Animal Biology (Biology 1110)

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Required Books:

Lecture Notes: Animal Biology Lecture Manual. 2017. (download available

on the D2L course webpage)

Textbook/Lab Manual: Exploring Zoology, 2nd edition. DG Smith and MP Schenk.

Morton Publishing. (available in the bookstore)

Marking Scheme: Lectures

The lecture component of this course comprises 60% of the overall course grade. There are two midterm tests on February 8th and March 13th. These tests will be run online through the D2L course webpage. Additional instructions for these tests are available on the D2L course webpage. The final exam is <u>not</u> online, and will occur during the April exam period.

| Midterm Test 1 | Origins through Nematodes | 10% |
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| Midterm Test 2 | Molluscs through Introduction to Chordates | 15% |
| Final Exam | Fishes through Mammals | 35% |

The tests and final exam are not cumulative.

If you miss a midterm test due to illness, you must (1) inform me by email within 24 hours of the scheduled test time, and (2) provide a doctor's note within 5 days of the missed test that explains your absence. Otherwise, you will not be able to write a make-up test. Athletes who will miss a midterm test due to out-of-town competitions must

provide a letter or email from their coach <u>in advance</u> that clearly shows the dates of their competitions. No other excuses (e.g., vacations, sleeping in, or non-university related activities) for missing tests will be accepted. If you miss the final exam, you must follow the procedures outlined by Enrolment Services (see University Regulations link below) including providing a valid *Certificate of Illness and Incapacity* to Enrolment Services before a make-up exam can be rescheduled.

University Regulations link:

https://navigator.lakeheadu.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=23&chapterid=5698&loaduseredits=False

Marking Scheme: Labs

The lab component of this course comprises 40% of the overall course grade. There are two lab exams worth 15% each. There are 7 lab quizzes worth 10% total; only the best 5 of 7 quiz marks will count towards your final grade. The lab quizzes will be run online through the D2L course webpage.

| Lab Exam 1 | Based on Labs 1 to 4 | 15% |
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| Lab Exam 2 | Based on Labs 5 to 9 | 15% |
| Lab Quizzes | See D2L course webpage for details | 10% |

The lab exams are <u>not</u> cumulative. See the course webpage for more information about lab quizzes and exams. There are also 3 potential bonus marks that can be earned during the labs. More information about bonus marks will be provided during the labs.

Important Dates:

Labs start on the week of January 17/19.

Study week occurs from Monday, February 20 to Friday, February 24.

Final date to drop the course without academic penalty is March 10.

The final exam will be held during the exam period from April 10 to 23 (Easter holidays excluded).

DO NOT make travel arrangements until after the final exam schedule comes out! There have been years when the Animal Biology final exam was scheduled on the last day of the exam period. I cannot change the date of the final exam.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURE TOPICS

| Week of | Jan 9 | Introduction to the Course Origins of Life Evolution |
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| Week of | Jan 16 | Classification Animal Body Plans Reproduction |
| Week of | Jan 23 | Sponges (Porifera) Radiate Animals (Cnidaria) Flatworms (Platyhelminthes) |
| Week of | Jan 30 | Roundworms (Nematodes) Molluscs (Mollusca) |
| Week of | Feb 6 | Segmented Worms (Annelida) Feb 8: Test 1 (No Lecture Today) |
| Week of | Feb13 | Arthropods – Chelicerata Arthropods – Crustacea Arthropods – Myriapoda |
| Week of | Feb 20 | Study week |
| Week of | Feb 27 | Arthropods – Insects (Hexapoda) Echinoderms Introduction to Chordates |
| Week of | Mar 6 | Cartilaginous Fishes (Chondrichthyes) Bony Fishes (Osteichthyes) |
| Week of | Mar 13 | Mar 13: Test 2 (No Lecture Today) Amphibians (Lissamphibia) |
| Week of | Mar 20 | Reptiles (Reptilia) Birds (Aves) |
| Week of | Mar 27 | Birds (Aves) Mammals (Mammalia) |
| Week of | Apr 3 | Mammals (Mammalia) |

SCHEDULE OF LAB TOPICS

| Jan | 10/12 | No lab |
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| Jan | 17/19 | Introduction to the Labs/Taxonomy |
| Jan | 24/26 | Porifera, Cnidaria, Platyhelminthes, Nematoda (Lab Quiz 1) |
| Jan/Feb | 31/2 | Mollusca and Annelida (Lab Quiz 2) |
| Feb | 7/9 | Arthropoda 1: Chelicerata and Crustacea (Lab Quiz 3) |
| Feb | 14/16 | Lab Exam 1 — Labs 1 to 4 |
| Feb | 21/23 | Study Week |
| Feb/Mar | 28/2 | Arthropoda 2: Myriapoda and Insects |
| Mar | 7/9 | Echinodermata and Protochordates (Lab Quiz 4) |
| Mar | 14/16 | Fishes (Lab Quiz 5) |
| Mar | 21/23 | Amphibians, Reptiles, and Birds (Lab Quiz 6) |
| Mar | 28/30 | Mammals (Lab Quiz 7) |
| Apr | 4/6 | Lab Exam 2 – Labs 5 to 9 |