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**BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The City University of New York

Department of Science

**MICROBIOLOGY BIO420**

**Class Hours: 6**

**Lecture Hours per Week: 3**

**Laboratory Hours per Week: 3**

**Semester:** Spring 2021

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

**Credits:** 4

**Course Description:** BIO420 is an introductory microbiology class that covers the essentials of microbiology, interactions between microbes and the human host, and microbes and important human diseases. The course surveys microorganisms pathogenic to humans: their characteristics, pathogenicity and modes of transmission are studied. Laboratory instruction includes a study of the sterile technique and the culturing, staining and handling of bacteria.

**Prerequisites/ Corequisites:** BIO 426 and CHE 118 or CHE 121, or departmental approval

<b>Course Student Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Measurements</b>
1. Students will be able to describe the characteristics of bacteria, viruses, prions and fungi.	1. Quizzes and examinations. Students will be assessed on their ability to differentiate between these organisms both structurally and functionally.
2. Students will be able to describe: DNA replication; protein synthesis; gene expression and mutation; genetic mechanisms of drug resistance.	2. Quizzes and examinations. In particular, students' understanding of different types of mutations and the ways in which drug resistance arises will be assessed.
3. Students will be able to describe the mechanisms of host resistance and immunity.	3. Quizzes and examinations. Questions on the exam will assess students' understanding of the interactions between different aspects of innate and adaptive immunity.
4. Students will be able to identify the major bacterial, viral and fungal pathogens and understand the interaction between host & pathogen.	4. Quizzes and examinations. Questions on the exam will include case-study approaches to assess students' understanding of how important diseases are transmitted, the pathology of the diseases, and treatment of the diseases.
5. Students will be able to culture, stain, and handle bacteria with emphasis on safety and sterile technique.	5. Written laboratory reports and assignments. Improvements in clarity and organization of reports will be monitored. Students will also be given a practical exam in which they will be asked to (i) identify different staining techniques, (ii) describe techniques used for obtaining a pure cultures and (iii) understand the Kirby-Bauer method used for determining antibiotic sensitivity.

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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.)**

	<b>General Education Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Measurements (means of assessment for general education goals listed in first column)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Scientific Reasoning</b> - 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.

**Required Lecture Text:**

Title: Nester's Microbiology: A Human Perspective

Authors: Anderson, Salm and Allen

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Publishing

Edition: 9th Edition, 2018

Lecture Text buying options (Connect is required for this class):

1. Direct from McGraw-Hill via Connect URL (See page 6 for instructions on how to purchase via Connect website):
  - a. Connect only - \$87.50
  - b. Loose-leaf textbook with Connect access- \$112.50 net

OR
2. Combo from BMCC Bookstore (ISBN #: 9781260269505):  
Nester's Microbiology; Connect with LearnSmart Labs access card - \$158.55

**Required Laboratory Text:**

Title: Microbiology: A Laboratory Manual e-book (PDF format)

Authors: Benavides, Salm, Thompson, Zaitsev and Fernández Romero

Publisher: Morton Publishing

Edition: 2e, 2020

ISBN #: 978-1-64043-274-1

Laboratory Manual buying option through **VitalSource** - \$36.00 (you also have the option to rent it for 120 days for \$27.00)

1) Create a VitalSource account as a student with your school email address:

[https://bulk-store.vitalsource.com/sign\\_up](https://bulk-store.vitalsource.com/sign_up)

2) Purchase e-book with the link below:

<https://www.vitalsource.com/products/custom-ebook-bmcc-micro-lm-rev2-sarah-salm-v9781640432741>

**Other Resources**

**Use of Technology:** Blackboard, Connect

**Evaluation and Requirements of Students:**

Lecture Examinations

Laboratory Examinations

Other Assignments

Final Examination

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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.

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.

**Single Stop** [www.bmcc.cuny.edu/singlestop](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/singlestop), room S230, 212-220-8195. If you are having problems with food or housing insecurity, finances, health insurance or anything else that might get in the way of your studies at BMCC, come by the Single Stop Office for advice and assistance. Assistance is also available through the Office of Student Affairs, S350, 212-220- 8130.

**Counseling Center** [www.bmcc.cuny.edu/counseling](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/counseling), room S343, 212-220-8140. Counselors assist students in addressing psychological and adjustment issues (i.e., depression, anxiety, and relationships) and can help with stress, time management and more. Counselors are available for walk-in visits.

