

BIOL 172 Introduction to Biology II

Tuesday 1:00-3:30pm (CRN 62054, 3 Credits) or

Thursday 1:00-3:30pm (CRN 62354, 3 Credits)

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Continuation of BIOL 171. Topics include: Origin of eukaryotic organisms, their general characteristics, life cycles, systematics and evolution; Anatomy, physiology and classification of higher plants; Anatomy, physiology, behavior and classification of animals; and Basic ecological principles. (3 hrs. lect.)

PREREQUISITES

Credit in BIOL 171

Concurrent registration in BIOL 172L Recommended

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this class, the student should be able to

- Contrast the general characteristics, life cycles, evolution and systematics of eukaryotic organisms.
- Describe the detailed biology of higher plants.
- Describe the detailed biology of animals.
- Explain how interacting environmental factors (physical, chemical and biological) determine the distribution and abundance of living things.

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

The previously described objectives will be achieved through the aid of the following learning activities:

- In-class lectures and activities
- Online lecture presentations (these may be viewed as downloadable podcasts from the course Lulima site).
- Internet-assisted activities and resources (e.g., Lulima).
- Readings from textbook and instructor's lecture outlines and study guides (lecture outlines and study guides downloadable as pdf files from the course Lulima site).

COURSE TASKS, ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

ATTENDANCE and PARTICIPATION The student is expected to attend class and participate in class activities (unless the student chooses Option B grading). Attendance and in-class activities will a portion of the grade. Students may miss a maximum of 2 classes without penalty. After 2 absences, all further absences will result in a deduction from the student's attendance score.

QUIZZES The student will take ten quizzes (10 points each; 100 points total) administered through the Internet (Laulima) during specified time periods (but not during class sessions). These quizzes will address the detailed content and major concepts presented in the lectures, lecture outlines, text readings, and study guide activities. Students may refer to instructional resources (textbook, study guide, lecture notes, etc.) while taking the quizzes. However, the quizzes will be timed, the student having only 20 minutes to complete each quiz. Make-up quizzes for missed quizzes may be administered for reasons including computer/Internet crashes, illnesses, and emergencies, upon the discretion of the professor. The student should also note that quizzes are only reviewable from the course Laulima site if the student has taken them. The student should not expect to be able to review quizzes that the student has not accessed from the course Laulima site during the quiz availability period.

EXAMINATIONS. The student will take two non-cumulative midterm examinations (100 points each) and a cumulative final examination (200 points) to demonstrate understanding of information presented primarily during lectures. The first midterm examination will cover information presented during the first third of the course. The second midterm examination will cover information presented during the second third of the course. The final examination will cover material from the entire semester. Students attending lecture and completing in-class activities can drop their lowest midterm grade. These **closed-book, proctored** examinations will be administered through the Internet using Laulima at your campus' Learning Center. **NO RETESTS** will be given. A student missing an exam because of a documented illness or emergency may be allowed to take a make-up exam. In such a circumstance, the student should make every reasonable attempt to contact the instructor before the exam is administered to the class (or as soon as possible). While make-up exams will cover the same content area as a missed exam, the exam format and specific questions may be different.

Option B: The first semester of this course (BIOL 171, Fall 2017) was previously taught as a hybrid course, wherein attendance at lecture was supplementary. If students are unable to attend lectures, they may submit a document within the first two weeks of class stating that they will choose Option B for the course. Reasons for this may include family obligations, job obligations, or preference for independent study. Option B will substitute a second midterm examination for the in-class activities, resulting in a total of 500 points. Students who choose Option B will not be allowed to switch back without substantial reason and the professor's approval.

The assignment of points will be according to the following protocol:

In-class activities	100 points
Quizzes	100 points
Midterm Examinations (2)	200 points (2 x 100 points) (Drop one exam, if you are attending class and completing activities)
Final Examination	200 points
TOTAL	500 points

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

- A** 90% or above in total points.
- B** 80-89.9% of total points.
- C** 65-79.9% of total points.
- D** 55-64.9% of total points.
- F** Below 55% of total points or informal or incomplete official withdrawal from course.

