

# University of International Business and Economics International Summer School

# BIO 110 Introduction to Biology (with Lab)

Term: October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Instructor: Xin Mingxiu Home Institution: Beijing Normal University Email: xinmingxiu@bnu.edu.cn Class Hours: Monday through Friday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total) Office Hours: TBD Discussion Session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total) Credit: 4 units

## **Course Description:**

Biology study the law of life, and biology is very important for sciences and also for application. This introductory course will explore biology from different level such as biochemistry, cell structure and function, genetics and ecology. After studying, the students will understand the principles, theories, and studying methods of life sciences, and also understand the relationship between life and environments. The content of biology includes cells, tissues and organ systems; genetics, DNA and protein synthesis, life cycles and development, the internal workings of the cell, and the physiology of organisms from single celled bacteria through multicellular plants and animals. In this course, we put great emphasis on fundamental principles and current research efforts and trends in biology. We attempt to bring the interest of life science in classroom, and we also attempt to motivate students interesting in lecture and in lab exercise.

# **Course Goals:**

The goals of this course will introduce the structure and function of life. Understanding the mechanism of life. The students will realize the important of life sciences, and also realizing the interaction of life sciences with other sciences.

1. Students understand the basic facts, principles, theories and methods of Biology.

2. Students learn main structure and function of Biology.

3. Students will understand the important of Biology in sciences and in application.

4. Students will understand the relationship between biology and other sciences, between biology and our life, between biology and environments.

# **Required Textbook:**

1) Raven, Johnson, Mason, Losos, and Singer. Biology, 9th Ed. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., NY.



Publishers, 2011. ISBN 978-0-07-893649-4; MHID 0-07-893649-7

2) Sadava, Hillis, Heller & Berenbaum, Life: The Science of Biology, 9th addition, Freeman Publishers, 2009

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## Grading Policy:

Homework will be worth 60 points Lab Reports & Presentations 50 points Scheduled Mid Term exam worth 140 points One Final Exam on last day of class worth 100 points TOTAL COURSE POINTS 350 points

#### Grading Scale:

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

Α	90-100	C+	72-74
A-	85-89	С	68-71
B+	82-84	C-	64-67
В	78-81	D	60-63
В-	75-77	F	below 60

#### **Class Rules:**

Students are expected to do all the readings for the week before the class. All Students must be finish homework after class.

#### **Course Schedule:**

Week	Lecture topics	Discussion topics
1	Introduction to Biology The important of biology Properties of Life Chemistry and molecules of Life Elements in Living Systems Macromolecules: The chemical building block of life	What is life. What themes biology study. The importance of biology.
2	The structure and function of Carbohydrates, Nucleic Acids, Proteins and lipids. Cell structure of Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes	What is cell. Cell is the basic unit of life.



	The structure and function of Prokaryotes (bacteria mainly studied). Cell structure of Eukaryotes.	Are all organism made up of cell?
	Mid Term Exam 1 (15 min)	
3	Energy and Metabolism. Cell Respiration and Fermentation.	How cell get energy.
	Enzymes and its important functions in life	The important of enzyme.
		Why we need oxygen.
	The importance of cell division in life. How cell Divide.	Cell division and development of
	Cell cycle, Mitosis and meiosis.	organism.
	Mid Term Exam 2 (15min)	Cell division and cancer.
4	DNA is Genetic materials.	What is gene.
	DNA Replication. Biotechnology: Gene Engineering.	Where gene located.
	The application of gene engineering. The controversy of gene engineering.	Final Exam
	Ecology and Biodiversity of life.	
	The resources from biodiversity.	

#### Lab Schedule:

The instructor offers some instruction through distance learning need to demonstrate appropriate

**Lab1.** Microscopy and its use, Morphology and structure of plant cell and animal cell

Lab2. Observation of Bacteria, yeast and mold by Microscopy

Lab3. Cell, tissues and organ of plant.

lab 4. Cell, tissues, organ and system of animal.

lab 5. Respiration and ethanol fermentation by yeast

Lab 6, The effect of temperature on enzyme activity

lab 7, Mitosis of plant cell and observation



lab 8, DNA Extraction and Manipulation (DNA extraction from Cheek cell)

lab 9, PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction)

lab 10, Biodiversity Protection

During the COVID-19, the course could be moved to online delivery format. We will make the final decision before October 12,2020