

Bio120L – General Biology for Non-Majors Lab, Fall 2005

Section 01 meets Wednesdays from 8 – 9:50 am
Section 19 meets Thursdays from 8 – 9:50 am
Section 05 meets Fridays from 10 – 11:50 am
Lab room: SC-261

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TEXT: Experiences in Biology, 11th ed., Lynn A. Ebersole, 2004.

EXAMS: Two lab practical exams will be given during the semester (see the lab schedule for dates). Each practical is worth 100 points. There will be additional quizzes (and potentially a homework assignment) worth a total of 50 points. Pop quizzes may be given at the beginning of labs, so arrive on time. Missed quizzes cannot be made up.

GRADING: Your lab grade accounts for 25% of your final grade in Biology 120.

GRADING SCALE: A: 90-100%, B: 80-89%, C: 70-79%, D: 60-69%, F: 59% or below.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is mandatory. Students who miss more than three lab sessions will fail the entire four hours of Bio 120. Immediately contact your lab instructor about any absences beyond your control, and provide written verification of your excuse. You are responsible for any missed material.

LAB RULES:

- 1) Arrive on time. Remember-- you can't stay late to finish a lab exercise.
- 2) No food or drink in the lab.
- 3) Most lab equipment is expensive, much of it is fragile, and some labs are potentially dangerous, so come prepared and keep your mind on what you're doing.
- 4) Wear closed shoes to lab and appropriate clothing for field days.
- 5) Cell phones and pagers should be turned off during lab.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN LAB:

- 1) Read the exercise ahead of time.
- 2) Don't rush through – make sure you understand the exercise and what you're doing before deciding you've finished.
- 3) Take good notes, and make drawings if necessary.
- 4) Don't be afraid to ask questions if you need help.

NOTE: If you are having problems in lab for whatever reason, it is better to contact your instructor early on while there is still time to deal with the problem. The last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of "W" is Monday, Oct. 31.

THE FINE PRINT...

CHEATING/ACADEMIC HONESTY: Unless otherwise announced by the Instructor, a student's own memory is to be the only resource used in taking tests. Use of any other source of information or guidance will be considered cheating. To pass off as one's own the ideas, words, or work of another is plagiarism and is to be considered cheating. If a course instructor has sufficient evidence that a student has cheated, the student will be given a zero for the test or assignment. The student will be informed of this action. A student who wishes to appeal this action must do so by following procedures as outlined in the section on appeal of academic matters in the [Code of Undergraduate Students' Rights and Responsibilities](#).

DISRUPTIVE STUDENT POLICY: In accordance with the College of Arts and Science Policy, the instructor reserves the right to dismiss (or to have removed) a disruptive student from her classroom.

DISABILITIES: Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments, auxiliary aids or services) for this course must register with the Disability Services Office. Please contact the Disability Services Office immediately in the University Center, Suite 320, or call (859) 572-6373 for more information. Verification of your disability is required in the Disability Services Office for you to receive reasonable academic accommodations. Visit the Disability Services website at <http://www.nku.edu/~disability/>.