

# School of Arts & Science BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT BIOL 231 Principles of Cell Biology Fall 2015 (Sep-Dec)

## **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:	Dr. Larry Anthony			
(b)	Drop-In	Mon 10:00 – 11:50	Wed 10:00 - 10:50	All other times availability	
	Office Hours:	Mon 2:00 – 2:50	Wed 2:30 - 3:20	by appointment	
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(f)	Website:	http://online.camosun.ca/ (D2L)			

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE:</u> I understand that my scheduled drop-in office hour times will not fit into everyone's class schedules. *This should not deter you from trying to visit me in my office!* My schedule will be posted on my office door and on the course D2L website: I can be available at almost any time that I'm not already in class or lab. Simply arrange an appointment by phone or e-mail and I'll be very pleased to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

## 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 a student will be able to:

- 1. Describe the properties of the four groups of macromolecules, including how polymers are synthesized from monomeric units.
- Describe the structure and functions of the subcellular compartments, organelles and structural molecules.
- 3. Describe the molecular structure of cellular membranes and explain how membrane structure facilitates membrane function.
- 4. Explain the molecular mechanisms underlying diffusion, facilitated diffusion and active transport across cytoplasmic membranes.
- 5. Describe how cells interact with their environment through the extracellular matrix and with other cells through intercellular junctions.
- 6. Describe the structure and functions of the intracellular membrane systems. Explain the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the flow of molecules through the endomembrane system.
- 7. Explain how secretion, endocytosis and exocytosis facilitate the bulk movement of molecules into and out of the cell.
- 8. Explain the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying communication between neurons.
- 9. Explain the cellular and molecular mechanisms through which cells communicate with one another by chemical messengers.
- 10. Describe the structures of the cytoskeleton. Explain how the cytoskeletal components are used in movement of intracellular components and in cell motility in the environment.

- 11. Describe the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying control of the cell cycle and programmed cell death. Apply these principles in the dysregulated environment of cancer cells.
- 12. Conduct complex experiments and use a variety of current molecular and analytical techniques to assess various aspects of cellular biology. Critically evaluate data and present written laboratory reports.

## 3. Required Materials

**Text:** Becker, Kleinsmith, Hardin & Bertoni (2012) *The World of the Cell*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (Benjamin

Cummings)

Please note: Becker's 8th edition has undergone significant revisions, making earlier

editions less useful.

Lab Manual: Biology 231 lab outlines will be posted on the Biology 231 D2L website several days prior

to the lab times. You will be responsible for printing the outline (and any associated worksheet materials) and reading it before the lab session. You will also be responsible for following any pre-lab instructions that may be indicated in the lab. Knowledge of lab procedures and principles prior to the lab may be evaluated through pre-lab quizzes.

Lab Coat: Lab coats are required for laboratory work. See below.

Lecture Lectures will be delivered in a PowerPoint format. PowerPoint slides will be made

**Outlines:** available on the Biology 231 D2L website. These may be used or printed at the student's

discretion to help follow the lectures.

### 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.)

#### Class Schedule:

Lectures:	Mon	4:00 - 5:20	F336
	Wed	8:30 - 9:50	Y325
Lab Section A:	Tue	10:30 – 1:20	F222

Lab Section A: Tue 10:30 – 1:20 F222 Lab Section B: Tue 2:30 – 5:20 F222

#### **Course Content:**

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## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

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

Lecture Midterm 1	15%
Lecture Midterm 2	20%
Lab Exam 1	12.5%
Lab Exam 2	12.5%
Lecture Final Exam	25%
Assignments / Labs / Regular Quizzes	15%

**Please note:** It is understood that life circumstances may negatively affect an individual's performance on an individual exam. Because the final exam is cumulative, if **ONE** midterm lecture exam mark is less than 60%, there is an opportunity to re-weight the value of that midterm, transferring some (but not all) of its value to the final exam. For this to occur certain strict criteria need to be met:

- 1. The student must request this adjustment in writing (by e-mail); the instructor will not make it automatically. The request must specify which of the two midterms (not both) to be re-weighted.
- 2. The student must be willing to do supplementary questions added to the final exam in order to ensure the topic areas were adequately covered.
- 3. A minimum of 65% must be obtained on the additional questions or no re-weighting will occur.
- 4. A minimum of 65% must be obtained OVERALL on the final exam or no re-weighting will occur. This is to show that the reason for the poor midterm mark has been overcome.

If the above criteria are met the following strategy will be executed to obtain a final grade:

- 1. The weight of the midterm lecture exam mark will be reduced by two-thirds (e.g. from 15% to 5% in the case of Midterm 1).
- 2. The weight of the final exam will be increased by the amount reduced on the midterm (e.g. from 25% to 35% if Midterm 1 were re-weighted).

### 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			
I	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 3rd 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 <a href="mailto:camosun.ca">camosun.ca</a>.

