

Biology 189L Spring 2005
Section 9 (Wed 7:30AM - 10:20 AM)
Section 10 (Wed 10:30 AM - 1:20 PM)

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Required Text: Fundamentals of Life Science Bio 189 Lab Manual

Schedule: The lab schedule is printed on page three of your lab manual.

Lab Policies

Attendance: Attendance is required at all laboratories and will be taken during every lab session by the lab instructor. Excused absences are granted only for medical/legal reasons that are validated in writing by a physician/legal authority on official letterhead and approved by the lab instructor. Planned absences must be excused prior to the absence. *Missing three or more labs will result in a failing grade for the entire course.* Making up a missed lab by attending one for which you are not registered is not acceptable without prior approval from both instructors.

Safety: Biology lab safety policies and rules are outlined on pages four through six of your lab manual. Please read and follow these guidelines. Important points include:

- Absolutely no food or drink (including water). There are drinking fountains in the hallway if you are thirsty.
- Open-toed shoes are not allowed.
- Use caution handling sharp dissection tools and glassware.

Cleanup: The lab should already be set up for you when you arrive, inform your instructor if this is not the case. You are responsible for leaving the lab as you found it—clean and ready for the next group of students to use. This includes washing up the equipment and wiping down the lab bench.

Etiquette: Certain actions are disruptive to the classroom learning environment and will not be tolerated. These include:

- Cell phone and pager usage, including text messaging
- Talking during lecture except for questions
- Late and/or disruptive arrival
- Early and/or disruptive departure

Preparation: It is expected that each student will thoroughly read the relevant lab manual section prior to the scheduled lab. When reading for the next lab make a note of any questions you have and ask them after the instructor gives the overview for that lab.

Grading

Quizzes: There will be a 10 question, 10 point quiz nearly every week. Quiz questions can be on material from the readings in your lab manual as well as practical exercises. 80% of the questions will be on the previous weeks' lab, 20% will cover general topics for the current lab—so preparation is important. Quizzes are given at the beginning of the lab. If you are late or absent you will miss the quiz—*there are no makeup quizzes*.

Exams: There are two lab exams worth 70 points each. The second exam is not comprehensive. There will be written questions as well as practical questions that may require you to identify specimens or give specific information regarding a specimen.

Quizzes (8x10 points)	80
Exams (2x70 points)	140
Participation & Cleanliness (20 points)	20
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Total (25% of grade for the entire course)	240

Academic Dishonesty: The policy on cheating is outlined in other documents available online at: <http://studentlife.unlv.edu/judicial/SelectedPoliciesConductCode04.pdf> Because we will be moving around during practical lab exams please be careful to cover your answers so that no one will be tempted to look at them. Obviously cheating will not be tolerated and UNLV's policy will be strictly enforced.

Disabilities: If you have a documented disability that may require assistance, you will need to contact the Learning Enhancement Services (LES) for coordination in your academic accommodations. The LES is located in the Student Services Complex, Room 137. The phone number is 895-0866 (TDD 895-0652).