

Course Information

Semester & Year: Spring 2021

Course ID & Section #: BIOL-1-V0225

Instructor's name: Laura Morgan

Course units: 4.0

Instructor Contact Information

Office location or *Online: Online

Office hours: By request, please email me to schedule something!

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Catalog Description

An introductory course in life science dealing with basic biological concepts including molecular and cell biology, metabolism, heredity, evolution, ecology, natural history, and biodiversity.

Note: This course is designed **for non-science majors** and nursing/health occupation students. Not open to students who have completed or who are currently enrolled in BIOL-3.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Apply the scientific method to critically evaluate observable phenomena.
2. Describe attributes of life and explain how cells fulfill these characteristics.
3. Relate the mechanisms of evolutionary change to the production of biological diversity.

Prerequisites/co-requisites/ recommended preparation

There are no pre-requisites for this course. However, you will be asked to do a lot of reading and writing. If these are areas you struggle with, consider taking a college-level English course prior to or concurrently with BIOL-1.

Accessibility

Students will have access to online course materials that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and College of the Redwoods policies. Students who discover access issues with this class should contact the instructor.

College of the Redwoods is also committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability-related services and accommodations, please contact your instructor or [Disability Services and Programs for Students](#) (DSPS). Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS based on their campus location:

- Eureka: 707-476-4280, student services building, 1st floor
- Del Norte: 707-465-2324, main building near library
- Klamath-Trinity: 530-625-4821 Ext 103

During COVID19, approved accommodations for distance education classes will be emailed to the instructor by DSPS. In the case of face to face instruction, please present your written accommodation request to your instructor at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. Last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments cannot usually be accommodated.

Support for online learners during COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, College of the Redwoods moved the majority of its courses online to protect health and safety. As the faculty and students adjust to this change, clear communication about student needs will help everyone be successful. Please let me know about any specific challenges or technology limitations that might affect your participation in class. I want every student to thrive.

Evaluation & Grading Policy

Late Work: Pay attention to deadlines listed in your Canvas Calendar! NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED unless you have made previous arrangements with the instructor.

Assignment Weights:

1. **Labs (30%)** Labs will be done through LabArchives. There will be one lab each week (due on Thursday). Your first assignment is all about getting familiar with the online lab notebook.
2. **Lecture & Lab Discussions (20%)** These are my way of both ensuring that you are watching the lectures and engaging in (hopefully) meaningful discussions about the lecture topics with your classmates. This is also a good way to make sure you are understanding the material from the labs. You will have to make an initial post to “open” the discussion forum and see other students’ responses. Once the forum is open, you’ll have a response requirement that will be detailed in the description of the discussion forum. Lecture discussions are due by Wednesday nights and lab discussions are due by Friday night.
3. **Quizzes (20%)** Quizzes are posted on Canvas and will cover lecture material. There will be 1-2 quizzes/week. No late quizzes will be accepted, so make sure to stay up to date on these!
4. **Exams (30%)** There will be three midterm exams throughout the semester that cover material from both lecture and lab. There will also be a comprehensive final exam.

Grading Scale:

< 60%	60-69%	70-76%	77-79%	80-82%	83-86%	87-89%	90-92%	93-100%
F	D	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A

Admissions deadlines & enrollment policies

Spring 2021 Dates

- *Classes begin: 1/16/21*
- *Last day to add a class: 1/22/21*
- ***Last day to drop without a W and receive a refund: 1/29/21***
- *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (all-college holiday): 1/18/21*
- *Census date: 2/1/21*
- *Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (all-college holiday) 2/12/21*
- *President's Day (all-college holiday) 2/15/21*
- *Last day to petition to file P/NP option: 2/12/21*
- *Last day to petition to graduate or apply for certificate: 3/4/21*
- ***Last day for student-initiated W (no refund): 4/2/21***
- *Last day for faculty initiated W (no refund): 4/2/21*
- *Spring break (no classes): 3/15/21-3/20/21*
- *Final examinations: 5/8/21-5/14/21*

- Semester ends: 5/14/21
- Grades available for transcript release: approximately 5/31/21

Students who have experienced extenuating circumstances can complete & submit the **Excused Withdrawal Petition** to request an Excused Withdrawal (EW) grade instead of the current Withdrawal (W) or non-passing (D, F & NP) grades. The EW Petition is available from the Admissions and Records Forms Webpage. Supporting documentation is required.

Academic dishonesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

Note: Plagiarism is a form of cheating. Therefore, **all written work you turn in must be in YOUR OWN WORDS**. If you choose to use someone else's exact words, you must credit the source and put the words in quotations. If you choose to plagiarize any work for this class, you will receive a zero on the assignment, even if you have permission to work on an assignment with other students from the class. This is particularly important for labs and exams.

Disruptive behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

Inclusive Language in the Classroom

College of the Redwoods aspires to create a learning environment in which all people feel comfortable in contributing their perspectives to classroom discussions. It therefore encourages instructors and students to use language that is inclusive and respectful.

Setting Your Preferred Name in Canvas

Students have the ability to have an alternate first name and pronouns to appear in Canvas. Contact [Admissions & Records](#) to request a change to your preferred first name and pronoun. Your Preferred Name will only be listed in Canvas. It does not change your legal name in our records. See the [Student Information Update form](#).

Canvas Information

If using Canvas, include navigation instructions, tech support information, what Canvas is used for, and your expectation for how regularly students should check Canvas for your class.

Log into Canvas at <https://redwoods.instructure.com>

Password is your 8 digit birth date

For tech help, email its@redwoods.edu or call 707-476-4160

Canvas Help for students: <https://www.redwoods.edu/online/Help-Student>

Canvas online orientation workshop: <https://www.redwoods.edu/online/Home/Student-Resources/Canvas-Resources>

Community College Student Health and Wellness

Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the California Community Colleges [Health & Wellness website](#).

[Wellness Central](#) is a free online health and wellness resource that is available 24/7 in your space at your pace.

Students seeking to request a counseling appointment for academic advising or general counseling can email counseling@redwoods.edu.

Student Support Services

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

- [CR-Online](#) (Comprehensive information for online students)
- [Library Articles & Databases](#)
- [Canvas help and tutorials](#)
- [Online Student Handbook](#)

[Counseling](#) offers assistance to students in need of professional counseling services such as crisis counseling.

Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students

- [Academic Support Center](#) for instructional support, tutoring, learning resources, and proctored exams. Includes the Math Lab & Drop-in Writing Center
- [Library Services](#) to promote information literacy and provide organized information resources.
- [Multicultural & Diversity Center](#)

Special programs are also available for eligible students include

- [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services \(EOPS\)](#) provides financial assistance, support and encouragement for eligible income disadvantaged students at all CR locations.
- The TRiO Student Success Program provides eligible students with a variety of services including trips to 4-year universities, career assessments, and peer mentoring. Students can apply for the program in [Eureka](#) or in [Del Norte](#)
- The [Veteran's Resource Center](#) supports and facilitates academic success for Active Duty Military, Veterans and Dependents attending CR through relational advising, mentorship, transitional assistance, and coordination of military and Veteran-specific resources.
- Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR KT Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821