EL CAMINO COLLEGE COMPTON CENTER
Health, Natural Sciences & Social Services Division (Division 1)
LIFE SCIENCE
Spring 2016

Principles of Biology – 1: Biol-101 Section 9842
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Mission Statement of the College:
*El Camino College offers quality, comprehensive educational programs and services to ensure the educational success of students from our diverse community.*

Course Information:
Lecture: M/W 8:00-9:25am MS 108
Lab: T/Thu 8:00-11:10am MS 108
Contact Information:
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I. REQUIRED TEXT

![Campbell Biology](image)

**REQUIRED**

**CAMPBELL BIOLOGY** without access code
Author: REECE
Edition: 10TH 14
Published Date: 2014
ISBN: 9780321775849
Publisher: PEARSON

![Biology Lab Manual](image)

**REQUIRED**

**Biology Lab Manual**
Author: Vodopich and Moore
Edition 10th or El Camino College edition
ISBN: Check with bookstore
Publisher: McGrawHill

**Required materials:** Students will need to bring everyday disposable gloves and 882E scantron for lecture exams. A dissection kit and an apron are desirable.

II. Course Description:

5 units: 3 hr. lecture, 6 hr. lab

*Prerequisite: Chemistry 4 with minimum grade of C or the equivalent*

*Recommended preparation: eligibility for English 1A.*

*It is also recommended that Chemistry 1A or Chemistry 21A be taken concurrently in preparation for Biology 102.*
III. Course Prerequisites: Prerequisite: Chemistry 4 with a minimum grade of C or the equivalent.
Recommended Preparation: eligibility for English 1A
Note: It is recommended that Chemistry 1A be taken concurrently in preparation for Biology 102 in fall15.

IV. Course Objectives: Students will:

1. Characterize interactions among organisms and between organisms and environment.
2. Discriminate among population dynamics, community structure and ecosystem functions.
3. Outline major events in the evolutionary history of life.
4. Explain the principles and mechanisms of evolution at the micro and macro levels.
5. Compare and contrast representative phyla of protists.
6. Recognize the various protist, fungal, plant and animal phyla viewed in the lab.
7. Compare and contrast the life cycles of the fungal phyla.
8. Identify samples of flower, fruit and seed types.
9. Describe the various plant tissues and organs.
10. Explain water and food transport in plants.
11. Discuss the role of phytohormones in plant growth.
12. Identify and describe animal structures and relate them to functions.
13. Diagram and explain the alternation of generations in the life cycle of plants.

V. Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to use the compound and dissecting microscope to observe cells and microorganisms.
2. Student will understand and apply the principles of the scientific method; recognizing an idea based on reproducible evidence.
3. Students will use basic energy principles to explain the flow of energy in living systems, such as those that occur in the cellular metabolic pathways of photosynthesis and cell respiration, or the relationships observed between autotrophs and heterotrophs in ecosystems.

VI. Assessment Activities: The following will be used to assess mastery of student learning outcomes:

A. Objective Exams
B. Quizzes
C. Lab Practicum
D. Problem based and critical thinking short descriptive questions
E. Term paper-writing and presentations

VII. Evaluation Criteria:

A. Objective questions will test the understanding and recall of basic anatomical facts.
B. Problem solving and case studies will test the mastery of the subject and its application to solve problems.
C. Lab Practicum will test the ability to identify gross anatomical structures and histological slides.
D. Term papers and group projects will encourage team work, research, writing and speaking abilities.

Student’s Responsibility Upon successful completion of the course, students are expected to be able to demonstrate ‘student learning outcomes’ with at least 70% accuracy. This requires a conscientious study program and good time management. We need to work hard to succeed in this course. Be prepared for class. Learners are advised to preview materials for each class meeting using the attached schedule, and to study immediately after class. Take good lecture notes. Practice tests at the back of chapters and the
different study activities on the textbook website using your access codes. Study with a study group/buddy. You can get more work accomplished with a good study group. Answering as many questions as you can in the lab manual before the lab classes will help prepare you for the materials to be observed in the lab classes.

VIII. Grading Procedure: All points in the exams and practicum will be combined into a single total for the final grade. There will be three lecture midterms and one final exam, 100 points each. There will be 20 quiz exams each with 5 maximum marks. Students will have 20 class or homework assignments in lecture hours and turn in 20 lab exercises.

