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Office Hours:  
Tues 11:00 – 2:00pm  
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Lecture: Three (3) hours per week  
Laboratory: Three (3) hours per week

Course Content:  
An examination of living organisms and their environment. The fundamental chemical and physical processes common to all living things, and the interactions between organisms and their environment, are emphasized.

Required Text:  
Starr & Taggart. (latest edition). Biology – The Unity and Diversity of Life

Attendance:  
Attendance is mandatory (State of California Law). Absence from 6% (6 hours of lab and lecture) will result in your being dropped from the class. *Note: It is the student’s responsibility to obtain all information given in missed lectures such as changes in exam dates or assignments. Being late 5 minutes or leaving 5 minutes early will be counted as an absence.

Course Objectives:  
The objective of the course is to introduce the student to the fundamental process and laws that govern living things. Evolution, genetics and the cell are stressed as central to the understanding of the biological processes on earth. Ecology and the impact of human beings on the biosphere are also stressed.  
This section of Biology 107 has a focus on teaching and learning. The primary content will not differ from other sections of 107, but some class examples, activities, and assignments will emphasize the teaching of science to K-12 students.

Class Behavior:  
Pg 48 Mesa College Catalog: “All students shall have the right to a campus learning environment free from interference or disruption”.  
Pg 49, Section 3.0: This “Code of Conduct” outlines the college’s policy on talking, reading, sleeping (looking like you are sleeping), and other disruptive classroom activities, all of which are prohibited because they detract from a learning environment. Other disruptive behaviors include but are not limited to; complaining in front of the class; loudly expressing negative attitudes about the
subject; cell phones/pagers going off; etc. All complaints must be addressed to
the professor in private, before or after class, or during office hours. Students will
be warned verbally on the first offense. A second offense will result in 5 points
being subtracted from your cumulative lecture exam score. A third offense may
involve the Dean and/or further point deductions.

Seating:
For role taking purposes, students will be assigned to a seat and thereafter
remain in that seat. Students can be reassigned to another seat at the instructor’s
discretion.

Lecture Points & Examinations:
Your final grade will be determined by the total number of points you
have accumulated (earned) by the end of the semester. Lecture will count as 70%
of your grade and the lab will count as 30%.

In lecture there will be three or more quizzes (10 points each), two exams
(100 points each), and a final (150-200 points). Material to be covered on an
exam will be given by the instructor prior to the exam. Quizzes may not be made
up. Exams and the final may not be made up without prior arrangement with the
professor, and then may be done so only at the discretion of the instructor. Make
up exams will be marked off 5% if more than one day late, and they cannot be
made up later than one week after the exam was given (This is primarily because
the other students want their exams back). The student is responsible for
providing a scantron and other necessary material for each exam.

Exams can be reviewed in my office for one week after the exam only.

Library and computer assignments may also be required. The points
involved and other specifics will be discussed at the time the assignments are
given. All assignments turned in late lose 50% of their points the first week, and
cannot be turned in after that. Any assignment turned in without staples will lose
2 points.

Laboratory points will be discussed in a separate syllabus covering only
the lab.

Course Grade:
Your final course grade will be the percentage of the total points in the
course (both lab and lecture) that you earn on exams, lab work, homework, etc.,
Lecture will count for 70% of the final course points and laboratory will be 30%.

20% of the lecture grade will be based on in-class assignments and
homework assignments. Many of these will be group assignments and can not be
made up if missed.

Grades are:

A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; F = 59% or
lower

Plagiarism/cheating:
“Looking” in the direction of another student’s exam paper will result in the loss of points on that exam. Academic plagiarism and/or cheating can result in a visit to the Dean of Students office for appropriate action (presumable dropping the course).

**Withdrawal policy:**
It is the responsibility of the student to complete all necessary forms to withdraw from the class if the student elects not to continue enrollment in the course. Failure to officially withdraw from the class may result in the recording of the grade of “F” at the end of the semester.

**Pop Quizzes:**
The instructor reserves the right to give unannounced quizzes during any lecture. The quiz will be 5-10 points and will count toward and will count toward your lecture/course grade. These cannot be made up for any reason.

**Children:**
Official Mesa College policy is the no children are allowed in the classroom at any time, for any reason. This is for insurance reasons.