

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: BIOL-090: Biology for Post-Secondary Preparation

CLASS SECTION: 002

TERM: Fall 2021

COURSE CREDITS: 4

DELIVERY METHOD(S):

In-person lectures: Lansdowne Campus, Fisher building room 268

Lecture: Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Lab Section A: Mondays 6:30pm to 9:30pm (Laura); **Lab Section B:** Wednesdays 6:30 to 9:30pm (Megan)

Online activities, assignments, and study tools will be provided on our D2L course page

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For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable explanation in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student.

The college will be closed Sept 30 in observation of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. See Important Dates for all college closures: <https://camosun.ca/events/important-dates/2021-22>

LECTURE INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Dr. Megan Lewis

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OFFICE: Fisher Building, room **250D** (Lansdowne Campus)
Liz Ashton Campus Centre, room **235** (Interurban Campus)

OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Wednesdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm

TUTORIAL (optional): Fridays 4:30 – 6:00pm

Or by request at time that is convenient for your schedule – please email (Lewism@camosun.bc.ca)

Please include your **full name, student number, and course number** in your email

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

LAB INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Laura Biggs (002A lab); Megan Lewis (002B lab)

EMAIL: BiggsL@camosun.bc.ca

OFFICE: Laura – Fisher 352

HOURS*: Laura – Mondays 3-4:30pm and Wednesdays 10-11am on campus

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Learners will gain an understanding of basic life processes and acquire the human biology theoretical and laboratory foundations required for successful transition to first-year post-secondary majors biology courses, including anatomy and physiology. Learners will discuss animal and plant cellular structure and function, the mechanisms underlying cell reproduction, gene expression and energy production, and the anatomy and physiology of whole animals. As a preparatory course, an emphasis will be placed upon teaching learning skills effective for studying biology.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of: C in English 12; C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to meet the following learning outcomes as outlined in the 2018-19 BC ABE Articulation Guide (<http://www.bctransferguide.ca/search/abe>):

1. Explain the roles for the various molecules and macromolecules in cellular function;
2. Explain the structure and functions of cells and subcellular structures and compartments;
3. Describe the cellular and molecular processes of cell division, including mitosis, meiosis, DNA replication and gene expression;
4. Describe the cellular and molecular requirements for cell metabolism and the processes of cellular respiration, photosynthesis and carbon fixation;
5. Use the principles of Mendelian inheritance to solve genetics problems;
6. Using examples, explain how human body systems are under controlled by mechanisms of homeostasis;
7. Explain how and why the human body is organized at the cellular, tissue and organ levels;
8. Describe the structure and function of the digestive, cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, renal and reproductive systems;
9. Demonstrate effective use of laboratory reagents, equipment and microscopes;
10. Demonstrate the ability to accurately collect and process data in the laboratory setting;
11. Communicate experimental results, interpretations and conclusions effectively, including through formal lab reports.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

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WEEK	TOPIC	LABS
1	Module 1: Intro and Scientific Method	Introduction
2	Module 2: Chemistry of Life and Macromolecules	1: Science, Data, and Graphs
3	Module 3: Cell Structure and Function	2: Water and pH
4	Module 4: Cellular Respiration and Photosynthesis	4: Microscopes and Cells
5	Review: Monday, EXAM 1: Wednesday	3: Macromolecules
6	Module 5: Mitosis and Meiosis;	No Lab – Thanksgiving
7	Module 6: Genetics	5: Diffusion and Osmosis
8	Module 7: Transcription and Translation	LAB EXAM 1
9	Module 8: Gene Control	6: Enzymes
10	Review: Monday, EXAM 2: Wednesday	8: Virtual Genetics Lab Report Due
11	Module 9: Homeostasis and Urinary System	7: The Cell Cycle and Cancer
12	Module 10: Digestive System	9: Nutrition
13	Module 11: Circulatory and Respiratory System	10: Anatomy
14	Module 12: Reproductive System	LAB EXAM 2
15	Final Exam – Date will be announced by Camosun College on October 15th	No Lab

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Lecture Quizzes	10%
Lecture Assignments	10%
Lab Assignments	20%
Lecture Midterm Exam #1 (Week of October 4)	10%
Lecture Midterm Exam #2 (Week of November 8)	10%
Lecture Final Exam (Dec 13-21, TBA)	15%
Lab Exam #1 (October 25/27)	12.5%
Lab Exam #2 (December 6/8)	12.5%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](#) policy for more information.

