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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The City University of New York
Department of Science

General Biology Lecture - BIO 108

Lecture hours: 3

Spring 2021

Credits : 3

Instructor Information

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SCIENTIFIC WORLD BUCKET

Course Description

General Biology presents an overview of many important topics in the natural sciences today and provides relevant background material from the physical sciences. It traces life from its beginning (cells) to the development of multi-cellular organisms. It traces life from its beginning (cells) to the development of multi-cellular organisms. It covers topics such as evolution, macromolecules, the cell (structure and function), energy relationships (photosynthesis and respiration), cellular activities (mitosis, meiosis, DNA replication and gene expression), inheritance, molecular genetics, and body systems.

Basic Skills: MATH 051 ENG 088 ACR 094

Prerequisites/ Co-requisites: BIO 109 (laboratory course that accompanies BIO 108). Students are required to take both BIO 108 and BIO 109.

Course Student Learning Outcomes	Measurements
1. Students will understand basic principles of biology including life from its beginning (cells) to the development of multi-cellular organisms, evolution, macromolecules the cell (structure and function), energy relationships (photosynthesis and respiration), cellular activities (mitosis, meiosis, DNA replication and gene expression), inheritance, molecular genetics, and body systems.	1. Graded homework assignments. Quizzes/examinations.
2. Students will be able to understand the structure, functions and activities of different kinds of cells.	3. Graded homework assignments. Quizzes/examinations.
3. Students will be able to understand the basis and mechanisms of inheritance.	4. Graded mitosis, meiosis and genetics problems; Quizzes/examinations.

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Below are the college's general education learning outcomes, the outcomes that are checked in the left-hand column indicate goals that will be covered and assessed in this course. (Check at least one.)

	General Education Learning Outcomes	Measurements (means of assessment for general education goals listed in first column)
X	Communication Skills- Students will be able to write, read, listen and speak critically and effectively.	
X	Scientific Reasoning- Students will be able to apply the concepts and methods of the natural sciences.	Students will conduct hypothesis - driven exercises and case studies and analyze data.

Pathways Learning Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes	Assignments and Activities
1. Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring the scientific world, including, but not limited to: computer science, history of science, life and physical sciences, linguistics, logic, mathematics, psychology, statistics, and technology related studies.	Students will gain an understanding of basic concepts in biology such as levels of organization of organisms (molecules, cells, tissues, organs, systems), functioning of cells, cell division, photosynthesis and genetics. Students will learn about the scientific method and will apply it in various hands-on exercises that include direct and indirect measurement, microscopy, biochemical assays. These activities will be performed in the co-requisite BIO 109 laboratory course
2. Demonstrate how tools of science, mathematics, technology, or formal analysis can be used to analyze problems and develop solutions.	Students will learn the theory of the scientific method. They will then work in teams of two or four on various laboratory-based investigations. During their lab investigations, they will make scientific observations, collect data and analyze results collaboratively. They will present their findings in lab reports. These lab-based activities will be performed in the co-requisite BIO 109 laboratory course. Some problem analysis and solution development will be carried out in BIO 108 in class lectures and homework assignments (for example, students will learn how to apply the Punnett square to understand basic genetics)
3. Articulate and evaluate the empirical evidence supporting a scientific or formal theory.	Data gathered in lab sessions will be analyzed and presented in lab reports. Lab reports will follow the conventional format of introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion and conclusion. These reports will indicate students' understanding of scientific theories and their

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	ability to articulate these theories. These lab-based activities will be performed in the co-requisite BIO 109 laboratory course.
4. Articulate and evaluate the impact of technologies and scientific discoveries on the contemporary world, such as issues of personal privacy, security, or ethical responsibilities.	Students will learn about various technologies and scientific discoveries such as DNA fingerprinting, cloning, stem cells and cancer, and gene therapy. The impact of these will be discussed in class and students' understanding of these techniques and discoveries, and their impact on the contemporary world will be assessed by exams and homework assignments
5. Understand the scientific principles underlying matters of policy or public concern in which science plays a role.	Students will learn about issues such as global warming, pollution, genetically modified foods, stem cells and cancer, and will understand and discuss the scientific principles underlying these.

Required Text:

Launchpad only: Ebook and resources \$59.99, follow the link your instructor will give you in class or on blackboard.

Custom Loose leaf: Phelan *What is Life?* 4e + 12M LaunchPad Access Card (required)
ISBN 9781319232337, \$91.80 at the BMCC bookstore, order through website.

Other Resources

Use of Technology: Launchpad, Blackboard and ZOOM

Evaluation & Requirements of Students

1. Objective & essay examinations including a final examination.
2. Writing assignments and/or oral presentations.
3. Attendance according to school policy.

LECTURE SYLLABUS

Week	Topic	Text section
1,2,3	NATURE OF SCIENCE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF LIFE - Scope/Organization of Life - Characteristics of Living things including: Organization, Homeostasis, Energy requirements, Growth, Sensitivity, Motility, Reproduction - Nature of Science/Scientific Method - Classification-Taxonomy - How Evolution Works	Ch. 0 (e-version on Launchpad only) Ch 1 Ch 0 Ch 0, Ch 10

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	- Origin of the Universe /History of Life on Earth	Ch 12
4,5	CHEMISTRY OF LIFE - Matter, Elements and Atomic Structure Chemical bonding, water, acids & bases - Molecules of Life-Carbohydrates, Lipids, Proteins, Nucleic Acids	Ch. 2 Ch 3
6, 7	CELLS and ENERGY - Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells - Eukaryotic Cells/ Structure & Function - Cell Membrane, Organelles - Photosynthesis & Cell Respiration - Cytoskeleton	Ch 4 and Ch 5
8	CELL MEMBRANES & TRANSPORT - Membrane Transport	Ch 3
9, 10	CELL DIVISION - DNA replication - Cell Cycle - Chromosomal Organization - Mitosis, Meiosis, Cytokinesis - Stem Cells and Cancer	Ch 8
11, 12	GENES and INHERITANCE - Mendelian Genetics - Different types of Inheritance: Incomplete Dominance, Multiple Alleles HUMAN GENETICS - Pedigrees, Sex-linkage	Ch 9
13	DNA an GENE EXPRESSION - What is the genetic code and how it works - Protein synthesis: transcription and translation - Mutation - Gene Regulation	Ch.6
14	BIOTECHNOLOGY -The potential for genetic manipulation to improve agriculture and health	Ch 7

Class Participation

Participation in the academic activity of each course is a significant component of the learning process and plays a major role in determining overall student academic achievement. Academic activities may include, but are not limited to, attending class, submitting assignments, engaging in in-class or online activities, taking exams, and/or participating in group work. Each instructor has the right to establish their own class participation policy, and it is each student's responsibility to be familiar with and follow the participation policies for each course.

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