

BI 101: General Biology (4 credits)
LBCC Spring 2021

CRN 40305 March 29 to June 13, 2021 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 2 pm

NOTE: This class is a virtual class, meaning that we log on together at specific times using Zoom. All course materials will be provided through Moodle. Please download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet or phone to be able to participate in our real-time virtual classroom at the regularly scheduled class time. We will all log in together on Zoom and Moodle for the first portion of our class. Then you may choose to stay on Zoom to work on labs or other assignments with your classmates, or log off and complete them on your own. All assignments will be submitted on Moodle. If you are unable to attend some of our regularly scheduled Zoom classes, you can watch the Zoom recordings of our class later. NOTE: Students who regularly joined the Zoom class meetings in previous terms made much better grades than those who did not attend the online virtual classes.

Join our Zoom Meetings by clicking on this link and entering the passcode:
<https://linnbenton.zoom.us/j/92677676624> Meeting ID: 926 7767 6624
Passcode: 010421

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Office: I will NOT be using the office this term.

VIRTUAL Office Hours: By appointment (contact me by email or stay on Zoom at end of class). I will also host an open Zoom review session each week on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm so you can pop in to ask any questions about course materials, assignments, or whatever you want to discuss.

Class Schedule and Format: Course materials are all organized into weekly modules on Moodle. Our virtual class meets online three days each week for 10 weeks using Zoom. **Zoom online lectures and activities are Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm; online labs are Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:50 pm Pacific time.** I will use the first class for introductions to the course, to using Zoom, and to each other. Then I'll go over the first lecture and take questions. At that point you may work on the weekly assignments at your own pace. I will stay available by email or Zoom during the entire scheduled class period in case you have questions. **Our final exam on Moodle** will be available for you to take during a two hour window of your choosing between 6 pm Monday and 6 pm Tuesday of finals week.

Recommended Prerequisite: MTH 060

BI101 is taught as a discrete and separate course in biology. It is not necessary to have any other biology courses (BI102 or BI103) before taking this course.

Course Description: Biology 101 is an introduction to ecology, diversity of life, and environmental issues. The course is designed to help non-science majors, or those not yet decided on a major, discover and appreciate the workings of biology.

Learning outcomes: After taking this course, students should be able to:

- ★ Discuss biological community interactions.
- ★ Explain how changes in human population and/or actions impact natural ecosystems.
- ★ Describe the movement of energy and nutrients through trophic levels.
- ★ Understand & identify major groups of organisms on Earth based on key characteristics.

Assessment of student learning: Evaluation of learning outcomes is based on individual performance on quizzes, exams, homework, labs and activities, and participation in online class discussions. Students are expected to attend all lectures and labs online, and to complete assignments.

Quizzes: There will be 4 quizzes over reading and lecture material covered in the classes after the last quiz or exam. Quizzes will be available on Moodle during a specific time frame on the scheduled day, and you will be given 30 minutes to take the quiz once you open it.

Exams: There are two mid-term exams over the material covered since the last mid-term exam (including all material from the textbook, lectures, labs and quizzes since the last exam). The final exam will be comprehensive, so it will cover all reading assignments, lectures, and labs for the entire term. You will have two hours to take the mid-term and final exams once you open them on Moodle.

Testing Procedures: All quizzes and exams will be given online during a specific time frame. All exams will be offered through Moodle. There are no in-person testing options.

Labs: Labs are a critical component for the learning process in any science class. They provide experience requiring critical thinking decisions that may influence the outcome of the lab. Students are expected to complete all labs by the due dates on Moodle and on the course schedule. Students are also required to analyze and interpret data, so it is imperative for students to be prepared for each lab period. Pre-lab assignments

(usually the first one or two pages of each lab in the lab packet) are to be turned in at the **beginning** of each lab. Each lab is worth 8 points and each prelab is worth 2 points. **According to department policy, you must attend and submit at least 7 of the 10 online virtual labs in order to pass the class, regardless of your overall grade.**

Homework Assignments: There are 5 biweekly homework assignments or online discussions to assess your understanding of the textbook reading assignments. Students who complete the homework and reading assignments usually perform much better on labs and on exams, so it is worth the investment of your time. All due dates are shown on the course schedule and on Moodle weekly modules.

Required Texts and Materials:

- ★ Concepts of Biology (OpenStax, 2017 edition)

Available free online at: <https://openstax.org/details/books/concepts-biology> or for purchase at the bookstore.

