



## Honors Biology Syllabus 2011-2012

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Availability:

Class website: Moodle

### Course Description

Honors Biology is an introductory laboratory-oriented course in which students spend approximately 30% of their time in laboratory or lab related activities. Topics include basic cell structure, ecological relationships, cellular biochemistry, classification and genetics. Laboratory investigations are designed to allow the student to collect data, analyze data and make inferences to basic biological concepts. Tests are, in part, the problem solving type designed to measure the students analysis, comprehension and application of biological concepts. Several lab write-ups that require library research are required throughout the year as well as special projects. This course is aligned with the Ohio Academic Content Standards.

**Textbook:** BSCS Biology: A Molecular Approach

**Materials:** *\*Must be brought to class everyday\**

- Pen/Pencil
- 3-ring binder for biology papers only
- Lined loose-leaf paper for notes and in class activities
- Lab Notebook (spiral ring) for biology ONLY
- Colored pencils may be used throughout the year
- Calculator
- Textbook
- An open mind
- Your Agenda
- Must provide goggles to use in the lab (you will not be allowed in the lab without goggles)

**Grading:** Grading for this course will consist of assignments (homework, projects, papers, etc.), labs, tests and quizzes given point values. The grade will be calculated using number of points a student earns out of total points available. The grading scale is as follows:

A+	98% - 100%	C+	77% - 79%
A	93% - 97%	C	73% - 76%
A-	90% - 92%	C-	70% - 72%
B+	87% - 89%	D+	67% - 69%
B	83% - 85%	D/P	60% - 66%
B-	80% - 82%	F	59% and below

## Class Expectations:

- I enforce the handbook rules including rules on tardiness, cell phone disruptions and cheating. Your signature of the handbook acceptance constitutes your only warning.
- Attendance is required for success. In the event of an excused absence, the student will have the same number of days absent to make up work missed. It is **your** responsibility to ask for make up work. This may **not** be done during class.
- **If you are absent on the day of a test, be prepared to make up the test the day you return.** This may be done after school or during an agreed upon time. Make your own arrangements. **A test will become a zero if it is not made up within 5 days.**
- If you are not in your seat when the bell rings – you are tardy.
- Academic Dishonesty will not be tolerated. Copying or plagiarism will result in a possible withdrawal from the class with an F
- Be Respectful - no excuses
- Be **responsible** for yourself and your own actions. This includes honesty and preparation.
- Be **Responsive** – participate in class activities and actively engage yourself in material. You will not learn simply by sitting idle.
- Ask for help both in and out of class.
- Turn in all assignments on time and in legible condition.
- There is to be **NO FOOD** or **DRINK** in the science lab. **NO FOOD** will be allowed in the classroom unless previous permission obtained. This is a safety concern. Any food or drinks seen will be taken.

## Hall Pass Privileges:

- Must have your agenda signed in order to leave classroom. Hall passes are given at the teacher's discretion. **Do not ask for a pass at inappropriate times.** You will receive four hall passes per semester. Use them wisely. Any passes not used will be awarded extra credit if turned in at the end of the semester.

## Late Homework Pass:

- You will receive one pass per quarter. All homework has a purpose so all homework needs to be turned in. The homework pass will avoid all late work penalties. The homework pass must be turned in the day the assignment is due and the assignment must be turned in **NO MORE THAN 2** days later to receive full credit. If a pass is turned in unused at the end of the quarter, extra credit points will be awarded.

## Suggestions for Success:

- Follow all classroom policies.
- Follow all of the safety rules and act in a safe manner in the laboratory at all times.
- Effort
- Organization
- Participation
- Optimism
- Have a sense of humor
- Remember: Your actions have consequences.

**Affidavit:**

**I have read and understand all policies included in the syllabus and agree to follow them.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(student signature)

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(parent/guardian signature)