

Grande Prairie Regional College
Dept. of Science

BI 1070
CELLULAR BIOLOGY

COURSE OUTLINE
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BIOLOGY 1070 – CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Course description: All life functions are based on cells, and this course will provide an introduction to cell structure and function. Major topics will include the development of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell lineages, energy conversions, the compartmentation of biochemical functions within a cell, the genetic code and its replication, transcription and translation, and communication from cell to cell. The genetic control of cellular activities is examined through methods in molecular genetic analysis and their application in genetic engineering and biotechnology. Throughout this course, we will examine how cellular biology provides support for the theory of evolution.

Textbooks: “Biology” (7th edition, 2005), Campbell, Reese and Mitchell
Benjamin Cummings Pub.

Student Study Guide for “Biology” (optional, but useful)
(7th ed. 2005), Martha R. Taylor, Benjamin Cummings Pub.

Biology 1070 Lab Manual (required) - available in book store.

WWW Resources: Biology 107 web-site at University of Alberta
<http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/courses.hp/bio107.hp/bio107.html>

Requirements: This course is a 3-credit course that includes 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of lab each week, beginning on September 7th, 2006. It is transferable to the University of Alberta as Biology 107, with a grade of C- or above. Since participation in lectures/laboratories and completion of assignments are important components of this course, students will serve their best interests by regular attendance at both class and laboratory sessions. Those who chose not to attend must assume whatever risks are involved. In this regard, your attention is directed to the Academic Guidelines of Grande Prairie Regional College.

All assignments must be completed and handed to the Instructor by the date specified. Late assignments will not be marked.

Students must attend the laboratory session and complete the exercise in order to receive credit for the lab reports.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student who plagiarizes will be given a zero on the assignment in question. A second case of plagiarism will result in expulsion from the course. The instructor reserves the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services.

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| Evaluation: | Lab. Assignments and Quizzes..... | 15 % |
| | Final Lab Exam..... | 20 % |
| | Midterm Exams (2)..... | 25 % |
| | Final Exam..... | 40 % |
| | TOTAL..... | 100 % |

Examinations will include both multiple choice and short answer questions.

At the end of this course you will be assigned a letter grade. These letter grades correspond to percentages in the following way:

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| 90-100 = | A+ | 67-69 = | C+ |
| 85-89 = | A | 64-66 = | C |
| 80-84 = | A- | 60-63 = | C- |
| 76-79 = | B+ | 55-59 = | D+ |
| 73-75 = | B | 50-54 = | D |
| 70-72 = | B- | 0-49 = | F |

Lectures: Time: Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30 to 9:50

Labs: Time: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2:30 to 5:20

BI 1070 - Topic Outline

Macromolecules and inorganic constituents: Chp 5

Membrane structure and function: Chp 7

- Fluid mosaic model
- Permeability & transport
- Differences in prokaryotic/eukaryotic cell structure

Prokaryotes: Chps 18, 27

- Ecological importance
- Classification
- Morphology – cell walls, cell surface, internal structures, motility
- Genome & genetic exchange, growth and binary fission
- Endospores

Viruses: Chp 18

- Structure & replication
- Viral infection - Lytic/lysogenic life cycles
- Animal viruses, viral disease, viruses & cancer
- Viroids & prions

Eukaryotic cell structure: Chp 6

- Nucleus and ribosomes
- Endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus
- Lysosomes and vacuoles
- Cell wall synthesis
- Cytoskeleton and contractility
- Extracellular matrix
- Peroxisomes
- Mitochondria and chloroplasts
- Endosymbiotic origin of cells

Introduction to metabolism: Chp 8

- Metabolic maps
- Enzymes and metabolism
- Control of metabolism

Cellular respiration: Chp 9

- ATP/ Redox reactions
- Respiration: aerobic metabolism
- Glycolysis/ CAC
- Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation
- Connection to other metabolic pathways

Eukaryotic anaerobic respiration: Chp 9

Energy utilization
Carbohydrate metabolism

Prokaryotic anaerobic metabolism: Chp 9

Fermentation
Anaerobic respiration
Facultative anaerobes

Photosynthesis: Chp 10

Photophosphorylation (light dependent reactions)
Calvin Cycle (light independent reactions)
C3/C4/CAM plants

Mitosis and the Cell Cycle: Chp 12

Meiosis and sexual life cycles: Chp 13

Nucleic acids: Chp 16

Composition and function
Complementary base pairing

Eukaryotic chromosome organization: Chp 19

DNA replication: Chp 16

Genes, proteins and the genetic code: Chp 17

Transcription: Chp 17

RNA-polymerase
Types of RNA
Processing of pre-mRNA

Translation: Chp 17

tRNA and codon recognition
Translation at the ribosomal level
Post-translational modifications

Protein trafficking and targeting: Chp 17

Peptide signal sequences
Protein sorting
Protein secretion

Mutations: Chp 17

Control of gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes: Chp 18,19

Negative control by repression
Negative control by induction
Positive control

DNA technology: Chp 20

Cloning:
Restriction endonucleases
Vectors
Genomic and cDNA libraries
PCR
Cloning and transgenic organisms
Application of genetic engineering

FINAL EXAMINATION