



Biology for Non-Majors Laboratory I

BIOL 1108.001

Laboratory Syllabus:

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	12:30 - 1:30		12:30 - 1:30			

The information contained in this syllabus is subject to change without notice.

Students are expected to be aware of any additional course policies presented by the instructor during the course.

Course Description: This laboratory-based course accompanies [BIOL 1308](#) , Biology for Non-Science Majors I. Laboratory activities will reinforce a survey of biological principles with an emphasis on humans, including chemistry of life, cells, structure, function, and reproduction. 3 hours of lab each week

Required Lab Manual: BIOL 1108 Intro to Biology I Lab Manual, NTCC

Attendance Policy: Regular and punctual attendance is expected. Attendance will be taken. Students who leave before the completion of lab, who do not participate in the lab exercises, or who do not clean up their lab bench area at the end of lab will lose credit on their weekly grades.

Evaluation:	Lab Quizzes	15.0%
	Weekly Lab Reports	40.0%
	2 Lab Practicals	45.0%

Grading Policy: Grading Scale

- A = 100 – 90%
- B = 89 – 80%
- C = 79 – 70%
- D = 69 – 60%
- F = <59%

REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS: ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE LAB. PLEASE CONSUME ALL FOOD AND DRINK BEFORE YOU ENTER THE LAB.

Laboratory Conduct and Attire: It is expected that all students will conduct themselves in a safe manner when working in the laboratory. Follow all directions of your lab instructor. Failure to do so will result in your dismissal from the lab and a grade of zero for the week's activities.

Student Responsibilities/Expectations: You are expected to attend all laboratory periods. There is no make-up experiment, and failing to attend lab will earn you a grade of zero for that experiment.

All lab reports are expected to be **NEAT and LEGIBLE**. If I cannot read your lab report or if it is just too unprofessional, points will be deducted from your grade, or in extreme cases, it will not be graded and will receive a score of zero "0". It is important to practice and submit professional looking reports while you are in college. This will be the expectation when you are practicing your career. Questions must be answered using complete sentences as appropriate. Failure to write complete sentences will also result in point deductions on your report.

Use of cell phones is prohibited during lab time. Students using phones during lab will be asked to leave lab and will earn a grade of zero for that experiment.

Like all colleges, Northeast Texas Community College strives to be a "community of scholars." Please remember that you and all of the students in this class are pursuing very important goals in your lives. As human beings and as scholars, I expect every student to be courteous and considerate toward other students throughout the lecture and laboratory portions of this course.

NTCC Academic Honesty Statement:

"Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook."

Academic Ethics:

The college expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuit. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. Refer to the student handbook for more information on this subject.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to arrange an appointment with a college counselor to obtain a Request for Accommodations form. For more information, please refer to the NTCC Catalog or Student Handbook.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.