**Syllabus-Fall 2012**

BIO 150-Principles of Biology I

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Office Hours: T/R: 1:00-3:00 PM.  **Any other time by appointment.**

Class Time and Location: Section 001 T/R 9:30-10:45 AM 116 BS

**Text:**

**Biology with Mastering Biology 9th edition by Neil Campbell**

**OR**

**Biology EBook with Mastering Biology 9th Edition by Campbell**

Course Description: This course is an introductory course designed to develop an understanding and appreciation of the basic biological principles used to explore life at the molecular and cellular levels. The concepts of molecular structure and function will be applied to the functioning of cells. Similarities and differences in the structure and function of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells are covered along with the origin and evolution of life.

Attendance: You are expected to attend all classes. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get information, assignments, etc you missed. Contact other students in class for help.

Reading Assignments: Assignments are listed on the lecture outline. These assignments should be read before coming to class.

**Grading:**

 Exam I=100 points

 Exam II=100 points

 Final Exam=100 points

 Homework=150 points

 **450 point total**

Final grades will be based on total points earned and will be assigned as follows:

A=382-450 points

B=337=381 points

C=292-336 points

D=247-291 points

E=less than 247 points

**There will be no curving of scores.**

**Midterm Grades will be posted by October 20, 2012.**

**Unless specifically indicated extra credit will not be given under any circumstance.**

**Examinations:**

Exam dates are listed on the lecture outline. Exams will consist of multiple choice questions and will be similar to the Mastering Biology homework questions... Bring a pencil and UK Student ID to the examinations. Make-up exams will only be given for excused absences as defined by University Senate Rules V, 2.4.2 and will consist of short answer questions. Make ups will be administered at a single scheduled time, Monday December 3rd 2012 from 6:00-7:00 PM in room 116 BS. **Unless there is a regularly scheduled conflicting class, this is the only time make-up exams will be administered.** A missed exam will result in a score of zero unless an acceptable written excuse is presented within one week of the absence!

**Disabilities/Medical Conditions:**  If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodation, please see me as soon as possible. In order to receive accommodation in this class you must provide a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center for coordination of campus services available to students with disabilities.

**Homework Assignments:** There will be a number of assignments that must be completed during the course of the semester. Assignments are worth 5-15 points and the date they are available and the date they must be completed will in indicated on the calendar or in the List of assignments in Mastering Biology. It is **your** responsibility to access each assignment in a timely manner so that you have enough time to adequately complete the work. Each assignment will consist of a series of multiple choice questions.

**Warning: Once the deadline for submission of an assignment has passed you will no longer be able to submit the assignment for a score. The computer is very unforgiving. If you go past the deadline by even a second you will not receive a score. The computer software will record the time of submission.**

Scores for assignments will be available in Mastering Biology immediately following the deadline for submission (9:00 AM on that date). These scores will be transferred to the Blackboard grade book within one week of the deadline for submission of a particular assignment. **If you have a concern regarding the posted score for an assignment, you have one week to contest that score!**

**Mastering Biology (MB):**

**Mastering Biology is an online learning environment that provides an extensive array of review materials for the course. Each student is REQUIRED to have a Mastering account. You cannot share your account with another student in the class. All assignments are administered though Mastering Biology (MB). Failure to set up your MB account will result in automatic scores of zero for the assignments. TO SET UP YOUR MB ACCOUNT SEE THE LAST PAGE OF THE SYLLABUS.**

*In order to facilitate your introduction to the use of MB, there is a short extra credit assignment available on MB. The assignment consists of three activities (each worth one point) that take you through how to use the various features of MB. In order to earn these extra credit points you need to complete the assignment and submit the results by 9:00 AM on M, August 27th, 2012. In addition to the graded assignments there are a number of additional quizzes and pre-tests that can be used to determine your readiness for exams.*

**Academic Offenses:** Look at both the plagiarism and cheating sections in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook University of Kentucky. **Charges for such an academic offense will be made against any student that cheats or commits plagiarism.** Penalties for such an offense will be assessed in accord with University Regulations. The most severe penalties include suspension or dismissal from the University. **I have a zero tolerance policy regarding academic offenses.**

**NOTE\* In** addition to the circumstances described above, the following activities are considered evidence of cheating:

1) Talking to another student during an examination

2) Looking at another student’s work during an examination or allowing another student to look at yours

3) Use of a cell phone or any electronic device during an examination (this includes receiving calls). All electronic devices must be turned off and put away during the exam period.