**Introduction:**

**The usual stuff you need to know:**

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**Bio 303 web page:**

http://osf1.gmu.edu/~alaemmer/bio303/bio303m.htm

note: click on my name, then click on the link for lecture information to get syllabus, lecture notes, etc.

**Stuff you need:**

Campbell & Reece, *Biology*, 5\(^{th}\) or 6\(^{th}\) edition (*4\(^{th}\)* should work, but it’ll be more difficult finding things).

A photographic atlas for the zoology laboratory. Van De Graaf and Crawley.

Lab manual, available at the bookstore.

The bookstore tries to save money by not printing enough of these. This is rather of an inconvenience (they don’t seem to care), so if it’s not on the shelf you need to order a copy (and pre-pay!).

You do not need to purchase dissecting equipment or preserved animals. However, if you have your own dissecting equipment or want to buy yours, that’s a good idea. Our equipment isn’t all that good (it’s pretty awful).
Exams and grades:

There will be three exams and a final, as described below:

Exam I: 100 pts., Tuesday, Feb. 17
Exam II: 100 pts., Tuesday, March 23
Exam III: 100 pts., Tuesday, April 20

Final exam: 150 pts., Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 a.m.:
  54 pts. worth of new material (approximately),
  96 pts. worth of review (approximately):
    32 pts. from the material covered by exam I
    32 pts. from the material covered by exam II
    32 pts. from the material covered by exam III

** There is no make-up opportunity for the final exam! **

There are a total of 600 points for Biology 303, the above exams add up to 450 points, the remaining 150 points come from lab.

The grading scale is the usual: 90 to 100 = A, 80 to 89 = B, etc.

(If you want to know how may points you need for an A, B, etc., simply multiply the above percentages by 6, for example, 90% is an A, so 90 x 6 = 540, so you need 540 points for an A, etc.)

General comments on the exams:

Due to the large class size, the format for the exams will be all multiple choice. You will need a scantron (form 882-E)!

Because of problems with cheating in the past, you will not get the scantron back, but feel free to come by and look at yours anytime.

Except for the final, you may keep your exam sheet (you only need to turn in the scantron). On the final you will need to turn in everything.

Make up exams:

I will drop your lowest exam score and replace this with your middle exam score (i.e., your middle exam score counts twice). That way, if you miss an exam, or do very poorly on one of them, you don’t need to worry about it.

There is no make-up opportunity if you miss more than one exam!
Old exams:

Old exams are posted on my page.

You can also try Dr. Shaffer's page - if you do well on his exams, you'll probably do well on mine.

"Take" the posted exams - don't just look at the answers.

Lab information:

Most of this you'll get in lab. Dissections are required. There is also a zoo trip on ??? (announced in lab).

Honor code:

If you are caught cheating, you *will* be taken to the honor committee. They will decide what to do with you.

Some general comments:

If you're having problems, please:

See me to talk about them.

Please! DON'T wait until the final exam (or after!) to do something about them. That will be too late to help you.

Any time you have questions, please ask (it’s not a small class, but questions are still encouraged).

Any questions??