

Grande Prairie Regional College

Biology 0120

Course Outline

- Instructor:** Nancy Campbell
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- Office hours:** As posted on my office door, or by appointment
- Textbook:** Krogh, Biology A Guide to the Natural World, second edition
- Supplies:** binder, lined paper, unlined white paper, pencil, stapler, metric ruler, calculator, lab coat (optional)
- Course Schedule:** MWRF 8:30 am - 9:20am
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- Course Intent:** This course is designed to be equivalent to the Alberta Learning Biology 20 curriculum, and is listed as such in the Alberta Transfer Guide. All colleges and universities within the Province of Alberta recognize this course in lieu of Biology 20. Modifications have been made to the content to adjust for adult learners and for a shorter semester.
- Course Goals:** The BI0120 course has been designed to provide you with an understanding of biological concepts, principles, and social issues. The program of studies has biology lab and computer lab components to help build your skills in the use of scientific equipment and computers. The course has two themes: the flow of energy and the recycling of matter. Ecology, and human anatomy and physiology of selected systems are explored.
- Attendance:** Regular attendance is required and is essential for passing the course. If you must be absent, please contact me for assistance in acquiring missed material. Please be on time for class. When you are late, you disturb the rest of the class and you miss valuable information presented at the beginning of each class. If you are late for a lab, you might not be permitted to do the lab as important safety concerns are always addressed at the beginning of each lab period. **If you miss a lab you will not have the opportunity for a make-up lab. You automatically receive a grade of 0 for that lab.**

- Quizze** There are several quizzes throughout the term. No make-up quizzes will be available.
- Tests:** At the end of each unit is a unit test. If you are absent from a test, the instructor, at her discretion, will determine if she will offer you a **different** test at an alternate time. To be considered for this privilege, you must contact the instructor on the day of the scheduled test to explain your absence. You may be required to provide a doctor's certificate. If you are allowed a different test, this test must be written **within one week** of the original missed test.
- Exams:** A **midterm exam** will be written at the end of Unit 2. It will cover the materials discussed in Units 1 and 2. A **final exam** will be scheduled during the final exam time. It will cover the materials discussed in Units 3 and 4. If you are absent from an exam, you **MUST** provide a doctor's certificate that explains you absence for that particular time. Only then will an alternate time be scheduled for you to write a different exam.
- Lab Reports:** Lab reports are due on the dates announced in class. Lab reports are due at the **beginning of the class**. On most occasions you will have one week from the time a lab was performed in the lab and its due date. A **penalty of 10%** per day will be imposed for late submissions. Once a set of labs has been returned to students, you will **not** be permitted to submit your late work for grading. Even though you may work together, your lab reports **must be your own work**. That is, I do not want to see identical sentences, diagrams etc. **Students who submit work that is not their own will be penalized according to the College Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism.**
- Evaluation:**
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| Tests | 40% |
| Quizzes | 10% |
| Labs..... | 10% |
| Midterm Exam | 20% |
| Final Exam | 20% |
- Tests:** There are 4 unit tests. Each test is worth 10%.
- Quizzes:** There are several quizzes. Mark is based upon raw score.
- Labs:** All labs are weighted equally.

Please review Grande Prairie Regional College's calendar which outlines student rights and responsibilities.