is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but also to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. As a registered student, you assume the responsibility for conducting yourself in a manner that contributes positively to Valencia’s learning community and that does not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the college as described in the [Student Code of Conduct.](https://valenciacollege.edu/about/general-counsel/policy/documents/Volume8/8-03-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf)

Attendance: This is an online course, available 24/7, managed through Canvas. You must have access to the Internet (available on all Valencia campuses) to complete the course requirements. Your online attendance will be checked each week based on your participation in the course and submission of coursework. In the event of an extended absence, you should contact me via email or phone as soon as possible to indicate the reason. If you do not access the course website or contact me letting me know of your absence for a period of seven consecutive days, you will be contacted and if there is no communication within 48 hours, you will be withdrawn from the course up until the withdraw deadline. After the withdraw deadline, students with an absence of more than 7 days will receive the final grade that is earned according to the course grading policy.

Withdrawal:Per Valencia Policy 4-07 a student who withdraws from class before the *withdrawal deadline Oct 30, 2020,* will receive a grade of “W.” It is the responsibility of students to withdraw themselves before the withdrawal deadline. A student is not permitted to withdraw from this class after the withdrawal deadline; if you remain in the class after the withdrawal deadline, you can only receive a grade of A, B, C, D, F. The professor MAY withdraw a student up to the beginning of the final exam period according to the attendance policy. Any student who withdraws from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of “F.”

Withdrawal/Drop: August 31, 2020 is the Drop/100% Refund deadline

October 30, 2020 is the withdrawal deadline for a W “grade”

## Valencia Student Core Competencies:

**Think**: clearly, critically and creatively, analyze, synthesize, integrate and evaluate (lectures and examinations).

**Value**: make reasoned value judgments and responsible commitments (laboratory classes).

**Communicate**: with different audiences and using varied means (group work, written assignments and lab reports).

**Act**: purposefully, reflectively and responsibly (laboratory classes).

Course Evaluation : Lecture Tests--——————————————————————--250 pts.

Quizzes ————————————————————————— 120 pts.

Mastering Biology HW ———————————————————160 pts.

Scientific Paper————————————————-——————15 pts.

Lab Exams———————————————————————— 80 pts.

Lab Reports ———————————————————————--120 pts.

Learning Activities————————————————————---120 pts.

Learning Outcomes HW———————————————————150 pts.

Lecture Final Exam—————————————————————100 pts.

Required Attendance Activities————————————————-5 pts.

**TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE** …………………...….……….………...1120 pts.

Grade Calculation Formula: Add the total number of points from all your tests, quizzes, etc. and then divide by 1300 cumulative points in the course. Refer to grading scale below.

Grading Scale: A = 90% – 100% D = 60% – 69.9%

B = 80% – 89.9% F = 0% – 59.9%

C = 70% - 79.9%

## MAKE-UP POLICY\*:

* No makeups for Lecture Tests and Lecture Quizzes
* No makeups for Lab Exams, and Final Lecture Exam:

Full-score makeups are given ONLY if written documentation is provided to the professor.

In such a case you MUST contact the professor by email or phone (you can leave a voicemail) no later than the day of the test/quiz to notify the professor of your absence and your desire to makeup the test/quiz; otherwise you forfeit your right to a makeup; and if for ANY reason you miss the scheduled makeup, you will not be given another makeup chance.

* Documentation = official written documentation of hospitalization, court summons, or police report.
* \*Exception: If you notify the professor **via email** during the FIRST week of classes that you will be missing class on a specific date due to an unavoidable emergency, I will allow you a “maximum point” makeup without documentation, for a lecture test/quiz should you be absent when a lecture test/quiz is given (**this does NOT apply for the Final lecture Exam**). **NOTE:** **Failure to take the Final Exam at the end of the semester will result in an “F” grade in the course.**
* *The Reading Assignments and Homework Assignments from Mastering Biology New Design* must be completed on time online on the designated due dates (check CANVAS). The Scientific Paper Assignment must be submitted by due date designated in Canvas. Five points will be deducted for each day late.