- ★ BI 101 General Biology Lab Packet:

The required BI101 lab packet is available on Moodle at no charge. We modified all labs for online delivery, eliminating some portions and providing alternative methods for viewing specimens that you would have seen in person in the physical classroom setting. Part of your assignments will be looking up specific organisms online and drawing them in your lab packet.

Grading:	10 Labs @ 8 pts each	=	80 points
	10 Prelabs @ 2 pts each	=	20 points
	4 Activities @ 5 points each	=	20 points
	5 HW assignments @ 4 points each	=	20 points
	4 Quizzes @ 15 points each	=	60 points
	2 midterm exams @ 50 pts each	=	100 points
	Final Comprehensive exam	=	100 points
	Total	=	400 points

Grading Scheme: Straight percentage, no curve.

A = 90 - 100% B = 80 – 89% C = 70 – 79% D = 60 – 69% F = 59.49 %
and below

There will be extra credit opportunities available as well, including completion of skills modules through the Learning Center’s Academic Coaching (formerly called the College Skills Zone).

EXPECTATIONS Students are required and expected to participate in all lectures and labs each week in this online virtual class. Participation in group discussions and projects is an important part of your learning experience, and you will receive points for participation in both, as described above.

Missed and late work: All assignments are due by the date indicated on Moodle and on your course schedule. I expect you to submit all assignments on or before the due date. No assignments will be accepted for credit if they are more than one week late. Late work will have a 10% point reduction.

Cell Phone and laptops: You need access to a laptop or desktop computer or a tablet with a webcam and microphone. See Technology recommendations below. You may use your cellphone if you don't have other tools to access the online class but it will be more difficult to view materials. Please be sure to download the free Zoom app appropriate for your device.

Academic integrity: Academic dishonesty is defined as an intentional act of deception in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or effort of another person or uses unauthorized materials or fabricated information in any academic work. It includes cheating, fabrication, tampering, plagiarism, or assisting another student to commit these acts of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero on the assignment or exam. Refer to AR 7030-01 at <https://www.linnbenton.edu/faculty-and-staff/administrative-information/policies/board-policies-and-administrative-rules/7000-series-student-services/administrative-rule-no-7030-01-student-rights-respon.php>

Technology Recommendations

Our class will be delivered fully online at the time scheduled. LBCC is encouraging students to be as prepared as possible for online classes by encouraging you to obtain the equipment you will need in order to be successful in any modality. Please see the recommended list of equipment below. **Students who cannot afford these resources can contact the [Roadrunner Resource Center](#)** about funding. For information to help you make that choice, consult this document on [student technology recommendations](#).

Standard equipment recommendation

- ★ Broadband internet
- ★ A computer with 256g SSD, 8G RAM, i5 6th gen processor (or equivalent functionality)
- ★ Device with a microphone and speaker
- ★ Device with a camera
- ★ Students can consult [Standard Recommendation 1](#) or [Standard Recommendation 2](#) if they are looking for a product recommendation

Minimum equipment recommendation

- ★ A wifi hotspot
- ★ A computer with 128g SSD, 4G RAM, i3 6th gen processor (or equivalent functionality)
- ★ Device with a microphone and speaker
- ★ Device with a camera
- ★ Students can consult [Minimum Requirement 1](#) if they are looking for a product recommendation **However, note that a Chromebook is not able to access some of our lab assignments.**

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Special Accommodations: LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in this class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. You should meet virtually with your instructor during the first week of class if:

1. you have a documented disability and need accommodations,
2. your instructor needs to know medical information about you, or
3. you need special arrangements in the event of an emergency.

If you have documented your disability, remember that you must make your accommodations request through the Center for Accessibility Resources Online Services web page every term in order to receive accommodations. If you believe you may need accommodations, but are not yet registered with CFAR, please go to <http://linnbenton.edu/cfar> for steps on how to apply for services or call 541-917-4789.

Statement of Non-discrimination: LBCC prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, use of native language, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, veteran status, age, or any other status protected under applicable federal, state, or local law.

Statement of Respect: I strive to create a welcoming environment free of distraction and open to free discourse. We will explore ideas in a context of mutual respect for each other. At no time will a hostile or condescending classroom environment be permitted.

Other resources: When you aren't sure who to contact for assistance with something, [The First Resort](#) is a great resource. Also, I strongly suggest you visit the [Learning Center online](#), especially the Academic Coaching link. They offer many resources to support student success including test-taking and study skills, tutoring and assistance with writing and math. The Career Center offers career counseling. The Public Safety Office (541-926-6855) offers Evacuation and Safety Instructions on their webpage.

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