WELCOME TO GENERAL BIOLOGY – FALL 2012

For many students, General Biology is your first college science course and we want you to know a little about the course as we get started with a busy semester. General Biology 101, along with General Biology 102 in the spring semester, is for students majoring in the biological sciences or pharmacy and students intending to attend a professional school in the sciences. To help ensure your success in the course, you must be coregistered in English 350:101 (or a higher level English course) and eligible for Mathematics 640:111 (or a higher level mathematics course) or have successfully completed these courses or courses at a higher level. Students lacking these requirements will be deregistered without warning. In addition, we assume that General Biology students have successfully completed a course in Chemistry in high school.

The word "General" in the course title means that this course is designed to prepare you for a wide range of upper level biology courses. You may find that this course covers far more on each topic, and in greater depth, than the biology courses you took in high school, including honors and AP courses. The material covered is based on what you will need to know to succeed in higher level courses. Many students mistakenly believe that General Biology is designed to "weed out" potential majors; to the contrary, all biology-related programs welcome majors and we have no interest in "weeding" anyone out. However, biology is a demanding field and unless you can master the material in this course, you will not be ready for higher level courses. We do not recommend this course to satisfy "natural sciences" distributions for non-science majors. There are science courses designed for non-majors; our advising staff will be happy to discuss whether it is appropriate for you to take this course.

The portion of General Biology in which you are registered is organized into lecture and workshop components. Dr. Gregg Transue, the Director of General Biology, coordinates the lectures and workshops and will assist you if you have an exam conflict, are ill for an extended period, or have problems in the workshop you cannot resolve with your workshop instructor. You may contact Dr. Transue by calling the General Biology Office, emailing him at genbio@dls.rutgers.edu or by seeing him during his administrative office hours (to be announced). Lecturers are faculty members knowledgeable in the fields on which they lecture and will announce their office hours and review sessions; please take advantage of these if you have questions about the lecture material or want to verify your understanding of material. Better yet, teach your lecturer the material; if you can do that, you’re ready for the exam!

Workshop instructors are either graduate students studying for advanced degrees in various fields in the biological sciences or already have a graduate degree. Your workshop instructor is trained to guide you in learning strategies and the process of science and will help you prepare for the lecture examinations. Your workshop instructor will assign and grade the homework, quizzes and reports that make up a substantial part of your course grade. You should discuss any problems you are having in your workshop with your instructor. The workshop instructors are given guidelines for writing and grading assignments so that your course grade will not be affected by differences in grading by workshop instructors. Your final grade will be assigned by the Director of General Biology in consultation with the workshop instructors and lecturers.

The large size of our course, over 2000 students are enrolled this semester, about 285 in your portion, presents a significant logistical challenge for us all. Beginning on page 3, you will find the Official Course Policy and Student Handbook. Review all aspects of the Course Policy immediately; it is a lengthy document covering all aspects of the course. Before you can attend workshop, you MUST go to the General Biology Sakai site and complete the Policy Acknowledgment; find it in the left frame. Familiarize yourself with course policies using this packet before you go to Sakai. There are 66 statements that must be acknowledged on the Sakai Policy Acknowledgment. Being familiar with the policy before you start the online Acknowledgment will facilitate completion of the task. Plan sufficient time to complete the Acknowledgment. We recommend that you start with Statement 1 and proceed sequentially through the remaining statements. ALL STATEMENTS REQUIRE YOU TO SELECT ANSWER A. If you jump around, you may make an error and need to redo the acknowledgment. We do not want you to spend

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unnecessary time completing this task, so be careful on your initial attempt. You can review your score immediately in the Sakai Gradebook; if it is not 66, you need to return to the Policy Acknowledgment and address the statement for which you did not select A. Your score will be transferred into the course gradebook which is what your workshop instructor will use to verify that you have completed your Acknowledgment. Completing the Acknowledgment is admittedly a sizable task but, the size of the course requires that we ensure that all students are knowledgeable about the Policy so that procedures are correctly followed and problems avoided; your knowledge of policy and procedures will make the semester go better for you.

Finally, and most importantly, many students worry that when they enroll in a large University like Rutgers or a large course like General Biology that they will be” just a number.” We in General Biology do not want you to be “just a number” and will do our best to get to know you individually; however, we need your help to do so. To not be “just a number,” sit down front in lecture, be an active participant in your workshop, come to office hours and reviews, or make an appointment and come chat with one of us. Just because there are a lot of other folks in the room does not mean we don’t want to talk with you!

