

CLASS SYLLABUS BIOL 3250 ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION Fall 2019

CLASS TIME:	Lecture Rm. 2022	TR: 2:00-3:15 p.m.
	Lab Rm. 2073	A: M: 10:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. B: M: 2:00 – 4:50 p.m.

Lecture tests: There will be 4 lecture tests during the regular semester. I will average those 4 scores, get a percentage and multiply by 400. Example – if you have an 80% test average, your lecture score will be 320 ( $400 \times .80 = 320$ ).

Laboratory score: Add up the number of points you get from assignments. Divide by the number of points all the assignments are worth (given on each assignment). Multiply that proportion by 135. Add to lecture points for total. For example, if you have earned 75 pts out of 90 pts, you have a lab percentage of 83.3% ( $75/90$ ). Take  $83.3\% \times 135 \text{ pts} = 112.5 \text{ pts}$ . This score will be added to the lecture score for total pts.

According to the rubric above the person would have a “B” ( $320 + 112.5 = 432.5 / 535 = 0.808$ )

Optional Final: Because the final is optional, if you are happy with your grade at the end of the class, you do not have to take the final. If you wish to improve your grade, you can take the final and use it to replace your lowest lecture test. If you do worse on the final than the regular tests, the final test grade will not count (I still take the 4 highest scores in calculating final grade). Students who have missed a lecture test for any reason must take the final. **STUDENTS WHO BOMB A TEST AND THEN HAVE TO MISS ANOTHER TEST FOR WHATEVER REASON WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE A MAKE-UP TEST.** If you study hard for every test, this circumstance will not come up.

Type of test questions: The lecture tests and the final will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions. Questions will be based on information given during lecture and laboratory and reading material. Any questions, problems or complaints about grading must be made within one week of receiving an assignment/test back. No grade changes

through email unless with written permission.

**CLASS BEHAVIOR:** Any student engaging in disruptive behavior will be asked to leave lecture or lab. They will forfeit the chance to hand in the work resulting from that laboratory.

**CELL PHONE / COMPUTER USE:** Cell phones should be turned off during class and lab. Laptop computers should be used for note taking only. I have peer-reviewed enough faculty from the back of the room to know that students are looking at social media, are on-line shopping and are even watching movies. I do not take roll in lecture so, therefore, you can do these other computer activities outside the classroom. These activities within the classroom are disruptive to others (especially those sitting behind) and affect the learning environment. I reserve the right to ask you to leave if **you are doing anything that distracts me and/or others during lecture. Such activities might include things mentioned above, texting, talking, or sleeping.**

