

BIOL 2110- PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY: CELLULAR & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY 3 CREDITS

SYLLABUS

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to major topics in general biology. This course focuses on the principles of structure and function of living things at the molecular, cellular and organismic levels of organization. Major topics included are introduction to the scientific process, chemistry of cells, organization of cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, cell division, DNA replication, transcription, and translation.

Prerequisites: General Chemistry I lecture and laboratory

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring

COMMON STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...

BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to...

1. Apply the scientific method to develop and evaluate hypotheses and propose an experiment to test a scientific hypothesis related to cell biology and molecular biology.

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2. Describe the distinguishing characteristics of various biological molecules (water, carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids). (HED Area 3, Competency 3)
3. Compare and contrast the basic features of cells and how prokaryotic cells differ from eukaryotic cells. (HED Area 3, Competency 3)
4. Understand how organisms maintain homeostasis in a dynamic environment.
5. Describe how biological molecules are acquired and how they are subsequently used to meet the metabolic needs of organisms. (HED Area 3, Competency 3)
6. Describe membrane structure and function.
7. Describe and analyze the nature of bioenergetic transformations and metabolism within the cell.
8. Describe the processes of cellular respiration and photosynthesis.
9. Analyze with specific detail the processes of DNA replication, transcription, and translation.
10. Analyze with specific detail the types, mechanisms, and regulation of cellular division.
11. Assess important applications of cell and molecular biology to energy use, medicine, and other day-to-day processes. (HED Area 3, Competency 1,3,4,5)