Once again, welcome, and best wishes for a productive and enjoyable semester!

Dr. Gregg Transue & the General Biology Faculty and Staff

GENERAL BIOLOGY PHONE NUMBERS AND OFFICES:

General Information: If you have questions about exam times and locations, registration problems, general inquiries, a good place to start:

General Biology Office (Ms. Kathy Agnese, Secretary):
9:00 am - 11:15 am Douglass Biology Building 106, phone (732)-932-9368
1:00 pm - 4:45 pm Doolittle Labs, Busch Campus; phone (732)-445-0778

Course email:  genbio@dls.rutgers.edu (messages to other address will be ignored)

General Advising, information on majors in the Division of Life Sciences, course selection: Office of Undergraduate Instruction, Division of Life Sciences Advising Office, Dr. David Mellor, Nelson Labs, Busch Campus, Room B112 (732-445-5270).

ARE YOU PLANNING A MAJOR IN THE DIVISION OF LIFE SCIENCES?

Visit the Division of Life Sciences Home Page http://lifesci.rutgers.edu/ and click on "The Office of Undergraduate Instruction" to find out about the degree program, curriculum, and much more. The Division of Life Sciences maintains an Advising Office in Nelson Biology Laboratory, Room B112 (732-445-5270). Dr. David Mellor and the other members of our advising staff will be able to answer your questions about majoring in the life sciences. School of Environmental and Biological Science students may also contact the Office of Academic Programs and Research located on the second floor of Martin Hall (732-932-3000 ext. 512). You do not have to wait until you declare your major to talk to an advisor in the Division of Life Sciences.
ARE YOU PLANNING TO ENTER ONE OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS??
YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICE!!

The Health Professions Advising Office is a full-time operation serving students at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels and posts a wealth of information on its website:
http://hpo.rutgers.edu/

Students interested in attending medical school, dental school, or another professional school in the health care area should visit this office at an early date during their academic stay at Rutgers. Stop by A207 Nelson Labs, Busch Campus (732-445-5667; hpo@biology.rutgers.edu), to initiate a file and to pick up a copy of the Health Professions Handbook. Your first year at Rutgers is not too early to start a file! The advisors will assist you in preparing a file and eventually in making application to a graduate professional field of study.

The services provided by this office include a library of catalogues from most professional schools, video tapes, application forms for the several admissions tests, and other related information. Annually updated admission statistics, both national and for Rutgers, are also available to help guide you in making formal applications.

OFFICIAL COURSE POLICY AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

GENERAL BIOLOGY 119:101
SECTIONS Z1 – ZC

Part 1. General Course Policies:

1. Students enrolled in General Biology must have previously completed or be coregistered in Expository Writing-English 355:101 or higher AND also have either completed or be eligible for Pre-Calculus Part 1-Mathematics 640:111 or higher Mathematics course before registering for General Biology 119:101. AP or Transfer credits for these courses satisfy this requirement. If you have special circumstances you must have your academic advisor contact the General Biology Office immediately.

2. Students lacking the pre-/corequisites for General Biology will be deregistered from General Biology 119:101 without warning.

3. General Biology staff assume that students enrolled in this course have successfully completed a course in Chemistry in high school.

4. General Biology staff do not recommend this course to satisfy a "natural sciences" distribution for non-science majors. There are a courses designed to fill a science requirement for non-majors; our advising staff will be happy to discuss whether it is appropriate for you to take this course.

5. Students are responsible for all material covered in lectures and workshops. This includes the announcements that are made at the beginning and end, as well as course content.

6. Acceptable reasons for missing a workshop or examination are: (1) athletic participation - official teams only, not intramurals (provide the General Biology Office with Coach's Letter); (2) religious observance; (3) serious illness (provide supporting letter from your Dean of Student's Office); (4) conflict with a regularly scheduled class for an exam; (5) death in your immediate family (provide supporting letter from your Dean of Student's Office).
7. In no case will a submission to the Student Absence Report System be sufficient cause for a student to be granted an excused absence. Written verification of all acceptable reasons for missing a laboratory or examinations is required; it is the student’s responsibility to provide such documentation. The SARS system has no utility for General Biology; there is no need for students to submit a report through this system for General Biology; reports received will be ignored.

8. Absences can only be approved or excused by the Director of General Biology regardless of which faculty member is lecturing at the time.

