Biology for Science Majors II Lab Syllabus and Policy Fall 2021  
Bio 1107.020, Bio 1107.023, Bio 1107.201

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- Do not contact me through D2L, I will not respond. Only use my SFA email (sullivanjb@sfasu.edu).

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Department: Biology  
Class Meeting Time & Place:  
- Bio 1107.020 W 10:00-11:50  
- Bio 1107.023 R 1:00-2:50  
- Bio 1107.201 TBA  
  E.L. Miller Science 212  
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  Virtually on D2L/Zoom

Required Materials  
Subscription to SimUText computer simulations. Registration cost is $50, signup instructions information will be provided on D2L.

Course Website: https://d2l.sfasu.edu/  
Students are responsible for checking this site regularly and being aware of weekly announcements regarding upcoming labs.

Course Description: One semester hour, three hours lab per week. Fundamental principles of animal life, including invertebrate and vertebrate animals. Required lab fee.

Pre-requisites: Must be TSI complete for all BIOL courses.

Co-requisite: BIO 1307 Lecture

GRADING POLICY  
BIOL 1107 lab comprises 25% of the combined lecture & lab score. For example, if one earns an A in lecture, a C in lab, and a B overall, the transcript will record a B for both lecture (1107) and lab (1107L).

Grading scale: A = 90–100%; B = 80–89%; C = 70–79%; D = 60–69%; < 60% = F

Graded items: The course grade is based solely on the weekly activities/assignments.

ATTENDANCE AND ASSIGNMENT POLICY:  
Attendance is mandatory unless otherwise stated. Unexcused absences, instances of tardiness, and disruptive behavior will incur penalties on graded assignments (5% tardiness, 5% disruptive behavior). If you miss a lab with an excusable absence (as determined by the instructor and University policy; e.g., illness with doctor’s note, University sponsored event, death in the family with documentation provided) contact your instructor ASAP (within two business days the missed class) to request makeup work. Makeup work will not be allowed for unexcused absences. Late assignment submissions will be penalized 20% per business day late. If extraordinary circumstances lead to excessive absences (e.g., hospital stay), communicate with the instructor regarding the situation. Certain labs can’t be made up outside of class as they may require class participation, field trips, and demonstrations that are only available temporarily. Makeup labs for excused absences in these cases may involve a separate library research project and writing assignment.
Acceptable Student Behavior:

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1, http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student_conduct_code.asp). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. If you are asked to leave, you must schedule a time to meet with me before you are allowed to attend another lab. Additional rules and guidelines for lab will be covered the first week of lab. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES (SLOs)

SLO 1. Demonstrate understanding of the process of science by distinguishing between science and non-science and designing experiments that address testable hypotheses. (CO1, CO3)
SLO 2. Use quantitative reasoning to interpret evolutionary and ecological data (tables, figures and graphs). (CO1, CO3, CO4)
SLO 3. Demonstrate understanding of the skills and attitudes necessary for effective teamwork in collaborative learning activities and a semester-long project. (CO1, CO2, CO4)
SLO 4. Critically assess the interrelationship of human dimensions and ecology/evolution and communicate resulting conclusions in oral, visual and written formats. (CO1, CO2, CO4)
SLO 5. Understand evolution as the unifying concept in biology. (CO1, CO2)
SLO 6. Understand the factors that govern interactions between organisms and their environments. (CO1, CO2)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

PLO 1. The student will demonstrate a good knowledge base in biological concepts. (SLOs 1, 5, 6)
PLO 2. Clearly articulate scientific information in oral form. (SLOs 3-6)
PLO 3. Clearly articulate scientific information in written form. (SLO 3-6)
PLO 4. Be able to design, carry out, and analyze experiments to answer biological questions. (SLOs 1, 2)
PLO 5. Demonstrate teamwork skills needed to coordinate diverse multidisciplinary teams to solve challenges in the biological world. (SLOs 2-4)

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has identified six core learning objectives: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical and Quantitative Skills, Teamwork, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility. SFA is committed to the improvement of its general education core curriculum by regular assessment of student performance on these six objectives.

By enrolling in Biology for Science Majors II you are also enrolling in a Core Curriculum Course that fulfills the [INSERT CORE OBJECTIVE COMPONENT] requirement. The chart below indicates: (a) The core objectives that are required to be taught in this course per the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), (b) How the required core objectives will be addressed.

Include only the core objectives that must be addressed by this course in the first column. Examples of the things that can be included in the final column are: Specific assignments, class module(s), chapter(s), strategies, activities, and/or techniques that address the core objectives.
Core Curriculum Objective Table

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<th>Definition</th>
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<td>Critical Thinking Skills</td>
<td>To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.</td>
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<td>Communication Skills</td>
<td>To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas though written, oral, and visual communication.</td>
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<td>Empirical and Quantitative Skills</td>
<td>To include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.</td>
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<td>Teamwork</td>
<td>To include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.</td>
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<td>Personal Responsibility</td>
<td>To include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.</td>
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<td>Social Responsibility</td>
<td>To include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.</td>
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**Academic Integrity (A-9.1):**

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)
Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Mental Health and Wellness

*Please copy and paste the following information into your course syllabus.*

SFA values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students' mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

**On-campus Resources:**
SFA Counseling Services [www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices](http://www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices) Rusk Building, 3rd Floor 936.468.2401

SFA Human Services Counseling Clinic
[www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp)
Human Services, Room 202 936.468.1041

**Crisis Resources:**
Burke 24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255) Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741
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