

Prerequisites

None.

Course Website

Biology 150A has a Brightspace site. There you will find lecture notes, marks, links, items of business etc. Each instructor will use the site in their own way.

Please be aware that lecture notes are for personal use only and must not be published, distributed, sold or posted anywhere else.

Textbook (required)

Biology – Concepts and Connections, 10th edition, by MR Taylor, EJ Simon, JL Dickey and K Hogan, 2021.

The text is available online, and you can purchase access through the UVic bookstore, either for six months or permanent. If you are planning to take Biology 150B, which will use the same text, you should purchase permanent access.

You will not need the publisher's associated online materials, Mastering Biology, in this course. It costs more, and although we will not be using it in the course, some students have found it useful in the past.

We recommend that you read the text in light of what is covered in

A few tips

- You should make a friend in class so that you can get notes from them if you miss a class for an unavoidable reason.
- Regular exercise helps with all aspects of your life: physical health, emotional equilibrium, intellectual functioning.
- ~~Write the final~~ Take advantage of student hours – we are here to help! We look forward to connecting with students and answering your questions.

B. Evaluation

Components of your course grade

Midterm exam 1 (Friday, October 4; Greg’s topics only)	30%
Midterm exam 2 (Friday, November 8; Dave’s topics only)	30%
Final exam (December final exam period; cumulative)	40%
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Writing the final exam is the essential component of the course. If you do not write the final exam, either at the regular time or deferred, you will receive a grade of N.

Midterm exams

Format: approximately 30

Exam Policy

No electronic devices will be permitted during the midterm or final exam.

If you must miss a midterm for a valid reason (illness, accident, personal or family affliction, participation in an important cultural, community or sporting event), your course mark will be calculated based on the other components of the course (40% the midterm you wrote, 60% final exam), and you will not incur any penalty. If you miss both midterms, you will be given a deferred midterm (counting for 40% of your course grade).

If you expect to miss a midterm for any of the above reasons, please notify the course coordinator (GB) as soon as possible. You will not need supporting documentation if you miss the midterm for a medical reason, but you will need to show documentation for any other reason.

Deferred final exam

The final exam can be missed and deferred for the same reasons listed above for missing a midterm (illness, accident, personal or family affliction, participation in an important cultural, community or sporting event).

- If you expect to miss the final exam in December, please notify the course coordinator (GB) as soon as possible, either by phone, email or in person, and tell me the reason. You will not need a note if it is a medical issue, but you will need a note for any other reason. *Holiday travel plans are not an acceptable reason to miss the final exam.*
- To make your deferred status official in the eyes of the university, you must fill out a [Request for Deferral form](#).
- Here is more general information about the [types of concessions and accommodations available to UVic students](#). It might come in handy in other courses you take.
- **A writing of the deferred final exam will be offered to you on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM, in Bob Wright Center B150 (Flury Hall). This constitutes your official notification of time and place.**

Grading Policy

At the University of Victoria, grades are submitted by instructors as percentages. These will be converted to letter grades by the Registrar, according to this grading scale:

A+ 90 – 100% B+

Please do not ask us to raise your percent grade to qualify you for a higher letter grade. We turn down all such requests.

You will receive an F in the course if your aggregate grade is less than 50% (rounded to the nearest whole number). It is not necessary to pass the individual course components – the midterms or the final exam – in

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- [Centre for Academic Communication](#) (CAC)
- [Library](#)
- [Computer Help Desk](#)

UVic Territory Acknowledgment

“We acknowledge and respect the Lkw’w’ech (Songhees and Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Lkw’w’ech and WSÁNE Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.”