



**University of International Business and Economics  
International Summer School**

**BIO 100 Introduction to Biology**

**Term: May 24 - June 24, 2021**

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**Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 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 multi-cellular 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.

**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

Two scheduled Mid Term exams each worth 70 points for a total of 140 points

One Final Exam on last day of class worth 100 points

TOTAL COURSE POINTS 300 points

### Grading Scale:

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

<b>A</b>	90-100	<b>C+</b>	72-74
<b>A-</b>	85-89	<b>C</b>	68-71
<b>B+</b>	82-84	<b>C-</b>	64-67
<b>B</b>	78-81	<b>D</b>	60-63
<b>B-</b>	75-77	<b>F</b>	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.  Are all organism made up of cell?

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

**Online Possibility:**

**Due to the on-going pandemic, there is a possibility that in-person courses are changed to online ones. UIBE ISS will notify the students once the decision has been made.**

If the in-person courses are to be changed to online courses, we will make a few adjustments:

1. **Lecture:** Each lecture will be uploaded on UIBE's online learning platform on a daily basis. Students are required to watch them according to the course schedule.
2. **Discussion:** There will be an open session on ZOOM every week. The attendance of the discussion is important as it is part of your final score.
3. **Office hours:** I will release the office hours once the course starts. You are very welcome to send me emails to book my time. We will have video or audio calls through ZOOM. Please be noted to book them at least 3 days in advance.