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**Office of Accessibility** [www.bmcc.cuny.edu/accessibility](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/accessibility), room N360 (accessible entrance: 77 Harrison Street), 212-220-8180. This office collaborates with students who have documented disabilities, to coordinate support services, reasonable accommodations, and programs that enable equal access to education and college life. To request an accommodation due to a documented disability, please visit or call the office.

### **BMCC Policy on Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Statement**

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's ideas, words or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one's own creation. Using the idea or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations, require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism. Students who are unsure how and when to provide documentation are advised to consult with their instructors. The library has guides designed to help students to appropriately identify a cited work. The full policy can be found on BMCC's Web site, [www.bmcc.cuny.edu](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu). For further information on integrity and behavior, please consult the college bulletin (also available online).

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### LECTURE

WEEK	TOPIC	PAGES IN TEXT BOOK
1	Humans and the microbial world Prokaryote cell structure	Chapter 1: 1-18 Chapter 3: 44-56*** (microscopy techniques) Chapter 3: 57-77 (prokaryote cell structure) *** Optional pages – these may be covered in lab session by your instructor
2	Microbial growth Control of Microbial growth	Chapter 4: 92-109 (microbial growth) Chapter 4: 110-115*** (methods to detect growth) Chapter 5: 119-138 (control of growth) *** These pages may be covered in lab session by your instructor
3	Microbial metabolism	Chapter 6: 139-177
4	The blueprint of life: DNA to protein	Chapter 7: 178-205
5	Bacterial genetics	Chapter 8: 206-235 Chapter 9: 236-258*** (Biotechnology) *** Optional pages – your instructor may or may not cover this section
6	Viruses, viroids and prions	Chapter 13: 332-360
7	Innate immune response	Chapter 14: 362-385
8	Adaptive immune response	Chapter 15: 386-414
9	Host-microbe interactions Immunologic disorders	Chapter 16: 415-438 Chapter 17: 439-455
10	Applications of immune responses Epidemiology	Chapter 18: 456-463 (immunization) Chapter 18: 464-476*** (immunologic testing) Chapter 19: 477-499 *** Your instructor will indicate what he/she plans to cover in these pages
11	Antimicrobial medications Respiratory infections	Chapter 20: 500-530 Chapter 21: 531-573 * Your instructor will indicate which diseases are to be covered
12	Skin infections Wound infections	Chapter 22: 574-600 Chapter 23: 601-622 * Your instructor will indicate which diseases are to be covered
13	Digestive system infections Blood and lymphatic infections	Chapter 24: 623-663 Chapter 25: 664-693 * Your instructor will indicate which diseases are to be covered
14	Nervous system infections Genitourinary infections	Chapter 26: 694-727 Chapter 27: 728-766 * Your instructor will indicate which diseases are to be covered
15	Final Exam	

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### LABORATORY

WEEK	TOPIC
1	Lab safety; Comparing Hand-Cleaning Agents (Lab Manual Sections 1 & 2)
2	Using the Compound Microscope; Wet Mount; Aseptic Technique (Lab Manual Section 3)
3	Staining Procedures (Lab Manual Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8)
4	Separating a Mixture (obtaining pure culture); Microbial Growth (Lab Manual Sections 10 & 17)
5	Effect of UV Light on Microbial Growth (Lab Manual Section 12)
6	DNA Gel Electrophoresis (Lab Manual Section 19)
7	Bacterial Transformation (PowerPoint Slides)
8	ELISA (Lab Manual Section 22)
9	Water Testing I – Selective and Differential Tests (Lab Manual Section 13)
10	Water Testing II – Commercial Kits (Lab Manual Section 14)
11	Disc Diffusion Assay (Lab Manual Section 18)
12	Direct Counting and Turbidity Assay (Lab Manual Section 15 and 16)
13	Protozoa (Lab Manual Section 20)
14	Final Exam

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1. Go to your professor's section web address (provided by your specific professor)
2. Click the "Register Now" Button.
3. Select "Buy Online" or enter code from the bookstore package.

➤ **NOTE:** Connect comes with the full ebook. After enrollment in your Connect section, you will have the option to purchase the full, loose-leaf version of the print text.

A screenshot of the "Student Registration" page. The page is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled "Have a registration code?", asks the user to enter their registration code and provides an example: "GRFU-BYHA-6MYJ-FGWM-F9XA". Below this is a "Submit" button. The right section, titled "Don't have a code?", offers the option to "Buy access online" and includes logos for VISA, MasterCard, and American Express, along with a "Buy Online" button. At the bottom of the right section, there is a "Try before buying" section with a "Start courtesy access" button.

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