#### 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.

#### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarizing is appropriating the work or parts or passages of another's writing (including the ideas or language) and passing them off as the product of one's own mind or manual skill. Plagiarism is a serious offence and is considered to be academic misconduct, and so **will not be tolerated**. Except where work is assigned to a group, all written work, **including lab data processing** and graphs, must be done individually.

### Cheating

A student caught cheating on an exam will forfeit all credit for that exam and perhaps for the course. Cheating is a serious offence and is considered to be academic misconduct. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) using unauthorized materials or resources in a guiz/exam, and
- (b) providing information to another person regarding exam content.

The consequences for cheating and plagiarism are outlined by Camosun College policies (see http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-&-support/e-2.5.pdf and

http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-&-support/e-2.5.1.pdf) and penalties may be severe.

### **Lab Attire**

For safety reasons **WorkSafeBC** mandates that students are **required** to wear closed shoes in all lab times. Flip flops, sandals or shoes with holes are not acceptable.

For both safety and professional reasons it is **mandatory to wear a lab coat** during all lab sessions. Cloth coats are preferable and are more comfortable but disposable ones are acceptable. If you forget your lab coat you may rent one at a cost of \$5. The money received through lab coat rental will be donated to **Spread the Net**, an organization that supplies insecticide-impregnated bed nets to help prevent the spread of malaria in Africa. **Failure to wear proper lab attire will result in the inability to enter the lab and the subsequent loss of credit for that lab, including any lab assessment credit.** 

## **Laboratory Attendance**

Lab work is critical to the course objectives and much effort has been expended to ensure the lab experience is interesting and educational, both from academic and practical points of view. Therefore, attendance throughout the entire laboratory session is mandatory and will be noted. Labs will start promptly (after a five-minute grace period); lateness in arriving, failure to attend the lab or leaving the lab before its scheduled finish time will result in forfeiting credit for that lab, including any written assignments. If a lab session is missed, another student's data *may not* be used to complete a lab assignment for credit. Exceptions can be made *at the instructor's discretion* in legitimate cases of emergency (e.g. illness); in such cases the instructor must receive *advance notification* and *documented evidence* of the situation (e.g. medical certificate) and grant approval for any accommodation. In cases when a lab is done over two weeks, missing one of the weeks without instructor approval will result in a 50% reduction in the grade for any assignment associated with that lab.

### **Missed Exams**

**Without exception**, all lecture exams must be written at the scheduled times. However, it is understood that emergency circumstances occur (e.g. illness or emergency in the immediate family); for such circumstances accommodation may be offered at the discretion of the instructor, provided the student: (a) notifies the instructor **in advance** of the exam (not after), and

(b) provides documented evidence of the circumstance (i.e. medical certificate).

**Without exception**, the accommodation will be in the form of adjusting the weighting of the final exam to make up the missing marks. **Under no circumstances will a make-up lecture exam be administered**. In such cases, the final exam will include extra questions to thoroughly examine knowledge of previously untested subject matter.

### \* HOLIDAYS OR SCHEDULED FLIGHTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE EMERGENCIES \*

Be sure not to make travel plans for the end of semester until the final exam schedules are finalized and posted. Please ask any family members who might make travel plans on your behalf to consult you before booking tickets.

### Written Work Formatting

Unless otherwise indicated, all written material to hand in (including numerical entries in data tables) must be prepared using word processing (typically MS Word) or graphing software (e.g. Excel). The only exceptions are calculations and **some** graphs, which may be submitted handwritten or hand drawn. **Any exceptions will be clearly indicated.** Work submitted inappropriately formatted, which includes last-

minute handwritten corrections, will not be marked until all formatting is correct. Since correcting formatting requires time, this will likely mean a late penalty will be assessed.

MS Word templates will be provided for assignment purposes by posting on the course D2L website; these templates should not be altered except to complete the blank areas. All written work must be submitted in **hard copy**, not e-mailed or posted to the D2L website. This is for purely practical reasons: printing out many assignments is problematic because instructors use shared-access printers and documents or parts of documents can easily go missing. **Always be on the lookout for special instructions**.

#### **Late Penalties**

All assignments must be handed in by the **time indicated on the assignment**. If the instructor is not in the office then slide your work under the office door. Late assignments will be graded but marks equivalent to 15% of the total value of the assignment will be deducted for each day past the deadline (weekends only count as one day).