I - Incomplete; If a student is unable to complete a small part of the course because of circumstances beyond his or her control, he/she may initiate a discussion with the professor of receiving an Incomplete grade. It is the **STUDENT'S** responsibility to make up incomplete work by an agreed-upon deadline. Failure to satisfactorily make up incomplete work within the appropriate time period will result in a grade change for "I" to the contingency grade identified by the instructor.

W - Official withdrawal from the course after the third week and prior to the end of the 10th week of classes (see catalog).

Waiver of minimum requirements for specific grades may be given only in unique situations at the instructor's discretion.

Students involved in academic dishonesty, including Cheating and Plagiarism, will receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or the course, depending on the severity of the incident. Academic dishonesty is defined in WCC's college catalog.

https://windward.hawaii.edu/Catalogs_Schedules/WCC_Catalog_2017-2018.pdf

LEARNING RESOURCES

Required Textbook

Reece, J.B., L.A. Urry, M.L. Cain, S.A. Wasserman, P.V. Minorsky, and R.B. Jackson. 2014. Campbell Biology, Tenth Edition. Benjamin Cummings. San Francisco.

Additional Resources

Lecture outlines, PowerPoint slides (as pdf files), Podcasts of the lectures and other resources will be made available on the course Lulima site.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The student is expected to attend and actively participate in all course lectures and activities, and complete all quizzes and examinations on time.

The student is expected to be prepared in advance before the class sessions. Being prepared includes the following: having read text materials (e.g., textbook readings) assigned for that day's activities and bringing required work materials (e.g., handouts, writing supplies, etc.) to the session.

Any changes in the course schedule, such as examination dates, deadlines, etc., will be announced ahead of time in class and on the course Lulima site (Lulima Announcements Page for BIOL 172). It is the student's responsibility to be informed of these changes. Students should visit the course Lulima site at least twice per week.

It is the student's responsibility to be informed about deadlines critical to making registration changes (e.g., last day of erase period and last day for making an official withdrawal).

The student should understand that **"INTRODUCTORY" DOES NOT MEAN "EASY"**.

Students should expect a level of difficulty comparable to other 100-level science classes intended for majors in the discipline. When difficult concepts and detailed information are presented, it is the student's responsibility to take the appropriate steps to learn and understand these concepts and information.

Science courses at W.C.C. generally require two to three hours of independent private study time for each hour in class. However, because of the nature of the material presented in BIOL 172, more study time may be required (depends upon the student's science/biology background). It is the student's responsibility to allocate the appropriate time needed for study in an environment conducive to quality study. The student must budget time efficiently and be realistic about all personal and professional commitments that consume time.

HOW TO SUCCEED IN THIS CLASS

Understanding biological science involves understanding many difficult concepts and vocabulary, not just knowing facts. The student should know that the details to these concepts are important. In addition, the student will be introduced to hundreds of new words. In some cases, words that are familiar in a context other than biology will be introduced in the context of biology. The student will need to understand and use these terms in a biological science context. The student will not succeed in this class without taking careful lecture notes and reading the corresponding material in the textbook. As soon as possible (best if done on the same day), the student should copy over these lecture notes filling in gaps and missing information by referring to the lecture outlines and textbook. The student should carefully review these rewritten lecture notes as often as possible. In addition to reviewing these notes before an exam, it would be useful for the student to try to rewrite these notes from memory.

In addition to copying over lecture notes, study activities should include drawing labeled diagrams or graphs that illustrate important biological phenomena (e.g., the internal structure of the cell, the stages of cell division, or the anatomy of the heart). These diagrams need not be works of art, but should clearly illustrate significant information. Before an exam, it would be useful to redraw these labeled diagrams and graphs from memory.

The student should make flashcards for each new vocabulary word presented. On one side of the card, write the word. On the other side, write the appropriate biological science definition for the word. The student should use these card for self-testing as often as possible. The student should also practice using the words to explain biological concepts.

The textbook and the lecture outlines include useful study questions. The student should write out answers to all of these questions as though they were required assignments. Students could exchange these answers and provide constructive feedback to each other.

The student should read the textbook materials corresponding to a particular lecture before and after that lecture.

Students are recommended to establish study groups and study together. The students in these groups may test each other's knowledge and understanding of the information. They may also take turns teaching each other.

The student should ask the instructor to explain the things that the student does not understand.

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability

Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale 'Ākoakoa 213 for more information.