



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Arts & Science**  
**Department of Biology**

**BIOL-103-001A**  
**Non-Majors General Biology**  
**Summer 2018**

## COURSE OUTLINE

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

Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

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### 1. Instructor Information

(a) Instructor	Samantha Harvey
(b) Office hours	Mon 11:30 am - 1:00 pm and Wed 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
(c) Location	Y211
(d) Phone	TBA
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(f) Website	https://online.camosun.ca/

**Alternative:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the concept of homeostasis.
2. Explain how basic physicochemical changes can impact cell function.
3. Work in a culture of scientific endeavor and use critical thinking skills.
4. Identify the critical roles played by water in the maintenance of life on earth.
5. Explain the structures and roles of biological macromolecules, particularly carbohydrates, proteins and lipids.
6. Describe the complexity and diversity of cellular ultrastructure and the functions of significant cellular organelles, in particular chloroplasts, mitochondria, ribosomes, Golgi apparatus, cilia and flagellae.
7. Describe basic metabolism and energy producing pathways within the cell.
8. Explain the concept of the gene in the contexts of both Mendelian inheritance as well as the biochemical expression of genetic information.
9. Relate the structure of nucleic acids to the storage and replication of genetic information.
10. Explain the mechanisms used to regulate and translate genetic information into the assembly of functional proteins.
11. Describe the interactions between the environment and long-term changes in genetic information, particularly in consideration to neoplasia.
12. Describe the anatomy of the human digestive, cardiovascular and excretory systems and explain how the physiology of these organ systems is related to organization at the molecular and cellular level.
13. Describe the structure and explain the functions of the human immune system. Apply this knowledge to immune dysfunction, particularly allergies and AIDS.

### 3. Required Materials

- (a) **Recommended Textbook:** Openstax by Rice University, 2013. Concepts of Biology. Available to download for free at [openstax.org/details/concepts-biology](https://openstax.org/details/concepts-biology) and also posted on our class website (D2L). A shortened hard copy version (only the chapters we will use) is available to purchase at the Camosun Bookstore, Lansdowne Campus.
- (b) **Lab Manual:** Biology 103 Lab Manual (Fall 2016), Camosun College. Available in the Camosun Bookstore, Lansdowne Campus. Also note that you will need a regular scientific calculator for the labs – **you will not be able to use your smart phone as a calculator!**
- (c) **Lecture Outlines:** Lectures will be delivered in a PowerPoint format. PowerPoint slides will be made available on the Biology 103 D2L website. These may be used or printed at the student's discretion to help follow the lectures.

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

**Lectures:** Mon and Wed 8:30 am-11:20 am F200

**Labs:** Tues and Thurs 12:30 pm-3:20 pm F226

#### Biology 103 – S2018 - Course Schedule

*(Note: Scheduled dates are subject to change)*

*Topics may be added or deleted depending upon time constraints*

WK	WEEK OF	LECTURE TOPICS	TEXT CH.	LAB Location	LAB #	LAB TOPICS
1	May 7-10	Course Introduction Scientific Method Biochemistry Basics Water & pH Organic Macromolecules Cell Biology	1 2 3	F226	- 1	Safety / Meet / Greet / Practice Measurements & Equipment
2	May 14-17	Energetics Cell Membranes/ transport Enzymes Cellular Respiration	3 4		2 3	Microscopes & Cells Organic Macromolecules
3	May 22-24	Victoria Day – no lecture <b>MIDTERM EXAM 1 (Wed May 23)</b>			4 5	Diffusion & Osmosis Enzymes
4	May 28-31	Cell Division / Mitosis Meiosis Mendelian Genetics Sex-linked traits Inheritance Patterns DNA Replication	6-8		6	<b>LAB EXAM 1</b> Mitosis and Meiosis
5	Jun 4-7	Protein Synthesis Transcription/Translation Mutations <b>MIDTERM EXAM 2 (Wed Jun 6)</b>	9 10	L	7/8 9	Genetics (Fingerprint lab & Cat lab) Nutrition
6	Jun 11-14	Digestion Excretion Homeostasis Immune System	15 22 23		10	Human Anatomy & Physiology
7	Jun 18-21	Circulatory System Respiratory System	21 20			Lab Review <b>Lab Exam 2</b>
8	Jun 25-29	<b>Final Exam TBA</b>				

