

Administrative Master Syllabus

Course Information

Course Title	General Biology II
Course Prefix, Num. and Title	BIOL 1407
Division	Life Sciences
Department	Biology
Course Type	Academic WCJC Core Course
Course Catalog Description	The diversity and classification of life will be studied, including animals, plants, protists, fungi, and prokaryotes. Special emphasis will be given to anatomy, physiology, ecology, and evolution of plants and animals. Laboratory activities will reinforce these concepts.
Pre-Requisites	Biol 1406 is recommended
Co-Requisites	Enter Co-Requisites Here.

Semester Credit Hours

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): Lecture Hours:	4:3:2
Lab/Other Hours	
Equated Pay Hours	4.2
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Lab Hours	2
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Clinical Hours	Enter Clinical Hours Here.
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Practicum Hours	Enter Practicum Hours Here.
Other Hours Breakdown	List Total Lab/Other Hours Here.

Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
Prepared by:		
Department Head:		
Division Chair:		
Dean/VPI:		
Approved by CIR:		



Topical Outline: Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, and clinical or other non-lecture instruction).

LECTURE TOPICAL OUTLINE

1. Evolution
 - A. History of evolutionary thought
 - B. Darwinian revolution and natural selection
 - C. Modern evolutionary synthesis
 - D. Evidence of evolution (fossil records, geologic change, microevolution vs. macroevolution)
 - E. Population genetics: natural selection, genetic drift and gene flow
 - F. Speciation and extinction
2. Biological Classification
 - A. Taxonomy
 - B. Phylogenetics
3. Organismal Survey (consideration will be given to anatomy, physiology, reproduction, ecology and evolutionary trends)
 - A. Prokaryotes
 - B. Protists
 - C. Fungi
 - D. Plants
 1. Nonvascular plants, seedless vascular plants & seed plants
 2. Angiosperm anatomy & life cycle
 - E. Animals
 1. Phyla: Porifera, Cnidaria, Platyhelminthes, Nematoda, Annelida, Mollusca, Arthropoda, Echinodermata & Chordata
 2. Role of organ systems on maintaining physiology and homeostasis

LAB TOPICAL OUTLINE

1. Orientation, lab safety & taxonomy review
2. Protists
3. Fungi
4. Nonvascular and seedless vascular plants
5. Seed plants
6. Angiosperm anatomy
(Lab practical #1)
7. Sponges, cnidarians & platyhelminths
8. Nematodes & mollusks
9. Annelids & arthropods
10. Echinoderms & intro to chordates
11. Craniates I
12. Craniates II
(Lab Practical #2)

Course Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Describe modern evolutionary synthesis, natural selection, population genetics, micro and macroevolution, and speciation.
2. Describe phylogenetic relationships and classification schemes.
3. Identify the major phyla of life with an emphasis on plants and animals, including the basis for classification, structural and physiological adaptations, evolutionary history, and ecological significance.
4. Describe basic animal physiology and homeostasis as maintained by organ systems.
5. Compare different sexual and asexual life cycles noting their adaptive advantages.
6. Illustrate the relationship between major geologic change, extinctions, and evolutionary trends.
7. Apply scientific reasoning to investigate questions, and utilize scientific tools such as microscopes and laboratory equipment to collect and analyze data.
8. Use critical thinking and scientific problem-solving to make informed decisions in the laboratory.
9. Communicate effectively the results of scientific investigations.

Methods of Assessment:

Exams, lab reports, essays, presentations, discussions (online or in-class), group activities, graph/table/chart presentations or post-tests

Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student:

Text: Reece, et al. Campbell Biology. Pearson. Current edition

Lab Manual: Wharton County Junior College Department of Biology. General Biology II Lab Manual. Hayden-McNeil, LLC. Current edition.

Suggested Course Maximum:

36

List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

Laboratory classrooms required

Course Requirements/Grading System: Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course.

Lecture Average	55%
Exam average (3-4 exams)	30-55%
Other (Homework, quizzes, projects, etc)	0-25%

Lab Average *	25%
Final Exam (includes at least 50% comprehensive material)	<u>20%</u>
	100%

*Lab Average calculated as follows:

Quiz Average (best 6 of 9 weekly quizzes)	50%
Lab Practical #1 Exam	25%
Lab Practical #2 Exam	<u>25%</u>
	100%

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

Curriculum Checklist:

- Administrative General Education Course** (from ACGM, but not in WCJC Core) – No additional documents needed.
- Administrative WCJC Core Course.** Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
 - Critical Thinking
 - Communication
 - Empirical & Quantitative Skills
 - Teamwork
 - Social Responsibility
 - Personal Responsibility
- WECM Course** -If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix and Competencies Checklist

Core Curriculum Review Form

Foundational Component Area: Core 030: Life & Physical Science

Course Prefix & Suffix: BIOL 1407

Core Objective:

Critical Thinking Skills—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

Student Learning Outcome Supporting Core Objective:

For each core objective, there must be at least two different methods of assessment.

SLO Status	Student Learning Outcome (SLO)	Learning Activity	Assessment
State Mandated	Communicate effectively the results of scientific investigations.	Working in groups, students complete the "Modeling Natural Selection: Seed Predation Activity". Survivability of various bean phenotypes is determined based upon habitat.	Group lab activity or post-test
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Teamwork—to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

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