9. You must check for General Biology announcements on Sakai at least once a day. Go to sakai.rutgers.edu, log in with your RU Net ID and password, and click on General Biology 101. Be alert for e-mails from Sakai. Be sure to pay your term bill on time - otherwise you will be deregistered from General Biology 101 and unable to access Sakai.

10. If you are deregistered because of term bill payment issues, contact the General Biology office so that we are aware of why you are no longer on the roster. You will be granted a grace period, but you must be working to rectifying the problem. Students must be officially registered to take exams, attend labs, and receive a grade. You will be denied access to exams and workshop if you are not registered after the grace period.

11. The final exam is comprehensive; material from all lectures will be included on the final exam.

12. The General Biology Office and the Division of Life Sciences Office do not give out scores or grades over the phone or by email for any reason. Students can use the gradebook for grade information.

13. In accordance with University Policy, final exams are not returned to the students. Directions for reviewing your final exam, if you wish to do so, will be announced with the final grades.

14. In no case will students be allowed to take a retest for any exam or rewrite any assignment.

15. In no case will any examination grade be dropped.

16. No extra credit work will be given.

17. Any student who feels that extenuating physical or personal problems may affect their performance on an exam and wishes to have this fact known to the General Biology Staff must have the problem documented in writing through the Dean of Students or Disabilities Services office on or before the day of the exam. Any consideration given to these factors is at the discretion of the Director of General Biology; no consideration will be given to any circumstance not documented at the time of the exam.

18. The student is responsible for arranging to make up any missed exams, quizzes or other work within the prescribed period given in this policy. If you leave a message or send an email and no one contacts you, it is your responsibility to make contact again. The General Biology Staff will not take responsibility for making arrangements for you. In this regard, only emails to genbio@dls.rutgers.edu or phone calls to the General Biology office (Douglass Biology 106, open 9:00 - 11:15 am, 932-9368 or Doolittle 127 (Busch), open 1:00 - 4:45 pm, 445-0778) will be acknowledged.

19. Except in the event that the University officially closes, we anticipate that all lectures, workshop sections and exams will be held as scheduled. If the University cancels classes for any reason, all students will be required to make up the missed lectures and workshop sessions. You should immediately begin checking on Sakai and for e-mail messages from Sakai and your Workshop Instructor regarding make-up times.
20. Because of the large number of students in this course, faculty lecturers will not write individual letters of recommendation; they are not in a position to know the type of information about you needed to produce a productive letter. You may, however, request such a letter from your Workshop Instructor with the understanding that your Workshop Instructor is not obliged to write such a letter. If you wish to have a letter of recommendation from your Workshop Instructor, it is advisable that you make your Workshop Instructor aware of your interest early in the semester.

21. Any student who has a physical disability or diagnosed learning disability is urged to notify the Director of General Biology at the beginning of the semester. You should do this even if you are still in the process of obtaining appropriate documentation. The General Biology Staff will work to provide accommodations or additional services to support a successful learning environment. Only students presenting documentation through the Office of Disability Services will be provided special accommodations.

22. University Policy states that “Students are advised to provide timely notification to instructors about necessary absences for religious observances.” Check your calendar to determine if there are any times during the semester when you will be refraining from participating in secular activities in observance of one or more religious holidays. If any of these will interfere with your attendance at a workshop or at an exam, you must inform your Workshop Instructor when you attend your first workshop. Fill in both copies of the Notice of Expected Absence Due to Religious Observance found later in this packet and turn them in to your workshop instructor. You are responsible for contacting the General Biology secretary, at least one week in advance to make arrangements for makeups. If you fail to do so, we are not responsible for any points you may lose because of your absence.

23. No agency or person (student or non-student) has been or will be granted permission to sell General Biology class notes, lecture outlines, exams, or syllabi or to provide them online. This policy does not preclude informal sharing of notes among students (which is encouraged) and does not apply to note takers hired to provide University sanctioned tutoring or to assist disabled students.

Part 2. Deportment Policies:

1. We assume that all students enrolled in General Biology are preparing for serious professions. Students are therefore expected to exhibit professional behavior in both lecture and workshop.

2. Cell phones and similar PDA devices must be turned off during lecture and workshop. Students seen using these devices during lecture or workshop will be asked to leave immediately and without warning and will forfeit any grades associated with that class meeting as well as any potential Letter of Recommendation from all General Biology staff. These devices should be turned-off and put away during official class meeting times.

