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Period _____

Ms. Foglia • AP Biology

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AP BIOLOGY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. EXPECTATIONS

AP Biology is both a hard and a fun course. How could the science of life not be fun!

This is a college course and you will be held to high expectations and mature responsibilities just like a college freshman taking Intro Biology.

2. TEAM WORK

I view this course as a team effort. While each person needs to complete and hand in their own work, study groups and cooperative effort are strongly encouraged. You never learn something as well as when you have to explain it to someone else.

3. ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be on time to class every day. If you are illegally absent, you will get no credit for the activities of that day. Students must make up exams missed the day you return and must make up labs during extra-help sessions after school.

4. MATERIALS

- a. large 3-ring notebook (~3 inch) for handouts & labs
- b. lined loose leaf paper
- c. blue or black pen and pencil to be brought to class EVERY day
- d. textbook: *Biology* (5th Edition) by N. Campbell, J. Reece, L. Mitchell (w/ CD-ROM)
The textbook may be left at home for your nightly homework.

5. WEB SITE

I have built a Web site which supports this course, BiologyZone.

You can reach it through my eBoard at the district Web site, or directly at:

<http://bio.kimunity.com>

Check the Web site daily for assignments, PowerPoint lectures, and many other resources.

6. NOTEBOOK

Keep a 3-ring binder notebook for only Biology. Students will use guided notes that support lecture presentations. Notebooks should be dated sequentially and will be turned in for points on test days. Incorporate into your notebook the handouts, homework, class work, quizzes, etc. Keep a separate section for lab activities

7. LABS

AP Biology has 12 recommended lab activities. We complete these and additional labs through College Board labs, supplemental labs, computer simulations, and field trips. Lab assignments must be completed according to the standard format (unless otherwise noted). Lab reports are due one (1) week after the lab is completed.

Students will lose credit for each day late and earn only a maximum of 50% for a satisfactory report after 2 weeks late. If you are legally absent for a lab activity you must make it up ASAP during extra-help. Some activities cannot be made up but you are still responsible for a write-up that includes the purpose, procedure, results, and concepts of the activity. Labs will be returned to you for review and I will then keep them on file.

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8. HOMEWORK

Textbook Reading: Very Important! Read the book nightly, stay up-to-date to be prepared.

HW Assignments: Homework is assigned nightly. They will be checked or graded and returned ASAP. Keep them in your notebook. If you are absent, you are expected to complete the work within a day. Late assignments will receive half credit if late but completed before the exam, and no credit after the exam.

AP Essay Assignments: Essays are an integral part of the AP exam. Essays are assigned throughout the term to prepare for the AP exam. Essay assignments will be worth 10-20 points and are incorporated into your Exam & Quiz average. Essays will be checked or graded and returned ASAP. Keep them in your notebook. If you are absent, you are expected to complete the work within a day. Late assignments will receive half credit if late but completed before the exam and no credit after the exam.

Lab Assignments: As stated above, labs must be completed within one (1) week after completion of lab activity in class, so consider this part of regular homework.

9. EXAMS

Exams are composed of AP exam questions and AP-style exam questions as well as AP style essays. Exams will sometimes take double periods and time will be limited just as it is on the AP Exam. Exam questions will be based on class notes and the Campbell text.

10. GRADING

Grades will be calculated on a percentage basis. The value of each individual assignment varies, and is dependent on how many of that type of work is assigned each quarter. Each student earns their grade based on the quality of work they complete. I do not grade on a "bell curve". Following is an approximation of a quarter's grade distribution.

Exams & Quizzes	50%
Labs & Lab Reports	25%
Homework	15%
Class work & Participation	10%

4th Quarter is unique, since much of it occurs after the AP Exam. The 4th Quarter student project is valued at 50% of the quarter grade.

11. EXTRA HELP

I am available for extra help after school EVERY DAY 2:15-2:45. Please confirm that you plan to attend. Come prepared with specific questions, problems, or labs.

12. END OF YEAR

The course work will be completed by the end of April. You will have a chance to review and all AP Biology students will be given a summation exam before the AP Exam. After the AP exam you are expected to attend class. We will use that time to complete student projects. These activities are a major part of the 4th quarter.

The AP Exam is administered in early May.

Contact me anytime at kfoglia@hhh.k12.ny.us ...or by phone 592-3100