## Lecture Schedule (Chapters)

Chapter 1: Study of Life

Chapter 2: The Chemical Context of Life

**Quiz #1 (ch. 1,2)**

Chapter 3: Water and the Fitness of the Environment

Chapter 4: Carbon and the Molecular Diversity of Life

**Quiz #2 (ch. 3,4)**

**Test #1 (ch.1, 2, 3, 4)**

Chapter 5: The Structure and Function of Macromolecules

Chapter 6: A Tour of the Cell

**Quiz #3 (ch. 5,6)**

Chapter 7: Membrane Structure and Function

**Test #2 (ch. 5, 6, 7)**

Chapter 8: An Introduction to Metabolism

Chapter 9: Cellular Respiration: Harvesting Chemical Energy

**Quiz #4 (ch. 8,9)**

Chapter 10: Photosynthesis

**Test #3 (ch. 8, 9, 10)**

Chapter 12: The Cell Cycle

**Quiz #5 (ch. 12)**

Chapter 13: Meiosis and Sexual Life Cycles

**Test #4 (ch. 12, 13)**

Chapter 16: The Molecular Basis of Inheritance

Chapter 17: From Gene to Protein

**Quiz #6 (ch. 16)**

**Test #5 (ch. 16, 17)**

Chapter 14: Mendel and the Gene Idea

Chapter 15: The Chromosomal Basis of Inheritance

**Final Exam (comprehensive):** TBA (Week of Dec. 7-Dec. 13)

## To Access the Lecture Power Points (Textbook Chapters)

1. From the Valencia home page, click “Faculty and Staff”

2. Under Faculty Resources, click “Faculty Websites”

3. Click “Faculty Front Door Only”

4. Click “Ahmed”

5. Click “Course Materials”

6. Under Course Materials click on Content, then follow the appropriate links

## Lab Schedule

| **Week of:** | **Experiments** |
| --- | --- |
| August 24 | Lab Safety |
| August 24 | Applying the Scientific Method |
| August 31 | Microscopy |
| September 7 | Osmosis: Movement of Water Across a Selectively Permeable Membrane |
| September 14 | Osmosis: Tonicity in Red Blood Cells |
| September 21 | Diffusion Across a Selectively Permeable Membrane |
| September 28 | Diffusion: Effect of Concentration on Rate of Diffusion in Semi-Solid |
| October 5 | Lab Mid-term Exam |
| October 12 | Enzymes |
| October 19 | Cell Respiration |
| October 26 | Photosynthesis: Carbon Dioxide Up-Take |
| October 26 | Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic Pigments |
| November 2 | Human Genetics: Chromosomal Inheritance |
| November 9 | Mendel Genetics: Monohybrid Cross |
| November 9 | Mendel Genetics: Dihybrid Cross |
| November 16 | Human Genetics: Genetic Inheritance |
| November 23 | Thanksgiving Break |
| November 30 | Lab Final Exam |

## Tips to Help You Do Well in this Course

- Be absolutely serious and dedicated.

- Come to EVERY laboratory meeting; and come prepared.

- See the instructor whenever you have questions/concerns.

- Study the material presented online/laboratory.

- Don’t cram for tests. Ideally, you should study the material at least 2 or 3 times before taking the test.

- Study hard first by yourself, then when you feel that you could take the test and do reasonably well, study with one or two other classmates who have also studied hard.

-Record all of your grades in the table on this syllabus

\*Disclaimer:Changes in the course syllabus and grading policy may be made at any time during the term at the discretion of the professor.

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| Graded Assignments | YOUR  POINTS | TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE |
| --- | --- | --- |
| LECTURE TEST #1 |  | 50 |
| LECTURE TEST #2 |  | 50 |
| LECTURE TEST #3 |  | 50 |
| LECTURE TEST #4 |  | 50 |
| LECTURE TEST #5 |  | 50 |
| LECTURE FINAL EXAM |  | 100 |
| LECTURE QUIZ #1 |  | 20 |
| LECTURE QUIZ #2 |  | 20 |
| LECTURE QUIZ #3 |  | 20 |
| LECTURE QUIZ #4 |  | 20 |
| LECTURE QUIZ #5 |  | 20 |
| LECTURE QUIZ #6 |  | 20 |
| Midterm LAB EXAM |  | 40 |
| Final LAB EXAM |  | 40 |
| LAB REPORT #’s:  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  11 12 13 14 15 16 |  | 120 |
| Scientific Paper Assignment |  | 15 |
| Mastering Biology New Design  Reading Assignments |  | 160 |
| Required Attendance Activity |  | 5 |
| Learning Outcome HW |  | 150 |
| Learning Activities |  | 120 |
| TOTAL POINTS |  | 1120 |