Assessments may be multiple choice, fill in, short answers, labeling, term paper, or short presentations. Pop-quizzes may be given for extra credit. Final letter grade will be assigned based on the following:

Grading Scale:

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Final Grade Calculation

- In-class or Home assignments – 20 x 5 = 100
- Quiz Exams – 11 x 10 = 100 (best 10 counted)
- Lab Work assignments – 20 x 5 = 100
- Written Exams – 4 x 100 = 400
- Presentation 1 x 50 = 50

Total Points = 750

IX. Attendance Requirements:

1. Attendance at first class meeting: Students who enroll in class but do not attend the first scheduled class meeting may be dropped from the roster. A student who registers for a class and never attends is still responsible for dropping the class.
2. Attendance without official enrollment: Students will not be permitted to attend classes in which they are not enrolled.
3. Attendance during semester: A student may be dropped from class if absences/tardiness exceed the unit value of the course. This also applies to excessive absences from illness or medical treatment.
4. Children in classrooms: Children are not permitted in classrooms while class is in session. Attendance in class is limited to officially enrolled students and authorized visitors or guests. In addition, students must not allow children to be left unsupervised or unattended anywhere on campus.
5. Tardy/ Early Departure: If you are late more than 10 minutes after the class begins, you will be marked tardy. Early departure before end of class is marked as absence.
6. Missed Work: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor of your absence and to request, if applicable, any make up work. You are still responsible for the missed lecture, lab or any other class activity of the day.
7. Excused absences: Documentation is required to excuse absence due to illness or death in family.

X. Statement of Student Conduct:

Conduct at El Camino College must conform to the laws of the State of California, District policies, and campus rules and regulations. The El Camino College faculty, staff, and administration are dedicated to maintaining an optimal learning environment; the standards of behavior as outlined in this policy are
essential to the maintenance of a quality college environment. These standards will apply to all students on campus, other college property or while attending any college-sponsored event. Violation of such laws, policies, rules and regulations or behavior adversely affecting suitability as a student, will lead to disciplinary action.

Classroom Misconduct
1. Dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information to the College.
2. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of college documents, records, or identification.
3. Violation of college policies or off-campus regulations, including but not limited to campus regulations concerning student organizations, the use of college facilities, or time, place, and manner of public expression.
4. Continued disruptive behavior, continued willful disobedience, profanity or vulgarity, or continued defiance of the authority of, or abuse of, college personnel or to anyone on campus.
5. Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or college personnel.
6. Assault, battery, sex crimes including sexual assault or rape, or any threat of force or violence upon a student or college personnel.
7. Sexual harassment which includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
8. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other authorized college activities including but not limited to its
9. Community service functions or to authorized activities held off campus. Obstruction or disruption includes but is not limited to the use of skateboards, bicycles, radios, and roller skates.
10. Unauthorized entry to or use of college facilities, equipment or supplies.
11. Theft or deliberate damage to property of a college staff member, a student, or a visitor to the college including but not limited to the Library, Bookstore, and Food Service areas.
12. Defacing or damaging any college real or personal property.
13. Failure to comply with the directions of a member of the college certificated personnel, college management or supervisor personnel, or campus police acting within the scope of his or her duties.

Disciplinary Action: Disciplinary action appropriate to the misconduct as defined above may be taken by an instructor, the Dean of Student Services or his or her designee and the Board of Trustees. Misconduct should be brought to the immediate attention of the Campus Police, or local police department/security force for courses taught off campus.

Removal by Instructor — In addition to an instructor’s right to drop a student permanently from a class when the student is no longer participating i.e. lack of attendance in the course, an instructor may remove (suspend) a student from his or her class for the day of the incident and the next class meeting. During this period of removal, a conference should be held with the instructor and the student to attempt to resolve the situation that led to the student’s removal and the student shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was removed without the concurrence of the instructor of the class.

1. If a student is suspended for one class meeting, no additional formal disciplinary procedures are necessary.
2. If a student is suspended from class for the day of the incident and the next class meeting, the instructor shall send a written report of the action to his or her dean who shall forward this information to the Dean of Student Services, the Provost. If the student removed by an instructor is a minor, the President’s designee (Dean of Student Services) shall ask a parent or guardian of the student to attend a parent conference regarding the removal as soon as possible. If the instructor or the parent or guardian so requests, a college administrator shall attend the conference.
3. The instructor may recommend to his or her dean that a student be suspended for longer than two class meetings. If the dean, instructor and student cannot resolve the problem, the suspension will be referred to the President or the President’s designee.
4. During the period following the initial suspension from class for the day of the incident and the following class meeting, the student shall be allowed to return to the class until due process and the disciplinary procedures are completed unless the student is further suspended as a result of actions.

