BIO 1406 (4:3:3)

General Biology I

Department of Biology

Division of Arts and Sciences

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

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Instructor

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Biology I for Science Majors (BIOL 1406)

Spring 2021 FLEX

(Online Lecture, Alternate Weekly Lab)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday: 1:00 – 3:00; Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 – 11:00; Friday: 8:00 – 12:00. These can be in person or online. It is usually easy to visit at any other time too; send me an email to schedule.

**Course Description**

This course focuses on fundamental principles of living organisms including the chemistry of life, cell and molecular biology, genetics and evolution. This is the first semester of an integrated course *for majors* inbiological sciences and related studies, including the medical disciplines.

PREREQUISITE: None. CREDIT: Four semester hours

**Course Implementation**

RECOMMENDED TEXT: Campbell *Biology*, 11th Ed. by Urry et.al. Others ARE acceptable.

I will NOT assign readings, and no exam material will come exclusively from this text. To be successful, it IS important to have access to a textbook in some form to read. See textbook links provided in blackboard for online options.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS:

* Computer or laptop WITH microphone and camera.
* Printer to print assignments.
* Camera or scanner to take pictures of completed written assignments.

BLACKBOARD: The platform for this course is here: <https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com>. Lectures, quizzes and exams, current grades, course information, lecture notes, links to labs etc. will be available. Online office visits will be conducted in Blackboard Collaborate.

LECTURES: will be posted Mondays and Tuesdays on Blackboard (see schedule below).

LABORATORY:**Online** Simulations will be accessed through Mcgraw-Hill Connect in Blackboard. The McGraw Hill simulations cost $60/year. You will be prompted to pay when you click on the link the first time. You can also purchase an access code from the bookstore – a bit more than $60.

**You will attend lab in person every other week** (see schedule below). In-person labs **require** a lab manual. Obtain a manual and bring it to lab. You have two purchase options:

* A partial, for this semester only, downloadable manual purchased using provided link (~ $20) or an access code from the SPC bookstore – a bit more than $20.
* The entire printed manual purchased at the SPC bookstore ~ $60. This is the complete manual for BOTH Bio 1406 and Bio 1407 (next semester). It is likely that the complete manual will be used in the fall semester.

**Grading**

exams: There will be four exams given during the course which will cover both lecture and lab. Expect multiple choice, true or false, fill-in-the blank, short answer and essay questions. The 4th and final exam will be comprehensive.

Exams will be available to take beginning at 8:00 am on the scheduled day (Friday for the first three). You will have until midnight Sunday to start them. Exams will be timed and proctored online by Proctorio. Specific exam procedures will be provided.

Do not neglect to take exams. If you miss an exam you must contact me within 24 hours or I will not consider a makeup exam and you will receive a zero for the exam.

Quizzes will be posted in the Quizzes and Exams Folder a few hours after each lecture addressing the day’s lecture topic. They will be about 10 questions. Quizzes will be timed and proctored online by Proctorio. Specific quiz procedures will be provided. Both quizzes for the week will be available to take until Friday at 9:00 am. After that, any blank quiz grades will be changed to zero. There will be no make-up quizzes. The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped.

lab grades: Understanding of lab concepts will be assessed in the exams, and occasionally in the quizzes. The simulations are scored and will be included in your lab participation grade. A few written lab assignments will also be collected and graded.

GRADING SUMMARY:

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| **Grade Type** | **Percentage of Grade** |
| Exams | 70 % |
| Lab Grades/Assignments | 20 % |
| Quizzes | 10 % |

*Grading scale:* Final semester average 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; < 60 = F.

*Last Day to Drop the Course*: April 22, 2021

**This course must be completed with a grade of C or better in order for the student to take General Biology II (Biology 1407) at South Plains College.**

**Policies, Procedures and Rules**

This course will be conducted according to the policies and procedures of the South Plains College Student Handbook and General Catalog.

**Email:** I will send emails to your SPC email address periodically throughout the course. You are responsible for any information that is sent to your SPC email by me or the college, so please check it regularly.

**Attendance:** Lecture attendance is based on your weekly quizzes. If you fail to take any of the weekly quizzes for two weeks, you will be counted absent for both weeks and will be dropped from the class. Attendance at the in-person labs is required. Missing two will result in being dropped from the course. Extenuating circumstances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**Covid 19:** It is the policy of South Plains College for the Spring 2021 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings while in SPC buildings including in classrooms, labs, hallways, and restrooms. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students on the Levelland campus or the Dean/Director of external centers for Student Code of Conduct Violation.

* Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive, MUST contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

You will not be excused from participation in lab if I do not receive an email from Health Services.

**Academic Integrity:** The attempt of any student to cheat or present as her/his own any work, which she/he has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Examples of cheating and dishonesty include (but are not limited to): plagiarism, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination or quiz, obtaining information during an exam from the textbook or from the exam paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others’ behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**Students with disabilities,** including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Lab Safety:** Each student will be informed/trained on the “Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) for Laboratories at South Plains College” during the first week of the semester. Each student will be required to acknowledge receipt of this information and be required to follow all procedures outlined by the instructor and/or staff of South Plains College.

**Privacy:** The federal law guaranteeing student privacy is the policy of this professor as well as that of SPC. This means that I will not discuss your grade with anyone other than you. I will NOT discuss your grade with your parents, guardians, friends, etc.

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education.  To [activate](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/employees/manualshandbooks/facultyhandbook/sec4.php) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness.  Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors.  It is the student’s responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations.  Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or [email](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/employees/manualshandbooks/facultyhandbook/sec4.php) [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**Campus Concealed Carry** - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\_resources/policy\_procedure/hhc.php

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.