General Biology I
2021-2022

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BIOLOGY I IS A YEAR LONG COURSE THAT EXAMINES LIFE AND OF LIVING THINGS! TOPICS OF EXPLORATION WILL INCLUDE THE CHEMISTRY OF LIFE, CELLULAR STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION, CELL GROWTH AND CELL DIVISION, GENETICS AND HEREDITY, AS WELL AS THE DIVERSITY AND EVOLUTION OF LIFE ON EARTH.

IT IS THE MANDATORY LIFE SCIENCE GRADUATION CREDIT NEEDED FOR STUDENTS OF WHITMER HIGH SCHOOL

Classroom preparation and supplies:

1. Class preparation is vital in this course. Toward that end, several things will be required of you **each day**:

   1 – 1 ½ inch three ring binder to store all important papers (
   1 – 70 sheet (minimum) **perforated** paper **SPIRAL** notebook (solely for this class please!)
   A writing instrument
   And…a textbook which is in the classroom--supplied as a PDF!

2. Homework in this ***course*** is to be completed **on time for full credit. Late work will receive a significant reduction** in credit. The instructor can and will take into consideration any extenuating circumstances that may interfere with completing work so students are encouraged to **communicate** reasons why daily work is not completed. **Sharing your work is a dishonest act** and is a violation of the classes one rule. **Do not do it**! When class work is done in groups, EACH student will be required to hand in their own work. A

3. **Lab Safety:** Students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner in the science lab. A signed Lab Safety Contract must be on file with the teacher in order to conduct any lab experiments. All lab safety rules will be followed. Failure to do so will result in serious consequences including, but not limited to removal from the classroom and/or referral to the Discipline Center.

4. **Food and Drink**: There is to be no food or drinks in class at any time except for acceptable beverage in its original sealable ottle. There will be no warnings. Eating in class will result in detention.

5. **Restroom breaks**: Use the facilities before you get to class. **EMERGENCY** passes to the Restroom may be issued at the teacher's discretion.

6. Your presence in class is necessary every day. Should an absence occur, make-up work for an *excused* absence is the responsibility of the student. **See me! It is important.**

7. If a student is dismissed from the classroom for disciplinary reasons, all work for that day receives no credit!

8. There is a final ***cumulative*** exit exam in this class AS WELL as well as unit exams, thus keeping handouts and tests will be of great service to you! Don't wait. **Get organized now! See me if you need help!** A study guide will be provided toward the end of the semester

Student Make-up or Tutoring Days:

Students having difficulty with the subject can receive extra help...but you must ask! **Be responsible for your own education! If something needs to be completed or is unclear, please do not wait to get help!**

Classroom rule(s):

There is not a long list of rules for this class. There is but **one** rule and it can be summed up in one word. Your first assignment is to write that word below.

The rule is **RESPECT**

All class activity will depend on this rule. Please be sure to know what it means & all will be well!

Grading:

Final Grades in the course will be determined by the average of: **1st nine weeks (42.5%)**
2nd nine weeks (42.5%)
Final Exam (15%)

Quarter Averages will be determined by: **50% Class & Homework**
50% Tests & Quizzes

Typically, there are ups and downs over the course of a semester for all students. Little extra credit work is offered, thus consistent effort over the entire length of the course of the semester will be vital to success.

Remember, work hard and you will be rewarded!!