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

<b>Lab Assignments:</b>	7.5%
<b>Lecture Assignments:</b> <u>7.5%</u>	15%
<b>Exams:</b>	
Midterm 1	15%
Midterm 2	15%
Lab Exam 1	15%
Lab Exam 2	<u>15%</u>
	60%
<b>Final Exam:</b>	25%

Midterms I and II, as well as the lab exams, will be unit exams.  
The final lecture exam will be cumulative.  
Please bring a pen and pencil to all exams.

## 6. Grading System

- Standard Grading System (GPA)
- Competency Based Grading System

## 7. Recommended Materials 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](http://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.

### 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, using unauthorized materials in a quiz/exam and 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 may be severe.

### **Lab Safety**

Under NO circumstances will students ingest food or drink in the lab. Taking oral medication or applying makeup or lip balm in the lab is also prohibited. You may leave the lab at a convenient time if you are thirsty, need a snack or require medication. For safety reasons students are required to wear closed shoes and pants in all lab times. Flip flops, sandals or shoes with holes are not acceptable.

Failure to adhere to the lab safety principles will result in the inability to enter the lab, or expulsion from the lab, and the subsequent loss of credit for that lab, including any pre-lab assessment credit.

### **Laboratory Attendance**

A 1% final grade penalty applies to any unexcused absence from lab. Frequent lates may count as an absence. Should you miss roll call at the beginning of lab, please identify yourself to the instructor as "late" or you may remain marked "absent." You need to attend labs and lab exams during your assigned section. Switching between sections on a permanent or temporary basis requires the instructor's permission. Lab assignments can only be handed in for labs actually attended.

It is absolutely necessary to read and mentally work through each exercise before coming to lab. Otherwise you may not be able to finish on time, annoy your lab partner, or flunk a pre-lab pop quiz. Please also come prepared with a pencil and pen.

### **Missed Exams and Assessments**

Quizzes and the exams must be written at the scheduled times. Under no circumstances will a make-up exam be administered. 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 (a) the instructor is notified in advance of the exam (not after) and (b) the student provides documented evidence of the circumstance (i.e. medical certificate). The accommodation will be in the form of a make-up exam or adjusting the weighting of the final lecture exam to make up the missing marks, at the discretion of the instructor.

Please note: holidays or scheduled flights are not considered to be emergencies!

### **Late Penalties**

Unless otherwise stated, all assignments are due at the beginning of the lab/class of the due date. There is a 10% /day late penalty (including weekend days). The format is expected to be professional, i.e. a neat, legible, clean copy. "Rough" drafts risk rejection and a subsequent late penalty. If the assignment is more than one page, separate pages **must be stapled** before you come to class. Electronic submissions will not be accepted unless otherwise stated by the instructor.

### **Study Habits**

You will probably find Biology 103 not very difficult, but surprisingly labor-intensive. Good (and regular!!) study habits are required to do well in this course. You should plan on a minimum of 6 hours outside of scheduled class time for the completion of assignments and for general studying. Joining a study group can help make this more fun.

Lecture notes will be provided in point form. These should be used as a study guide, not as your sole source of information! You will need to write down additional key words for examples and explanations given during lecture. It is also recommended practice to transcribe these notes into a study-friendly format after each lecture, incorporating additional information from your textbook. Study these notes before the next class to prepare yourself for new material, which will often build on previously covered material. Please take advantage of office hours if you need extra clarification and help, or simply would like to discuss a topic a little further.

## **8. College Supports, Services and Policies**



### **Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support**

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @ <http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

### College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

### College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

A. GRADING SYSTEMS <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

#### 1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

#### 2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

## B. 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 at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> 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	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> 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.