

GENERAL ZOOLOGY SYLLABUS

31770 Biol 210 AA
TUTH 9:30–10:45 AM
TT 2:10–5:00 PM
Rm. 36-223
Last “W” May 1st
Final: 27 May 2008



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TEXTS AND MATERIALS: (REQUIRED)

Zoology, 7th Ed., Miller and Harley, WCB, 2007

Laboratory Studies in Integrated Principles of Zoology, 13th Ed., Hickman, Hickman & Kats, WCB, 2007

Laboratory notebook with bound, unlined pages, “surgical” gloves (beginning March 11th).

RECOMMENDED: A “flash drive” for file transport will be useful in this class and others. A dissecting kit may be needed if timely cleaning & drying of provided equipment is not consistently done.

GRADING: Grades are mainly determined objectively through accumulation of points earned on lab reports, five exams, a final and other written assignments. Points earned divided by points possible will yield a percentage which may be compared to the following standard:

A = $\geq 90\%$ B = 89–80% C = 79–65% D = 65–51% F = $\leq 50\%$

MAKE UP EXAM POLICY: Missed exam can be made up (less 14%, depending on circumstances), provided that arrangements are made in a timely fashion.

COURSE CONDUCT: The substance of the course is communicated through reading assignments, conversations, case studies, and laboratory/field activities. It is critical that you complete the assigned reading before coming to class and that you arrive on time.

HOURLY ARRANGEMENT: The granting of college units presumes that a student devotes 2 hours in preparation for each hour scheduled for lecture. This course requires one additional “hour by arrangement” per week (on average): time spent in a variety of learning activities (computer simulations, tutorials, completion of group work); some of this may be done in the Integrated Science Center (36-110), the library or other venues.

STUDY GROUPS: Although assistance may become available in the Integrated Science Center (36-110), it is suggested that you also cultivate partnerships among your classmates. Research shows that both the stronger and weaker students in such teams benefit.

POLICY ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING: Except where specifically indicated by the instructor on group projects, it is expected that each student will do his/her own work. Copying and other forms of intellectual dishonesty will not be tolerated.

ATTENDANCE: No part of the grade is directly based on attendance, but time on task* is a major factor of success and you can be dropped for excessive absences. You are responsible for all material presented in class, including announcements about procedures and changes. Exams and homework can depend on material presented only in class, indirectly reflecting attendance.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY: If you drop after May 1st, 2008, whether officially or by walking away, a grade of “W” is possible only (by petition under limited circumstances) from the registrar's office. Instructors cannot assign a grade of “W” after May Day.

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* TIME + ENERGY → LEARNING