3. There should be no talking during lecture unless you raise your hand to ask the lecturer a question or if you are responding to a question asked by the lecturer. Conversations with classmates are not acceptable professional behavior and violators may be asked to leave the classroom without warning.

4. Use of laptops is permitted in lecture as long as you do not use it in a way that will distract others. Appropriate uses include note-taking or viewing materials referenced by the instructor. Web-browsing, instant messaging, game playing are inappropriate and unprofessional behaviors that are unacceptable in a classroom setting. Students observed inappropriately using computers during class time will be asked to leave the room without warning and all associated work forfeited. Moreover, the student forfeits the possibility of a General Biology staff member writing a Letter of Recommendation for the student.
5. Students are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of their respective lecture and workshop sections and to arrive on time and remain for the entire period.

6. Cameras may NOT be used at any time including both during lecture and workshop. This policy includes all types of cameras including cell phone and PDA cameras.

7. Any willful damage to University property will be regarded as vandalism and will be reported to the University Police.

8. Unauthorized use or tampering with the workshop computers in any way will be regarded as a serious violation of academic integrity and reported to the Office of Student Conduct.

9. Students who violate any of the Deportment policies forfeit the opportunity of any course staff member (lecturer, teaching assistant, administrator) writing a Letter of Recommendation for said student.

Part 3. Workshop Specific Policies

1. Students may not attend a workshop section other than their assigned section without prior approval. Students who attend a workshop section for which they are not registered will not receive credit for work completed in that section.

2. Students are expected to arrive on time and remain for the entire workshop period. Workshop Instructors are not authorized to dismiss the class early. If you leave the workshop before the class has been dismissed or fail to participate in collaborative learning activities, you will lose all credit for that workshop.

3. If you are late for workshop, you will not be given extra time to take the quiz (or quizzes). Late buses, traffic jams, malfunctioning alarm clocks and the like are never accepted as excuses for tardiness or for missing workshop.

4. If you miss a quiz you will be assigned a grade of zero unless a valid written excuse is presented to your Workshop Instructor; you must make up the quiz within one week of the quiz if your Workshop Instructor agrees that the reason was valid.

5. Except in exceptional cases, only one missed quiz may be made up; other missed quizzes will be counted as zeros. See Part 1, #6 for acceptable excuses.

6. All assignments done outside of class must be typed. Spelling counts, and any written work, including quizzes and in-class assignments, deemed illegible or improperly prepared (in the opinion of your workshop instructor) will be returned ungraded and assigned a grade of zero. There will be no opportunity to re-do such work.

7. When submitting homework assignments, only paper (“hard copy”) versions are accepted. Work is never accepted email! Similarly, no photocopied homework will be accepted. (You should keep a copy or a rough draft of all major work.)

8. Homework assignments are due at the beginning of your regular scheduled workshop even if you have an acceptable excuse for missing the workshop and will be doing a makeup.

Late work will be accepted if and only if a student has proper documentation of a very serious circumstance of extended duration. If you need to turn in an assignment to someone other than your
workshop instructor, it should be handed in to the General Biology Office in Doolittle Hall; the person in the office (either the General Biology Secretary or a Lab Operations Coordinator) will log in the date and time, give you a receipt, and give your work to your Workshop Instructor.  Do not give your work to anyone who cannot provide you with a receipt.  Work slipped under the office door will not be accepted!

9. Computer and printing problems are never accepted as excuses for lack of or late submissions.

10. No work will be accepted for a workshop that you did not attend (and you will be reported for academic dishonesty if you attempt to submit such work).

11. University rules specify that regularly scheduled classes, like your workshop, take precedence over common hour exams.  You may not miss workshop because you have a common hour exam in another course; rather, it is your responsibility to arrange with the instructor of that course to give you a conflict exam.

Part 4. Examination Specific Policies

1. All students are expected to take the Common Hour exams 3:00-4:20 pm on Sun Oct 7 and Sun Nov. 4.

2. For all examinations, the student is responsible for knowing their room assignment, to be announced in workshop and posted on Sakai and in the workshop room prior to each exam.  Students attending the wrong room will be excluded from the examination and will receive a grade of zero.

3. Many courses schedule exams at about the same time.  You may not reschedule the exam because you have more than one exam the same day or week.

4. Any student with a legitimate conflict for the scheduled exam time (conflict with a regularly scheduled class, athletic participation, religious observance, etc.) must call or email the General Biology Office at least one week in advance of the scheduled exam.

