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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York
Department of Science

BIOLOGY I
BIO 210 Sec. _____
Spring 2021

Lecture hours: 3
Lab hours: 3
6 hours total

Credits 4

Instructor Information (Phone#, Office#, email) _____

You are enrolled in a distance learning course. Your class is listed on CUNY First as Synchronous (meeting at a specific day/time online) or Asynchronous (no specific meeting time). Your professor will reach out via Blackboard to explain the course delivery and setup. You are required to set aside the necessary amount of time every week to study and complete course material.

Course Description

This is the first semester of a one-year majors level course that acquaints students with the basic properties of living systems: metabolism, growth, energy transformation, cellular reproduction, classical and molecular genetics.

Basic Skills Requirements

ENG 095, ESL 095, ACR 095, MAT 051

Prerequisites/Co-requisites:

ENG 101, MAT 056 (or a MAT 100 or higher course if you are a major outside of the Science department)

Course Student Learning Outcomes (Students will be able to...)	Measurements (means of assessment for student learning outcomes listed in first column)
1. Students will be able to explain the designation of the cell as the unit of life by studying its structure and functions.	1. Quizzes and examinations.
2. Students will perform hands-on experiments using the scientific method and critical thinking to solve problems.	2. Written laboratory reports and assignments.
3. Students will be able to explain how plant cells capture light energy and then transform it into chemical energy.	3. Quizzes and examinations.
4. Students will be able to describe DNA as the genetic material, with emphasis on DNA replication, cell division, protein synthesis, mutation and inheritance patterns.	4. Quizzes and examinations.
5. Students will be able to discuss the principles of science that underlie recent advances in biotechnology (cloning, genetic engineering), as well as analyze and discuss the ethical, legal and social impact.	5. Quizzes and examinations.

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	Scientific Reasoning- Students will be able to apply the concepts and methods of the natural sciences.	Students will assimilate class and laboratory information in order to answer questions related to biology orally and in written form.

Evaluation of Students: The course will be graded on the following:

Lecture: _____ Lab: _____

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Final examination: _____ Other (attendance/ participation etc.) _

Required Text & Materials

Text: *Campbell Biology, 12th* Edition, packaged with Modified MasteringBiology Authors: Urry, Lisa A, et al. Publisher: Pearson, 2020

Available from the BMCC bookstore (<https://bmcc.bncollege.com/shop/bmcc/home>)

a. Loose leaf edition COMBO (3 hole punched, with 24-month access to Modified MasteringBiology® and e-text) for BMCC: ISBN 9780136852384 BMCC bookstore price \$123.20

Available from Pearson via Mastering Biology (once registered through your course)

b. Modified MasteringBiology (24-month access) with Pearson eText for Campbell Biology, 12th Ed. Online price: \$119.99

c. MasteringBiology alone (24-month access) for students who have the text. Online price: \$74.99

d. Modified MasteringBiology (one semester/18-week access) with Pearson eText for Campbell Biology, 12th Ed. Online price: \$69.99

Option D should only be used by those who need to take Bio210 only and not Bio220 as well. This option will result in a higher overall cost because you will need to purchase again for Bio220

Lab Manual: Laboratory Manual for Biology I, *BMCC 2nd custom edition* ISBN 9781524908010

The Lab Manual can be purchased from the BMCC bookstore or directly from the publisher through the following website:

<http://www.kendallhunt.com/jayant> Digital E-book: \$21.50 Online or Book store price: \$42.35

Evaluation & Requirements of Students Instructor will administer four to six examinations. Students will be required to submit reports for all laboratory experiments as designated by the instructor. A term paper may be assigned at the instructor's discretion.

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. Permission to record a class is at the instructor's discretion.

BMCC is committed to the health and well-being of all students. It is common for everyone to seek assistance at some point in their life, and there are free and confidential services on campus that can help.

