

Hello and Welcome to Biology 106 Online!!

Biology 106 is a general biology course for non-majors. It fulfills the need for a lab science in those programs which require one. The course is comprised of 4 units. Each unit has homework assignments, online lab activity assignments, a unit project and exam. Your final grade is based on the total number of points you earn throughout the semester. The weighting of points is designed to take the pressure off of wrote examinations.

Description	Total Points Available
Homework	120
Labs	200
Unit projects	100
Exams	400
Total	820

Semester Grade	Point Range	Percent
A	738 - 820	90 - 100
B	656 - 737	80-89
C	574 - 655	70 - 79
D	492 - 573	60 - 69

Over 50% of the points in this course are from the assignments. Take your time and do these well!! Email me if you are having trouble with any of the assignments. I also have office hours at the Main Campus Mondays 11:30 – 1220, and 2:20 – 4:30, Wednesdays/Fridays 9:30 – 10:10, and 2:20 – 3. Other times can be set up by appointment in advance.

Each unit consists of several webstudy sessions which open in succession. These sessions remain open until 48 hours prior to the exams. Each unit's notes are available throughout the semester in the webstorium section of webstudy. The first session of each unit will contain the notes document along with a weblink document of helpful sites for that particular unit. Much of the concepts in this course require visualization along with explanations. I strongly urge you to go to the websites found in the weblink document for each unit. The assignments, homeworks and labs, are listed for each session and should be completed in order. The sessions should be completed in order as the concepts build on one another as you continue through the semester. Utilize email and the forums to ask questions about any of the concepts and assignments covered throughout the semester.

Unit Projects

Students will submit a 5 slide power point presentation and a Word (.doc) or .rtf handout for the unit topic chosen. Each unit project topic will be assigned so each topic is covered by at least 3 students.

The power point and handout will be worth a combined 25 points and count toward the final grade. As there are 4 units, there will be 4 of these projects submitted through the semester for a total of 100 points. A selection of the power point presentations and handouts will be available in

the materials section of webstudy for everyone to see. Each unit assignment will be due 7 days prior to the exam.