

SBI 3U Biology Grade 11, University

General Course Information

Prerequisite: SNC 2D Department: Science

Extra Help: By appointment with teacher

Textbook and Replacement Cost: McGraw Hill Ryerson Biology 11, \$95
Material Required: Safety goggles, 3-ring binder, Notebook

Course Fee: None

Course Description

This course furthers students' understanding of the processes that occur in biological systems. Students will study theory and conduct investigations in the areas of biodiversity; evolution; genetic processes; the structure and function of animals; and the anatomy, growth, and function of plants. The course focuses on the theoretical aspects of the topics under study, and helps students refine skills related to scientific investigation.

The course is organized into five strands:

- Diversity of Living Things
- Evolution
- Genetic Processes
- Animals: Structure and Function
- Plants: Anatomy, Growth and Function

A detailed list of the course expectations can be found at http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/science.html

Assessment and Evaluation

To promote student success, ongoing assessment and feedback will be given regularly to the students. A variety of assessment and evaluation strategies will be used in this course, including labs, case studies, assignments, projects/presentations, tests and quizzes. Expectations will be evaluated based on the provincial curriculum expectations and the achievement levels outlined in the ministry document.

Expectations are organized into four categories of knowledge and skills. The categories and their corresponding weighting is as follows:

Knowledge and Understanding 40 %
Thinking 20 %
Communication 20 %
Application 20 %

Each student's final mark will be in the form of a percentage grade based on their achievement in the 4 categories on the achievement chart. The breakdown of the final mark is as followed:

Term Evaluation 70% Final Evaluation 30%

The final Evaluation will be completed during the final 6 weeks of the course and may include a variety of summative activities including an exam, a presentation, a seminar, or an essay or another writing assignment.

In addition to students' performance in the achievement categories, students will also be assessed on their performance in the following learning skills:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

For specific policies on assessment and evaluation, and academic honesty, please refer to School Procedures in the student agenda.

Department Policies

Late Assignments



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Students must communicate with the teacher in advance if they anticipate that an assignment will be late. Different situations will require specific decisions based on professional judgment. Late assignments will not be accepted after the assignment has been taken up in class or the marked assignment has been returned.

Missed Evaluations

A student who misses an evaluation must submit upon return to class a parental/guardian note or a doctor's note detailing the reason for the absence and acknowledging the missed evaluation. The student may have the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency of the learning expectations at a later date, at the teacher's discretion. This may or may not be in the same format as the original evaluation. The teacher will determine the time and form in which the evaluation will take place.