



The College of Staten Island  
Department of Biology  
Principles of Biology I Laboratory  
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### Course Meeting Times:

Thursdays, 6:30 PM to 8:10 PM

Room: 6S-145

Please pay special attention to the academic calendar for classes following a different schedule.

**Come prepared:** Read your book for the lab as well as associated lecture sections. There will be a weekly quiz that covers the material from the last lab, as well as a small amount of reading comprehension for the lab we are doing that day.

### Grading:

Your grade breakdown will be as follows:

Assignments (Weekly quizzes, Class behavior): 67%

Final Exam: 33%

I follow the standard guidelines of the Biology Department. They are as follows:

Final Letter Grade	Quality Points Per Credit	Percent
A	4.0	90-100%
A-	3.7	88-89%
B+	3.3	85-87%
B	3.0	80-84%
B-	2.7	78-79%
C+	2.3	75-77%
C	2.0	70-74%
D	1.0	60-69%
F	0.0	0-59%

### Behavior:

Distractions are not permitted. The goal of this lab is to learn introductory biological principles and connect them with your lecture. No cell phones, personal media players, food or drink in lab. In testing situations, I will stop handing out materials the moment anyone leaves the room, so it is in your best interest to be on time.

**Absences:**

According to CUNY policy, missing more than two labs unexcused (15% of credit hours) results in an automatic failure. There are no "make-up" labs. Please speak with me in advance about any conflicts.

Nothing less than a medical note stating that you were unable to attend will be accepted. Complaints of colds, headaches, sprains, strains, hangovers, late busses, abduction by aliens etc. will not be accepted.

Important note – I will not under any circumstances accept any note from a chiropractor. This field was founded in 1895 by Daniel David Palmer, a grocer and "magnetic healer" who believed that all diseases are the result of misplaced spinal bones that interfere with "innate intelligence". Chiropractors are not physicians and are not qualified to diagnose, treat or otherwise attend to any disease or affliction.

**Academic Honesty Policy:**

You are here to further your own education. It is in your best interest that you do your own work.

Please review the Academic Integrity Policy of CUNY (Part of it follows below). No exceptions are made. Academic Dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension and expulsion. I strongly encourage you not to test your luck.

[http://www.csi.cuny.edu/privacy/cuny\\_academic\\_integrity.pdf](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/privacy/cuny_academic_integrity.pdf)

Cheating is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids, devices or communication during an academic exercise.

The following are some examples of cheating, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying from another student during an examination or allowing another to copy your work.
- Unauthorized collaboration on a take home assignment or examination.
- Using notes during a closed book examination.
- Taking an examination for another student, or asking or allowing another student to take an examination for you.
- Changing a graded exam and returning it for more credit. Submitting substantial portions of the same paper to more than one course without consulting with each instructor.
- Preparing answers or writing notes in a blue book (exam booklet) before an examination. Allowing others to research and write assigned papers or do assigned projects, including use of commercial term paper services.
- Giving assistance to acts of academic misconduct/ dishonesty.
- Fabricating data (all or in part).
- Submitting someone else's work as your own.
- Unauthorized use during an examination of any electronic devices such as cell phones, palm pilots, computers or other technologies to retrieve or send information.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person's ideas, research or writings as your own.

The following are some examples of plagiarism, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying another person's actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source..
- Presenting another person's ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source.
- Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the source.
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments.

Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the internet without citing the source, and "cutting & pasting" from various sources without proper attribution.

**References for Biology:**

Biology Tutoring Center at College of Staten Island:

Room: 1A-108A

Bring your book, notes, and syllabus with you to the tutoring center.

NATURE Education:

<http://www.nature.com/scitable>



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