

MICR 200A
Introductory Microbiology I
Fall 2020
CRN 12277

materials, and test materials.

In-person tutorials (live sessions) or midterms will be every Thursday from 8:30 – 9:50. There is no class on Thursday, November 12. Students must attend all tutorial sessions. If you miss more than three sessions, there will be a 1% penalty / missed tutorial.

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Textbook: Brock's Biology of Microorganisms (16th Edition), M. T. Madigan, K. S. Bender, D. H. Buckley,

Laboratory: Laboratory

MICR200A LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Students will gain insight into historical events that initially identified microbes. Processes used to establish the role of microbes in important processes such as disease will also be examined and students will be able to compare these methods to modern techniques utilized in the field of microbiology.
- The major structural components of bacteria, archae and eukaryotes will be described. Utilizing this information, students will be able to compare the structures between these organisms, and

Important dates and evaluation:

EVALUATION	Date
19% midterm exam 1	in class (8:30 – 9:50) Thursday, October 01
19% midterm exam 2	in class (8:30 – 9:50) Thursday, October 29
19% final exam	2 hours, set by registrar
40% laboratory	based on laboratory components (summaries, quizzes, laboratory exam etc.). See lab manual for grading details
3% participation mark for online quizzes	new quizzes will be posted approximately biweekly. You have until the last day of class, December 04, to complete the quizzes, however, there will be suggested completion times that will align the quizzes with our tutorials.

- Students are responsible for ensuring that they are properly registered in the course.
- Students are expected to have met all pre/co-requisites for the course (see above).

Conversion of marks to final letter grades:

The total mark, calculated from the marks on all of the exams according to the weighting scheme above, will be converted to a percentage and then to a letter grade in the following way:

A ⁺	90 - 100	B ⁺	77 - 79	C ⁺	65 - 69	F	< 50
A	85 - 89	B	73 - 76	C	60 - 64	N **	< 50
A ⁻	80 - 84	B ⁻	70 - 72	D	50 - 59		

** N grades

Students who have completed the following elements will be considered to have completed the course and will be assigned a final grade:

- ** both midterms and the final exam must be completed in order to complete the course **
- ** students must pass both the lab and lecture portion to complete the course **

Failure to complete one or more of these elements will result in a grade of “N” regardless of the cumulative percentage on other elements of the course. An N is a failing grade, and it factors into a student’s GPA as 0. The maximum percentage that can accompany an N on a student’s transcript is 49

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND POLICIES

1. The Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology upholds and enforces the University's policies on academic integrity. These policies are described in the current University Calendar. All students are advised to read this section.

2. Cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices must be turned off at all times during live class sessions unless being used for a purpose relevant to the class.

3. No recordings of live lectures are permitted without permission of the instructor. Many online courses will be recorded by the instructor for accessibility for students unable to attend. If you do not wish to be recorded, contact your instructor to determine if alternative arrangements can be made.

4. Course materials, such as notes, problem sheets, quizzes, examinations, example sheets, or review sheets, may not be redistributed without the explicit written permission of the instructor.

5. Students are expected to be available for all exams. Instructors may grant deferrals for midterm examinations for illness, accident, or family affliction. Although students do not require documentation, students must contact their instructor and BCMB office (biocmicr@uvic.ca) with the reason for their absence within 48 hours after the midterm exam. The Department will keep a record of the absences. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure all required components are complete, and to arrange deferred exams/assignments with the instructor, which normally should occur within one week of the original exam date.

6. The Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology considers it a breach of academic integrity for a student taking a deferred examination to discuss the exam with classmates. Similarly, students who reveal the contents of an examination to students taking a deferred examination are considered to be in violation of the University of Victoria policy on academic integrity (see

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Important Note About COVID-related stress

The current pandemic is placing added stressors- financial, mental, and physical- on everyone. Your wellbeing is of foremost importance. If you are experiencing difficulties coping, the University has resources to help. Reach out to Counselling Services, The Centre for Academic Communication, or Learning Assistance Program, for assistance.

Centre for Accessible Learning

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course.