

## BIOLOGY 102 SYLLABUS

*Never tell people how to do things.  
Tell them what to do and they will  
Surprise you with their ingenuity.*

*- General George Patton*

*Never put off until tomorrow  
What you can do the day  
After tomorrow.*

*- Mark Twain*

BIOL 102 MC01D and MC02D Spring 2017 Semester

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3 lecture hours; 2 lab hours

<b>Grading Scale:</b>	90 – 100	A
	80 – 89	B
	70 – 79	C
	60 – 69	D
	Below 60	F

### **Grades will consist of:**

**Exams:** There will be four, 100-point non-comprehensive semester exams in this course, each one covering a section of the outline (i.e. no comprehensive final). If you cannot make it to an exam, then you must notify me **24 hours** before, or **48 hours** after, the test date. A form of make-up for the missed points may be available if you missed an exam under extenuating circumstances. All exams are 50 multiple-choice questions, worth 2 points each.

Tentative Exam Dates: Exams will be spaced approximately every four weeks. The exam schedule is tentative; it may fluctuate due to changing circumstances and how the class fairs overall. Exam dates will be announced in class.

Total points = 400.

**Research Paper:** During the semester you will turn in a 4½ -5-page paper on an advanced biology topic that I approve for 100 points. This is a research paper so it should have a list of references. The topic may be any that interests or appeals to you. If you cannot find a topic, I will choose one for you. More will be discussed about this paper at a later date. Minimum date to turn in a topic choice: Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. All papers must be turned in by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Laboratory Quizzes and Assignments:** There are a number of labs in this course. There is no lab manual, all labs are locally prepared and will be accompanied by handouts. Quizzes are of a variable number and points. Lab work and quizzes cannot be

made up, so don't miss any labs. Assignments are homework and are worth 20 points each. Total points for lab quizzes and homework is 100.

Total points = 200.

**Point break down:**

400 points from lecture	
200 points from lab	_____
Total:	600 points

Grades will be based on total point accumulation.

**Attendance:**

All students are expected to attend class. I will take an attendance roll every class period. If you miss class periods regularly, I may have you withdrawn from the class. All work must be handed in on time or 10% will be deducted from the grade up to 1 week. After 1 week, work will not be accepted. Arrangements can be made to complete missed lecture/lab work.