**Cheating or Plagiarism Policy:** “Dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information to the college.” Examples of Cheating or Plagiarism include:

1. Representing the words, ideas or work of another as one’s own in any academic exercise (plagiarism), including the use of commercial term paper companies;
2. Copying or allowing another student to copy from one’s paper or answer sheet during an examination;
3. Allowing another individual to assume one’s identity for the purpose of enhancing one’s grade in any of the following: testing, field trips or attendance;
4. Falsifying or attempting to falsify attendance records and/or grade rosters;
5. Changing answers on a previously scored test, assignment or experiment with the intent to defraud;
6. Inventing data for the purpose of completing a laboratory experiment or case study analysis with the intent to defraud;
7. Giving and/or taking information during an examination by any means such as sign language, hand signals or secret codes;
8. Obtaining copies of notes, exams or exam questions by any means other than distribution from the instructor. (This includes copying and removing exam questions from the classroom for any purpose.);
9. Using study aids such as calculators, tape recorders or notes that have been specifically prohibited by the instructor.

**Consequences for Cheating or Plagiarism:** Given alleged violation of the Standards of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be imposed:

1. When there is evidence of cheating or plagiarism in classroom work, students may receive an F for that piece of work or may be suspended from all classes for that term and the following term if deemed appropriate.
2. The instructor may assign a failing grade to the examination or assignment in which the alleged cheating or plagiarism occurred. This action is based on information that the instructor had.
3. The instructor may dismiss the student from the class or activity for the present and/or following class session(s)
4. The instructor may recommend suspension or expulsion of the student from the college as stipulated in BP5138, Section II6 and 8. This recommendation must be in accordance with El Camino College’s Due Process and Disciplinary Procedures.
5. Complete the Academic Dishonesty Report Form and submit it to the Academic Affairs Office.

**B. Late/Missed assignment policy:** No late assignments will be accepted. No make-up exam or quiz given for unexcused absences. Students are required to attend all class meetings promptly and be orderly. On arrival in the class/lab the students will be required to sign in on the attendance roster. If the student is late more than 10 minutes, he/she must record the time of arrival. At the end of the class the students must sign out. If for any reason the student has to leave early, the time of departure must be noted with signature. If the absences and tardiness exceed the number of units of the course, the student may be dropped. If you missed a class, contact your study buddy for information and assignments. If you intend to discontinue the class, ensure that you officially drop your name from the class. It is the student’s responsibility to complete all assignments for the course, especially the laboratory exercises.

**C. Policy regarding audio taping of lectures:** If you so desire, you can record my lectures after obtaining permission. At the end of the semester erase all material from your storage devices. Do not pass the recorded material to any other student/person.

**D. Safety regulations:** Extreme caution should be exercised in the labs, because of hazardous materials, and sharp objects. Wear personal protective equipment, like lab coats, safety goggles, and hand gloves. Closed shoes must be worn in labs, no sandals or slippers allowed. Eating, drinking, or applying make-up should be avoided. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after the lab.
XI. Special Accommodations:
El Camino College, Compton Center is committed to disabled students and their rights to an equal experience. Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the Special Resource Center on campus as soon as possible to better ensure such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion. Any student who has a disability and has special needs is to alert me of this by the end of the second week of the semester so that special accommodations can be made.

XII. Disclaimer Statement:
Students will be notified ahead of time when and if any changes are made to course requirements, policies or schedule.

XIII. Semester schedule of topics and assignments:
Please see attached Lecture/Lab Schedules. Also pay attention to the dates listed below:

**Important Dates Spring 2016**

- Martin Luther King Holiday - Campus Closed: Monday, January 18, 2016
- First day of Class: Tuesday, January 19, 2016
- Add/Drop Period Begins (Full Semester Classes): Tuesday, January 19, 2016
- Last Day to Add (Full Semester Classes): Friday, January 29, 2016
- Last Day to Drop for an Enrollment Fee Refund: Friday, January 29, 2016
- Last Day to Drop Without Notation on Permanent Record: Friday, January 29, 2016
- Last Day to Apply for Spring Degrees and Certificates: Thursday, February 11, 2016
- Lincoln’s Day Holiday - Campus Closed: Friday, February 12, 2016
- Spring Recess, No Classes: Saturday – Friday, March 12 - 18, 2016
- Last Day to Drop with a "W" Friday, April 15, 2016
- Last Day of Spring Semester: Friday, May 13, 2016
- Commencement: Thursday, May 12, 2016