

Class Rules:

1. No electronic devices may be used during lecture. No laptops, phones, mp3s, translators, etc. The only exceptions to this are voice recorders. Students are encouraged to record the lecture and listen to it again.
2. Expect to spend 6-9 hours *per week* outside of class studying. This does not include extra study sessions prior to exams. If you do not have this much time to spend on this class, reconsider taking it until you do have enough time to devote to ensure your success.
3. Lecture begins at 11:00am. Lab begins at 1:00pm. Please be on time.
4. Please, attend all lectures and labs.

Missed lecture: If you must miss a lecture, be sure you get the notes from a classmate. If you miss a quiz or in-class assignment, you will not be able to make it up. Do not email me to ask me what you missed. Get a few email addresses and phone numbers from classmates during the first few days of class.

Missed Lab: If you miss a lab, you will not be able to make it up. You will get zero points for the quiz, pre-lab and associated lab for that week. That is 25 points. If you must miss a lab be sure you turn in your previous weeks lab before-hand, so you don't lose points for it being turned in late. Also, be sure that you study the material from the lab you missed, since that will be the subject of the following weeks lab quiz. If you miss 3 or more labs during the semester, your chances of passing the class are very slim.

Missed Exam: If you miss an exam and you contact me prior to or within 24hrs after, I can attempt to reschedule your exam. I do not guarantee that this will always be possible. If the exam cannot be taken at another time, then you will receive a "fill-in" grade. This will be determined by taking the average of your other two exams and deducting 10%. That grade will be inserted as your score for the missed exam. If you do not contact me regarding a missed exam, you will receive a zero for that exam. If you miss more than one exam or if you miss the final exam, you will receive an "F" in the class.

5. Remember that ultimately only you are responsible for your grade. I do not grade subjectively, your grade will be determined by an accumulation of points throughout the semester.

A few words about "Points":

Biology 11: This course is structured so that the total possible points is ~1125. Biology 11 students can earn up to 1000 points on exams and up to ~125 points on in-class assignments. Since almost your entire grade is determined by your performance on exams, it is critical that you study a lot and do not miss any in-class assignments (these

points are MUCH easier to earn than exam points). For biology 11 students, good study habits and good attendance is crucial to success. On average Biology 11 students score an entire letter grade lower than biology 10 students. *I do not recommend that any student take this course unless it is absolutely unavoidable.*

Biology 10: This course is structured so that the total possible points is 1500. Biology 10 students can earn up to ~1125 points on lecture exams and in-class assignments. The lecture portion of the course accounts for 75% of your grade. Biology 10 includes a lab component, which accounts for 25% of your grade. For Biology 10 students, good study habits and good lab attendance are crucial to success.

Consider this: All points are worth the same*, but some points are easier than others to obtain.

DO NOT PASS UP ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASY POINTS!!!

Krista's scale of relative "point-earning-difficulty"

Exams: HARD – work super hard to study for exams- don't under-estimate the amount of studying you'll need to do...

Quizzes: Moderately HARD – study for these, but also, study after them, to help you get a sense of what exam questions will be like.

In-class assignments: Very EASY – to get these points, you just have to show up to class and complete the assignments. Sometimes we do them together in small groups and sometimes they are take-home assignments.

Labs: Moderately EASY – to get these points you must be here and PARTICIPATE. Labs can be a lot of fun if you use the opportunity to explore the topic we're studying. Warning: You can't just sit and copy other people's labs—you'll lose points for that...

***Extra Credit: Moderately HARD**---Oh but soooo worth it...these are sort-of worth more than regular points.