

# **BI 102 - GENERAL BIOLOGY BIOCHEM, CELLS, ENERGY, GENETICS**

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Text: Audesirk, T., Audesirk, G., & Byers, B. (2008) *Biology: Life on Earth (8<sup>th</sup> edition)*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall. (7<sup>th</sup> edition is okay, but chapters and figures may be numbered differently)

Welcome to the General Biology series. This series of courses is designed for students who are not majoring in the sciences. Biology 101 explores the nature of science, evolution, biological diversity, and ecology. Biology 102 looks into molecular biology, cell energetics, and genetics. Biology 103 investigates plant and animal anatomy and physiology.

## Class expectations

- **Turn off and put away electronic devices, including cell phones, as soon as you walk into class. Such devices may be confiscated if used during class.**
- Make a point to attend all class meetings and labs. Come prepared with printed lecture notes. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get notes from other students on the material that you missed.
- Plan to study independently, approximately 2 hours for every hour in class. Detailed chapter study guides are provided on the class website. Group study is encouraged.
- Contribute positively to class discussions and activities and preserve a safe learning environment. You can disagree without being disagreeable. Disruptive or disrespectful people will be asked to leave the class.

## Assignments

- **Daily work:** Most class sessions will include a short written assignment that will be turned in. These will be collected as your daily work. Daily assignments cannot be made up. One point is assigned to each daily work assignment, and the percentage of assignments turned in is used as your daily work grade.
- **Labs:** We have eight labs scheduled for Biology 102. There will be no lab the first week and Thanksgiving week. All students are expected to attend all labs and turn in assignments as directed by your lab instructor. Department policy states that **three or more unexcused absences from lab will result in an automatic failure in the course**. Lab instructors will report lab grades near the end of the term and your lab score will be incorporated into your overall class grade.
- **Exams:** There will be two midterms and a final exam. Each exam will consist of a multiple-choice section and a short answer section covering major concepts learned in class.

## Missing an exam:

Exams may be made up **ONLY** in the case of a physician-documented illness, a school event, or a family emergency. You will be asked to provide documentation before you can make up the exam, which must be made up within one week of the exam date. In the case of a school event, please notify me well ahead of time. For prolonged absences, please contact the Vice President of Student Affairs to have your professors notified.

## Cheating policy:

During a quiz or exam any written, digital, signed, or spoken interaction with other students will be regarded as cheating. The use of crib notes (i.e., pre-prepared notes), text-messaging during a quiz, use of electronic devices that have not been pre-approved, and looking at other student's test papers will be regarded as cheating. Turning in a written assignment not in your own words (such as a paper copied in part or entirely from internet sources) is plagiarism, which is cheating. Cheating will result in a 0 grade on the assignment. Further cheating may result in further action in accordance with WOU's disciplinary policies. All instances of cheating will be documented.

## Disabilities statement:

Students who may need accommodations due to documented disabilities, who have medical information which the instructor should know about, or who need special arrangements in an emergency, should speak with me during the first week of class. If you have not accessed services and think you may need them, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 838-8250 or email [ods@wou.edu](mailto:ods@wou.edu)