5. Students will not be excused from an exam for health reasons except in the case of a serious illness verified in writing by a medical doctor.

6. If an hourly exam is missed, a grade of zero will be assigned unless a valid written excuse is presented to the Director of General Biology.

7. If a student misses an hour exam because of illness, they must call or email the General Biology Office themselves within 24 hours of the scheduled exam time AND have the Dean's Office notify the General Biology Office.  A grade of zero will be given to any student who misses the exam and fails to provide notification within 24 hours.

8. Makeup exams will be given no later than the week following the scheduled exam.

9. If a student believes that a mathematical error or machine grading error has been made, the suspected error must be described and reported to the Director of General Biology in writing within one week after the exam score was posted in the course gradebook.

10. Only errors in machine grading or addition will be corrected; no credit will be given for improperly filled out answer sheets, or student errors in transferring answers to the answer sheet. Proper completion of the answer sheet is the responsibility of the student; penalties will be applied if the optscan sheet is not appropriately completed.
11. If a student questions the correct answer for a particular test question, he/she should return the exam booklet to the Director of General Biology with a statement in writing justifying the claim to additional credit within one week of the return of the exam booklet to the student's workshop section. Statements signed by more than one student will not be accepted. At this point, the whole exam will be re-graded. No changes will be considered after this time.

12. In regards to the Final Exam, only students with a conflict (as defined by University policy) or who are seriously ill (written doctor's excuse and written Dean's verification is required) will be allowed to take a make-up Final Exam. If a student has a conflict that can reasonably be anticipated in advance (such as a conflict with religious observance), he/she must notify the Director of General Biology by calling or emailing the General Biology Office and receiving permission at least two weeks before the exam.

13. In regard to the Final Exam, all conflict and make-up exams will be given before the end of the University Final Exam period.

14. The Final Exam is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 15, 1 - 4 pm. It is your responsibility to know your room assignment, which will be announced in your workshop and posted on Sakai prior to the final exam.

15. The Final Exam WILL NOT be given early; make your travel arrangements accordingly. Travel conflicts will never result in a conflict or make-up exam.

Part 5. Academic Integrity Policies

1. Students must read and adhere to the Rutgers University Policy on Academic Integrity (http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/). In accordance with University policy, any violation of academic integrity standards must be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. We have very specific rules in General Biology.

2. When attendance is taken, do not sign for anyone else. If you do, it will be treated as academic dishonesty by both parties.

3. No reference material may be used during any exam or quiz in this course.

4. Students may not give or receive assistance of any type during any quiz, or examination, or for any written work.

5. You are forewarned to be extremely careful in your actions, as any communication among students during any type of test in General Biology is regarded as a violation of Academic Integrity policy.

6. The possession and/or use of any type of electronic device during any type of examination is considered a violation of course Academic Integrity Policy. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, calculators, computers, cell phones, pagers, PDAs, recorders, CD/MP3 players, iPods, BlackBerries, Kindles, cameras, watches with capabilities beyond telling time, etc.
7. All work turned in, including homework, take-home quizzes, and workshop assignments, MUST be entirely the student's own work, done entirely this semester. Under special circumstances there may be class discussion of results, but students are to prepare their own reports and homework without written or verbal assistance from other students and without reference to another student's written work or computer files unless specifically instructed to do so by their instructor. If you consult, quote or refer to any published work or the written or verbal opinion of another individual, it must be correctly cited. This policy also applies to situations where a student is working with a tutor, study group leader, recitation instructor, or other type of academic support provider. None of the work handed in by the student can be produced by the academic support provider.

8. You should also be aware that the Health Professions Office has received the following correspondence from the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS): "our rules state if you were ever the recipient of any institutional action resulting from unacceptable academic performance or a conduct violation, even if such action did not interrupt your enrollment or require you to withdraw [the student] must answer 'yes' even if the action does not appear on or has been deleted from your official transcripts due to institutional policy or personal petition. If your response is 'yes' and additional information is needed, medical schools may require you to complete a Personal Statement Regarding Unacceptable Academic Performance or Conduct Violation. The school will send this form to the student after receiving his/her processed AMCAS application. Failure to return the completed form to the admissions committee by the stated deadline may render you ineligible for consideration."

IMPORTANT COURSE LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

1. The following materials are required: ISBN numbers and prices are provided in the bookstore links in the Schedule of Classes.

