Biology 1114 – General Biology Syllabus Cover Sheet

Spring 2025 • CRN 21446 • MW 12:00 to 1:50 PM

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***Note on University Life Sciences Lab*:** To take BIO 1211 (University Life Sciences Laboratory), students are required to have taken, or are concurrently enrolled, in the BIO 1114 (General Biology Lecture) course.

BIO 1114 - Objectives of the Course

- To promote science literacy, critical thinking, and the role of science in society through an understanding of the fundamental principles of biology.
- To encourage the student to use the scientific method for problem solving and relate science to everyday life.
- To give students an appreciation for the diversity of life.
- To provide basic knowledge about the structure and function of living organisms.
- To increase awareness of the impacts of human activities on the biosphere.

BIO 1114 - Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

- Identify the properties of life.
- Apply the scientific methodology to the study of life and natural phenomena.
- Explain the biochemical processes of life.
- Identify evolutionary processes and supporting evidence.
- Categorize the hierarchy of life.
- Apply biological concepts to societal issues.

BIO 1114 - Transformative Learning (Central Six)

1. Discipline Knowledge: General Biology provides you with an introduction to life around and within you.
2. Leadership: General Biology encourages you to work as guided by the core values of character, civility, and community in a cooperative manner in class and small group settings to learn about stewardship of natural resources and yourself.
3. Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities: General Biology contributes to this theme by helping you learn what scientists do and the scientific method.
4. Service Learning and Civic Engagement: In General Biology, you learn biological concepts related to the world and you will be encouraged to collaborate with student organizations and events to lend a hand in your respective community to help make this a better and sustainable world.
5. Global and Cultural Competencies: During lectures and outside assignments you will gain insight into the diversity of life in the world around you as well as some of the major conservation crises facing all of us. This prepares you to communicate effectively in a complex world, to function in diverse environments, to adapt to a continuously changing global society, and to be a lifelong learner who is aware of the world.
6. Health and Wellness: With vitality and meaning. General Biology introduces you to well-being by discussing diseases that society face.

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Date		Lecture topic	Lecture Number
January			
13	M	Introduction, unity and diversity of life	Lectures 1 and 2
15	W	Scientific method, chemistry	Lectures 3 and 4
20	M	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	
22	W	Chemistry, biological molecules	Lectures 4, 6, and 7
27	M	Biological molecules	Lectures 6 and 7
29	W	Cell structure, enzymes	Lectures 5 and 8
February			
3	M	Enzymes, photosynthesis	Lectures 8 and 9
5	W	Photosynthesis, respiration	Lectures 9, 10, and 11
10	M	Additional exam material, molecular biology	Lecture 12
12	W	EXAM I, molecular biology	Lecture 12
17	M	Protein synthesis, genetic control	Lectures 13 and 14
19	W	Genetic engineering	Lecture 15
24	M	Mitosis and meiosis	Lectures 16 and 17
26	W	Mendelian and population genetics	Lecture 18
March			
3	M	Additional exam material, evolution	Lecture 19
5	W	EXAM II, evolution	Lecture 19

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March (continued)			
10	M	Viruses, monerans, protistans, fungi, plants	Lectures 20 and 21
12	W	Plant morphology and anatomy	Lectures 22 and 23 Creative Project
17	M	Spring Break	
19	W	Spring Break	
24	M	Plant nutrition and transport	Lecture 24
26	W	Additional exam material, animal diversity	Lecture 25
31	M	EXAM III, animal diversity	Lecture 25
April			
2	W	Human evolution, tissues, systems	Lectures 26 and 27 Writing Assignment
7	M	Nervous and endocrine systems	Lectures 28 and 29
9	W	Circulation, immunity, respiration	Lectures 31 and 32
14	M	Respiration, digestion, reproduction	Lectures 32, 33, and 34
16	W	Human reproduction and development	Lecture 34
21	M	EXAM IV, population ecology	Lecture 35
23	W	Community interactions, ecosystems	Lectures 36 and 37
28	M	Biosphere, human impact	Lecture 38
30	W	Animal and social behavior	Lecture 39
May			
5-9		FINAL EXAMINATIONS	

The Final Exam is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 May 2025 at 11:00 AM to 12:50 PM.

The Central Six

At the University of Central Oklahoma, we are guided by the mission of helping students learn by providing transformative experiences so that they may become productive, creative, ethical and engaged citizens and leaders contributing to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social advancement of the communities they serve. Transformative learning is a holistic process that places students at the center of their own active and reflective learning experiences. A student's major field is central to the learning experience and is a vital part of the "Central Six." All students will be transformed with Discipline Knowledge, Leadership, Problem Solving (Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities), Service Learning and Civic Engagement, Global and Cultural Competencies, and Health and Wellness.

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Textbook: **Houtman, A., Scudellari, M., and Malone, E. 2024. Biology Now (with Physiology). 4th Edition. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc. New York, NY, USA.**

Attendance: **Students are expected to attend, learn, and take notes in all classes. At least three hours of study time should be devoted to each hour of class before and/or after lecture.**

Grading: **An approximate breakdown of points for the course is as follows:**

4 lecture exams @ 100 points each	**400**
1 final exam @ 100 points	**100**
Creative project @ 50 points	**50**
Writing assignment @ 50 points	**50**
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	**600**

Grading scale	**Grade**	**Points needed**
90 - 100% of total possible points	**A**	**540**
80 - 89% of total possible points	**B**	**480**
70 - 79% of total possible points	**C**	**420**
60 - 69% of total possible points	**D**	**360**
Below 60% of total possible points	**F**	**-**

Exam material: **At least half of the exam material will come directly from lecture. Other questions may come from additional topics covered in class or assignments. For best performance, review the lecture outlines before class and review lecture notes after each class. Study your notes carefully and review the major topics provided in class. Sample exams are available at https://bidlack,net/ or https://bidlack.org/ and on reserve in the Max Chambers Library. These sample exams should be used as a study guide and not as the sole source for exam preparation.**

Exams: **All exams will consist mostly of multiple-choice, matching, true-false, short answer, and short essay questions, unless specified otherwise. All exams count in determining the final grade. Make-up exams will be given only in *extenuating* circumstances and will usually consist of long essay questions. WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FROM YOUR PHYSICIAN OR UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL MUST BE PROVIDED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A MAKE-UP EXAM.**

Cheating: **All work should be that of the student alone. No communication, notes, or wireless devices are permitted during any exam. If the instructor determines that a student has cheated on an exam or any assignment, the student will receive no credit for that exam or assignment and the student's name will be reported to the proper authorities.**

For additional student information that accompanies this syllabus, go to the link on the Internet at:

https://www.uco.edu/academic-affairs/files/aa-forms/StudentInfoSheet.pdf