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

Notes about evaluation methods:

- Lecture Quizzes on D2L are open-book and use of the PowerPoint slides is encouraged. There will be one quiz for each of the 12 course modules. Each quiz allows for **2 attempts**, with your highest grade of the two being kept. A missed submission will result in a grade of zero for that quiz.
- Lecture Assignments will be posted online, with normally one assignment per course module. These assignments must be completed **individually**. Like the quizzes, these assignments are intended to keep you on track with the course material. Therefore, **late submissions are not accepted** and will result in a grade of zero.
- Lab Assignments will be posted online prior to each lab period. Late assignments will be graded but marks equivalent to **10%** of the total value of the assignment will be deducted for each day past the deadline, including weekends. Late assignments will not be accepted once marked assignments have been returned to the class.
- Lecture Midterms are written online during Weeks 5 and 10 and are NOT cumulative, whereas the Final Exam takes place during the final exam period (as scheduled by the College Registrar) and IS cumulative. These exams are strictly based on lecture content and are timed open-book exams.
- Lab Exams take place during regular lab hours (Weeks 8 and 14) and are NOT cumulative. These exams are strictly based on lab content and are timed, closed-book exams that take place in the lab. You will need a calculator and writing utensil for these exams.

Lecture Attendance

Aside from the first week of classes, attendance will NOT be required for lectures.

Laboratory Work

Laboratory attendance for this course is mandatory. It is expected that students will read and prepare for each lab BEFORE arrival. 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.

Written Assignments

All assignments must have the following information in the top right corner of the page: full name, course and section, and date. Failure to have this information on the first page may result in loss of marks. A **professional format** is expected, i.e. a neat, legible, clean copy. "Rough" drafts risk rejection and a subsequent late penalty or reduced marks. If the assignment is more than one page, separate pages **must be stapled**.

Unless otherwise stated, all assignments are due at the *beginning* of the lab/class of the due date. Late assignments will **not** be accepted after a one-day grace period (10% penalty).

Plagiarism

You are encouraged to discuss assignments with your classmates, however, **each assignment has to be your individual work – beware of 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 (see <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.1.pdf>).

Except where work is assigned to a group, all written work, **including lab data processing** and graphs, must be done individually. Plagiarism is a serious offence and is considered to be academic misconduct and **will not be tolerated**. A student caught plagiarizing will forfeit all credit for the assignment and a note will be sent to the Dean regarding the student's behaviour.

Missed Lecture Exams

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 documentation).

In the event of emergency circumstances, it is at the instructor's discretion whether to administer an oral or written make-up exam.

*** 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.

Missed Lab Exams

Without exception, all lab exams must be written at the scheduled times. Lab exams differ from lecture exams in their formatting and the fact that they cover lab content in a non-cumulative manner. Due to the nature of our shared lab space with other courses, lab exams cannot be made up outside of our regularly scheduled lab time. In the event of emergency circumstances (see lecture exam), it is up to the instructor whether an oral exam may be scheduled.

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 quiz/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-and-support/e-2.5.pdf>) and penalties may be severe.

Student Safety

Consider the following laboratory safety practices:

Lab footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.
Eating & drinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Absolutely NOTHING may be ingested while in the lab. Chewing gum and applying makeup or lip balm are similarly prohibited.If something must be consumed, then it may be taken out of the lab.
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Long hair must be tied back securely
Hand washing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hands should be thoroughly washed BEFORE leaving the lab.

Study Habits

Good (and regular) study habits are required to do well in this course. You should plan on a minimum of 4 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 posted on D2L in PowerPoint 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 and read the chapters assigned to each week. 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 or our optional tutorial session if you need extra clarification and help.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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, Student Ancillary Fees, Academic Integrity, Grade Review & Appeals, Student Misconduct and Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and Student Penalties and Fines.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres

Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By planning through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the “Attendance” section under “Registration Policies and Procedures” (<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.