Text - Biology, 9th ed.; Solomon, Berg, and Martin If you obtain your book as a two-volume set, you will use both volumes in both 101 and 102.

The following optional materials may be helpful:

Dictionary of Word Roots and Combining Forms, Donald Borror

2. The Course Grade will be based on the following distribution:

- Hour Exam I 15%
- Hour Exam II 15%
- Final Exam (Comprehensive) 30%
- Workshop:
  - Deportment 12%
  - Quizzes 10%
  - Class Assignments 18%
- Total 100%

3. Students will be given a formal warning if their progress in the course is unsatisfactory and they are in jeopardy of failing.

4. Percentage grades will be given for all examinations. After the first exam grade is entered into the gradebook, the gradebook will present a Projected Grade based on the student’s performance to date. The Projected Grade will update as new grades are entered. A typical grade standard of 90-100% = A; 80 - 89% = B; 70 - 79% = C; 60 - 69% = D will be used to generate the Projected Grade. At the end of the semester, a final letter grade will be assigned; only at this time will any curve be used in determining grades.
5. Final grades in the course are assigned by the Director of General Biology in consultation with the workshop instructors and lecturers. To pass this course a student must satisfy all of the following conditions:

a) Accumulate a certain total percentage; and  
b) Score at least 55% on one of the three common exams (Hourly I, Hourly II, or Final); and  
c) Have at least a 60% total average for the workshop.

6. Grades for Hour Exams will be posted in the course gradebook, not the Sakai gradebook. Use this link: https://alca.rutgers.edu/cgi/student.pl?115&semester=fall2012. Test booklets will be returned in workshop; answer sheets are not returned.

7. If you have a problem in General Biology, immediately ask a member of the staff for help so that we can help resolve it in a timely manner! Problems in the workshop should first be discussed with your workshop instructor; if your workshop instructor cannot resolve the problem, call the General Biology Office. Direct questions on lecture material to the lecturer. Other problems or questions should be discussed with the Director of General Biology.

8. Sources of Additional Assistance with Course Content

a. The MSLC While your first choice for help in any course should be your Lecturer or Workshop Instructor, there are additional sources of help are available at Rutgers and you should take advantage of them. Your primary source of help for General Biology is the Math & Science Learning Center, located on Busch Campus (Allison Road Classroom Building, 3rd floor) and Douglass Campus (third floor of the Chemistry Building), http://mslc.rutgers.edu/. Sample questions and other material related to lecture will be on reserve. The MSLC also has course materials for many courses in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Engineering. In addition, the MSLC provides study areas, computer labs, display materials and hands-on demonstrations in physics and biology, and a friendly place to meet other students in the sciences. Assistance is available to all students free of charge.

b. The Learning Resource Centers are located on College Avenue, Livingston, and on Cook at Loree Hall (http://lrc.rutgers.edu/). The LRCs provide peer tutoring in a number of subjects, as well as assistance with study skills. The LRCs also have copies of reserve materials for many courses. Assistance is available to all students free of charge.

c. Biology 9e Student Companion Site. Contains many kinds of help, keyed to your textbook, including tutorials, quizzes, and chapter-related Internet links. Access the site at: http://coursemate.cengage.com/CPReader/View/9780538490542/default.aspx?anon=True#home

9. Note-taking "Services" - paid or "free" online: In accordance with resolutions adopted by the faculty governing bodies of Rutgers University, all students should be aware that the lectures presented by a faculty member are the intellectual property of that faculty member. The General Biology faculty are of the strong opinion that regular class attendance and careful note-taking are an essential part of the educational process at the college level. Furthermore, note-taking agencies have been known to provide incorrect information, for which they accept no responsibility. For these reasons, no agency or person (student or non-student) has been or will be granted permission to sell General Biology class notes, lecture outlines, exams, or syllabi or to provide them online. This policy does not preclude informal sharing of notes among students and does not apply to note takers hired to provide University sanctioned tutoring or to assist disabled students.

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION FOR GENERAL BIOLOGY 101
Please fill in the following information during your first workshop period:

SECTION _________ INSTRUCTOR _____________________________

E-MAIL ____________________________ (messages from another address may be invalid)

OFFICE HOUR ________________ LOCATION ________________

1. Preparation for your workshop:
   a) Be prepared for a 10 minute quiz at the beginning of each period. While there might not be a quiz every time, you should keep up-to-date with all previous weeks’ lecture material and workshop assignments. This small quiz may be followed immediately by a major quiz. An additional quiz may be given later in the workshop as well.
   b) Bring your lecture notes, your text (Solomon et al.), extra paper to use a scrap paper during workshop activities and something with which to write.
   c) Review all Department Policies.
   d) Recall that all assignments done outside of class must be typed. Spelling counts, and any written work, including quizzes and in-class assignments, deemed illegible or improperly prepared (in the opinion of your instructor) will be returned ungraded and assigned a grade of zero. There will be no opportunity to re-do such work.