# **Student Responsibilities**

- 1. Attending classes and actively engaging in lecture times are optimal for learning and therefore are in the best interests of student success. Should it be necessary to miss a lecture, however, it is the student's responsibility to catch up on anything that may have been missed (e.g. important announcement or assignments).
- 2. Students are expected to hand in any required assignments on time. Late assignments will be penalized (see above).
- 3. Electronic submissions of assignments (e.g. as e-mail attachments) will **NOT** be accepted, except where **specified by the instructor**.
- 4. Any evaluation of work for in-class/lab assignments, reports and/or participation will not be given if a student is not present, regardless of the reason.
- 5. Students are expected to work independently on reports unless instructed that the evaluation is based on group effort and evaluation.
- 6. Students must know and follow all Safety Rules and Procedures. Students must sign the Safety Contract before participating in any laboratory activity. Failure to follow the Safety Rules and Procedures will result in penalties at the discretion of the instructor.
- 7. Eating or drinking in the lab is **strictly prohibited** and failure to comply may result in expulsion from the lab and loss of any associated lab credit. **No exceptions** will be tolerated.
- 8. **All students must wear a lab coat during laboratory sessions.** Failure to bring a lab coat to the lab may result in being unable to work in the lab and loss of credit for the lab.
- 9. No student may wear a lab coat in the hallways. If a student needs to leave the lab for any reason the lab coat will be removed and replaced upon return.
- 10. The use of cell phones is prohibited in the lab.
- 11. All laboratories start punctually. Information necessary for performing the laboratory correctly and safely is given at the beginning of the lab. Late attendance may result in inability to attend the lab and subsequent loss of credit for any assignments.

Biology 231 - F15 - Course Schedule (Note: Scheduled dates are subject to change) Topics may be added or deleted depending upon time constraints

Wk	Day	Date	Unit	Lecture Topic	Chap	Lab	Lab Activity
1	Mon	7-Sep-15		LABOUR DAY - NO CLASSES			
1	Tue	8-Sep-15				0	Lab Introduction & Safety
1	Wed	9-Sep-15		Introduction to Cell Biology			-
2	Mon	14-Sep-15	1	Biological Molecules	2/3		
2	Tue	15-Sep-15				1A	Microscopy
2	Wed	16-Sep-15	1	Biological Molecules	2/3		
3	Mon	21-Sep-15	2	Cellular & Subcellular Structure	4		
3	Tue	22-Sep-15				1B	Histology
3	Wed	23-Sep-15	2	Cellular & Subcellular Structure	4		
4	Mon	28-Sep-15	3	Membrane Functional Anatomy	7		
4	Tue	29-Sep-15				2	RBC Protein Concentration
4	Wed	30-Sep-15	3	Membrane Functional Anatomy	7		
5	Mon	5-Oct-15	4	Cytoskeleton Structure & Function	15		
5	Tue	6-Oct-15				3	Membrane Protein Analysis
5	Wed	7-Oct-15	4	Cytoskeleton Structure & Function	15		Ţ.
6	Mon	12-Oct-15		THANKSGIVING - NO CLASS			
6	Tue	13-Oct-15				4	Cell Culture (1)
6	Wed	14-Oct-15		LECTURE MIDTERM 1			
7	Mon	19-Oct-15	5	Cell Motility	16		
7	Tue	20-Oct-15		,		5	Leukocyte Isolation
7	Wed	21-Oct-15	5	Cell Motility	16		,
8	Mon	26-Oct-15	6	Cell Adhesion, Junctions & ECM	17		
8	Tue	27-Oct-15					LAB EXAM 1
8	Wed	28-Oct-15	6	Cell Adhesion, Junctions & ECM	17		
9	Mon	2-Nov-15	7	Membrane Transport Mechanisms	8		
9	Tue	3-Nov-15		·		4/6	Cell Culture (2) / Phagocytosis (1)
9	Wed	4-Nov-15	7	Membrane Transport Mechanisms	8		., .,
10	Mon	9-Nov-15	8	Endomembrane Systems	12		
10	Tue	10-Nov-15				6/7	Phagocytosis (2) / RTK Signaling
10	Wed	11-Nov-15		REMEMBRANCE DAY - NO CLASS			
11	Mon	16-Nov-15	8	Endomembrane Systems	12		
11	Tue	17-Nov-15				8	G-Protein Signaling (1)
11	Wed	18-Nov-15		LECTURE MIDTERM 2	13		<b>3 3 .</b> ,
12	Mon	23-Nov-15	9	Electrical Signaling in Neurons	13		
12	Tue	24-Nov-15				8	G-Protein Signaling (2)
12	Wed	25-Nov-15	9	Electrical Signaling in Neurons	13		
13	Mon	30-Nov-15	10	Chemical Signal Transduction	14		
13	Tue	1-Dec-15		-			TUTORIAL
13	Wed	2-Dec-15	10	Chemical Signal Transduction	14		
14	Mon	7-Dec-15	11	Cell Cycle, Cell Death & Cancer	19/24		
14	Tue	8-Dec-15					LAB EXAM 2
14	Wed	9-Dec-15	11	Cell Cycle, Cell Death & Cancer	19/24		
	Mon	14-Dec-15		FINAL EXAM PERIOD BEGINS			