

BIOLOGY 400 – History of Biology

Online Edition, Spring 2021

Department of Biology, University of Victoria

Course Description

The historical development of the major techniques and ideas of biology, including the

Prerequisite

Outline by Week

January 11 - 15

Tuesday

Live Zoom introduction to the course, 12:30 - 1:20 PM

Wednesday

Lecture 1 Introduction

Friday

Lecture 2

February 1 – 5

Tuesday

Lecture 9 Islamic World and Medieval Science 2

Live Zoom office hour, 12:30 – 1:20 PM

Wednesday

Lecture 10 Hidden and Mythical Organisms 1

Friday

Lecture 11 Hidden and Mythical Organisms 2

February 8 – 12

Tuesday

Lecture 12 The Human Body 1

Live Zoom office hour, 12:30 – 1:20 PM

Wednesday

Lecture 13 The Human Body 2

Friday

MIDTERM 1 – online; open 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM; 2 hours on your personal clock

February 15 – 19

Reading Break

February 22 – 26

Tuesday

Lecture 14 The Human Body 3

Live Zoom office hour, 12:30 – 1:20 PM

Wednesday

Lecture 15 Microscopy

Friday

Lecture 16 Chemistry 1

March 1 - 5

Tuesday

Lecture 17 Chemistry 2

Live Zoom office hour, 12:30 - 1:20 PM

Wednesday

Lecture 18 Describing and Arranging Organisms 1

Friday

Lecture 19 Describing and Arranging Organisms 2

March 8 - 12

Tuesday

Lecture 20 Geology 1

Live Zoom office hour, 12:30 - 1:20 PM

Wednesday

Lecture 21 Geology 2

Friday

MIDTERM 2 – online; open 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM; 2 hours on your personal clock

March 15 - 19

Tuesday

Lecture 22 Evolution before Darwin 1

Live Zoom office hour, 12:30 - 1:20 PM

Wednesday

Lecture 23 Evolution before Darwin 2

Friday

Lecture 24 Darwin 1

April 12 (Monday)

End of term

April 15 - 27

Exam period; includes both Sundays

Biology 400 Final Exam
Multiple Choice part – not cumulative