2. Grading: Workshop grades will be distributed as follows:

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3. Deportment: Deportment grades will be based on punctuality, regard to course policy and safety, and level of active participation in the workshop. Students are expected to abide by course policy and violations of policy will result in either a grade of zero or reduced Deportment scores. In particular, students seen using a cell phone or similar device during workshop, aside from other penalties, will also receive a Deportment score of zero.

   Attendance is mandatory; score of zero with unexcused absence. Students are expected to be active and appropriate participants and to act in a professional manner at all times. In particular, your instructor may give you permission to leave the workshop briefly to use the restroom or get a drink of water, but not to “take a break,” smoke, chat, use your cell phone, etc. Abuse of this consideration by dallying outside the workshop will lower Deportment scores. Repeat violators will be excluded from the workshop until they meet with the Director of General Biology.

   Any willful damage to University property will be regarded as vandalism and will be reported to the University Police.

   Unauthorized use or tampering with the workshop computers in any way will be regarded as a serious violation of academic integrity and reported to the Office of Student Conduct.
4. **Concerns about Workshop grades:** Your Workshop Instructor follows strict grading guidelines. If you disagree with your Workshop Instructor's grading, you must state your case in writing (individually, no petitions!) within one week after the assignment or quiz was returned. At that point the entire assignment or quiz will be re-graded.

5. **Making up a Workshop:** There are no “make-up” workshops. If you must miss your regularly scheduled workshop for an acceptable reason as stated in the General Course Policy section, contact your workshop instructor immediately. As appropriate, your instructor will help you as follows:
   
   a) If you know in advance that you will miss a workshop, you may be able to attend another workshop section.
   
   b) Arrange for make-up work/quizzes during office hours. This is up to the schedule of the workshop instructor. Such arrangements will be made only twice during the semester, even if you have a valid reason without the permission of the Director of General Biology.

6. **Your Personal Safety:** Students are strongly urged to “buddy up” for safety, especially when leaving night workshops. For additional tips, please access Rutgers Public Safety at [http://publicsafety.rutgers.edu](http://publicsafety.rutgers.edu)

7. **Protecting Your Property** - Although uncommon, thefts have occurred. Clearly mark all books and other valuables, and inform your Workshop Instructor immediately if there is a problem.
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GENERAL BIOLOGY LECTURE SCHEDULE
SECTIONS MEETING HILL 114  Tu/Th  8:10 -9:30 PM

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**Sunday Oct 7 - 3:00 - 4:20 pm - Hour Exam I**
NOTE:  Hour Exam I will have 75 questions and will cover lecture material from **Scientific Process through and including Membranes & Transport**

| Oct. 8 - 12 | Photosynthesis | Origin of Life |
| Oct. 15 -19 | Prokaryotes & Viruses | Protists |
| Oct. 22 - 26 | Fungi | Colonization of Land |
| Oct. 29-Nov. 2 | Seed Plants | Plant Reproduction |

**Sunday Nov 4 - 3:00 - 4:20 pm - Hour Exam II**
NOTE:  Hour Exam II will have 75 questions and will cover lecture material from **Enzymes & Energetics through and including Colonization of Land**

| Nov. 5 - 9 | Plant Anatomy | Plant Nutrition |
| Nov. 12 - 16 | Transport | Hormonal Control |
| Nov. 19 - 21 | *Tues=Thu* Mendelian Genetics | *Thanksgiving* |
| Nov. 26 -30 | Chromosomes | DNA |
| Dec. 3 - 7 | Protein Syn. & Genetic Code | Molecular Genetics |
| Dec. 10 - 14 | Human Genetics | 12/13 = Reading Day |

**Sat Dec 15, 1:00 - 4:00 PM FINAL EXAM**
NOTE:  The Final Exam will have 150 questions and is comprehensive;
60 questions will cover the material from **Scientific Process through Colonization of Land**
90 questions will cover the material from **Seed Plants through Human Genetics**

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