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<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>CHAPTER (S)</u>
6	<p>PHOTOSYNTHESIS</p> <p>Chloroplast structure (grana, thylakoid membranes, photosystems, stroma) Plant anatomy (roots, stems, leaves; Ch. 35:752-759) Electromagnetic spectrum Light-dependent reactions: photosystems I & II (P680 & P700) (photolysis of water, oxygen release, proton gradient) Chemiosmosis and ATP generation Light-independent reactions (Calvin-Benson Cycle) and CO₂ fixation Generation of PGAL and production of glucose Evolution of photosynthetic pathways (C3, C4 and Crassulacean acid metabolism-CAM) Effects of deforestation and fossil fuels on global warming</p>	10
7	<p>FOOD AS A FUEL: CELLULAR RESPIRATION</p> <p>Oxidation-reduction reactions Glycolysis and fermentation (anaerobic-lactic acid and ethyl alcohol production) Breakdown of glucose to pyruvic acid Metabolic intermediates (Acetyl Coenzyme A) Citric acid cycle (decarboxylation and dehydrogenation reactions), (substrate, oxidative and photo phosphorylation) The electron transport chain (cytochromes, NADH, FADH₂) and metabolic water ATP production: proton gradient and chemiosmosis</p>	9
8, 9	<p>THE CELL CYCLE and TYPES OF CELL DIVISION</p> <p>MITOTIC DIVISION (MITOSIS) results into two identical cells Phases of the cell cycle (G₁, S, G₂, Mitosis, G₀ phase) Chromosome structure: DNA packing in prophase (Ch. 16:328-330) Mitosis (prophase, prometaphase, metaphase, anaphase, telophase) S Phase: DNA replication (Ch. 16:318-327) Comparison between plant and animal cell mitosis Cell cycle regulation, Cell cycle genes, cancer and apoptosis (Ch. 18: 383-388, Ch. 11:227-229)</p> <p>MEIOSIS: 2 special cell divisions to create sex cells (gametes) Crossing over in prophase I and random, independent assortment in metaphase I Reduction of diploid chromosome number to haploid Human spermatogenesis and oogenesis (Ch. 46:1022-1023) Comparison between meiosis and mitosis.</p>	12
10	<p>MOLECULAR GENETICS</p> <p>Evidence that DNA is the genetic molecule (Griffith, Avery et al., Hershey) Helical and antiparallel structure of DNA (Watson and Crick, Chargaff, Franklin) Semi-conservative replication of DNA (Meselson and Stahl) Mechanism of DNA replication (This subject may be covered with the cell cycle.) Gene numbers, pseudo genes</p>	13
11	<p>RNA AND PROTEIN SYNTHESIS</p> <p>Information flow: the “central dogma,” DNA → RNA → protein Structure of a gene (promoter, introns, exons, intragenic DNA), non-genomic DNA, telomeric DNA Transcription: stages (initiation, elongation, termination); molecular process (roles of transcription factors and RNA polymerase); post-transcriptional processing (alternative splicing, 5' cap, 3' poly-adenylation); differences between processes in eukaryotes and prokaryotes; Cell signaling regulation (Ch. 11:223-227) Translation: stages (initiation, elongation, termination); the roles of ribosomal RNA; transfer RNA and amino acids (anticodons bond to codons in mRNA), bound vs free polysomes Basic mechanisms of the regulation of gene expression (Ch. 18:365-376); ncRNAs; siRNA, miRNA, piRNA Viruses as intracellular parasites that hijack cellular machinery (Ch. 19:392-400)</p>	16
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12	RECENT ADVANCES IN DNA RESEARCH AND BIOTECHNOLOGY <i>(topics covered as time permits)</i> Cloning genes; restriction enzymes; cutting, splicing and inserting DNA; Gel Electrophoresis; Application of DNA replication (Polymerase Chain Reaction-PCR); DNA finger printing (Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms-RFLP) Genetic therapy for treating human diseases Recombinant DNA technology (drugs, plants) What lies ahead as the human genome has been sequenced? (microarrays)	20
13, 14	MENDELIAN GENETICS Mendel's first and second laws of inheritance Dominant and recessive alleles Genetic terms: genotype, phenotype, homozygous, heterozygous, mono-hybrid cross, test cross, dihybrid cross, incomplete dominance (co-dominance), Punnett square, epistasis, pleiotrophy) Human genes, diseases and conditions (Tay-Sachs, sickle cell disease, cystic fibrosis, Huntington's disease, albinism), Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM) and gene maps Understanding human pedigrees Polygenic inheritance and multiple alleles	14
	CHROMOSOMES AND INHERITANCE Mutations (Ch. 23:481-482) Sex-linked genes, chromosomal mutations Linkage and crossing over in Drosophila	15

Laboratory Syllabus- (order and options of lab exercises may be modified at the instructor's discretion in distance learning.)

WEEK	LABORATORY FOCUS	MANUAL EXERCISES
1	Metric system and measurements Scientific investigation	<i>Laboratory safety will be discussed.</i> Ex. 1, 2
2	Solutions, Acids and bases	Ex. 3, 4 <i>(See pH meter use in Appendix)</i>
3	Macromolecules	Ex. 5, 6 <i>(See spectrophotometer use in the Appendix)</i>
4	Introduction to the microscope; Introduction to cells	Ex. 7, 8
5	Diffusion and Osmosis	Ex. 10
6	Investigating enzymatic reactions	Ex. 11
7	Photosynthesis	Ex. 12 <i>(See spectrophotometer use in Appendix)</i>
8	Cellular respiration and fermentation	Ex. 13
9	Mitosis /meiosis	Ex. 14
10	DNA isolation	Ex. 15
11	Protein synthesis	Ex. 16
12	DNA fingerprinting	Ex. 17, 18
13	DNA transformation	Ex. 19
14	Genetics	Ex. 20
15	Finals week	