

School of Arts & Science **BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT BIOL 102** Non-Majors Biology (Diversity)

FALL 2015

COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/biol.html

 Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records. You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	DAVID RAJU		
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by the Education Council of Camosun College.)

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Identify and classify living organisms to their major taxonomic groupings, and to list their defining characteristics.
- 2. Describe the major lines of evidence for evolution.
- 3. Explain the mechanics of natural selection and speciation.
- 4. Discuss the nature of scientific knowledge; its limits and strengths, and how it is produced.
- 5. Explain basic concepts in population and community ecology.
- 6. Recognize and explain the major threats to biodiversity and ecosystem processes, and ways in which these threats might be mitigated.

3. Required Materials

(a) Required materials will be provided

4. Course Content and Schedule

(This section can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class requirements and/or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

Biology 102-001A/B Lectures Thursday 11:00-12:20 in Young 201 and Friday 1:30-2:50AM in Young 201

Biology 102-001A Lab Tuesday 10:30AM-1:20PM in Fisher 238 Biology 102-001B Lab Tuesday 2:30PM-5:20PM in Fisher 238

DATE	DAY	MAIN TOPIC
Sept 8	T lab	Introduction to Taxonomy
Sept 10	Th	Ornithology
Sept 11	F	Protista
Sept 15	T lab	Platyhelminthes
Sept 17	Th	Process of Science
Sept 18	F	Applied Taxonomy
Sept 22	T lab	Protista
Sept 24	Th	Entomology
Sept 25	F	Invertebrates
Sept 29	T lab	Crustaceans
Oct 1	Th	Kin Selection
Oct 2	F	Echinoderms
Oct 6	T lab	Invertebrates
Oct 8	Th	Sexual Selection
Oct 9	F	Fungi
Oct 13	T lab	Animal Selection
Oct 15	Th	Principles of Evolution
Oct 16	F	Plants
Oct 20	T lab	Plant Selection
Oct 22	Th	Ichthyology
Oct 23	F	Speciation
Oct 27	T lab	Fungi and Plants
Oct 29	Th	Natural Selection
Oct 30	F	Lecture Exam 1
Nov 3	T lab	Lab Exam 1
Nov 5	Th	Mammalogy
Nov 6	F	Chordates
Nov 10	T lab	Chordates
Nov 12	Th	Threats to Biodiversity
Nov 13	F	Prokaryotes
Nov 17	T lab	Diversity Review
Nov 19	Th	Ecological Principles
Nov 20	F	Lecture Exam 2
Nov 24	T lab	Lab Exam 2
Nov 26	Th	Physiological Ecology
Nov 27	F	Population Ecology
Dec 1	T lab	Ecological Survey
Dec 3	Th	Dichotomous Keys
Dec 4	F	Community Ecology
Dec 8	T lab	Biodiversity
Dec 10	Th	Food Chains/Webs
Dec 11	F	Humans and Environment
Dec 14-18	M-F	FINAL EXAM

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(This section should be directly linked to the Intended Learning Outcomes.)

- (a) Lecture Assignments = 30%
- (b) Laboratory Assignments = 30%
- (c) Lecture Exam 1 = 5%
- (d) Lecture Exam 2 = 5%
- (e) Lab Exam 1 = 10%
- (f) Lab Exam 2 = 10%
- (g) Final Exam = 10%

6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	Α		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	В		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at **camosun.ca** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
ı	Incomplete: A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	In progress: A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
cw	Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services, or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED

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- (a) Please note that to do well in this course your attendance must be excellent.
- (b) You must be present for lab and lectures in order to hand in the accompanying assignment.