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JINAN UNIVERSITY

Introductory Biology

Lecturer: Jennifer D'Antonio

Time: Monday through Friday (June 18, 2018-July 20, 2018)

Office hours: 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

Contact Hours: 50 (50mins each)

Credits: 3

Location: MBA Center

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Course Description

Biological Science is all around us, and affects every aspect of our lives and every facet of life on Planet Earth. The goal of this course is to furnish students with the basic foundation, information, and analytical tools necessary to grasp the fundamental concepts central to the study of biology.

This is a vast and highly diverse subject, and thus will require an overview approach in a short course such as this one. We will cover the most important areas in some detail in the classroom while striving to achieve a balanced view of the big picture ideas.

Required Text

Biology Today and Tomorrow, With Physiology, 5th Edition, by Starr, Evers, and Starr
ISBN-13: 9780495561576

Course Hours

The course has 20 sessions in total. Each class session is 120 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Thursday.

Assessment

Your final grade is based on the following components:

Quizzes/Homework	40%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90-100
Good	B	80-89
Satisfactory	C	70-79
Poor	D	60-69
Failed	E	Below 60

Quizzes/Homework

Multiple self-assessment quizzes and homework assignments will be offered for students to practice their concept understanding and to prepare for the lectures. These quizzes and homework assignments will be POSTED ON BLACKBOARD on a weekly basis. Many of these assignments will be discussed during class and/or recitation. Late homework will NOT be accepted, except in the case of a documented medical reason (documentation is required).

Attendance Policy

Attendance at lectures and recitations is expected. Continued absences will detract from your final grade. If you have missed/will be missing a class or recitation session

for an acceptable reason, such as illness or religious observance, please let me know in person with a written document. Ideally, you should let me know of your absence prior to missing the class. In addition, missing a class for an acceptable reason **will not excuse you from completing the class exercises and the out-of class assignments**. So, if you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain notes from a classmate and contact the instructor in order to complete all the assignments by their original or extended deadlines.

Course Schedule

WEEK ONE:

1. Invitation to Biology.
2. Molecules of Life.
3. Cell Structure.
4. Energy and Metabolism.
5. Capturing and Releasing Energy.

WEEK TWO:

6. DNA Structure and Function.
7. Gene Expression and Control.
8. How Cells Reproduce.
9. Patterns of Inheritance.
10. Biotechnology.

WEEK THREE:

11. Evidence of Evolution.
12. Processes of Evolution.
13. Early Life Forms and the Viruses.
14. Plants and Fungi.
15. Animal Evolution.

WEEK FOUR:

16. Population Ecology.
17. Communities and Ecosystems.
18. The Biosphere and Human Effects.
19. Animal Tissues and Organs.
20. How Animals Move.
21. Circulation and Respiration.
22. Immunity.

WEEK FIVE:

23. Digestion and Excretion.
24. Neural Control and the Senses.
26. Reproduction and Development.
27. Plant Form and Function.
28. Plant Reproduction and Development.

Academic Honesty

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