INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Spring 18

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| **COURSE TITLE:** | **COURSE NUMBER:** |
| Life Science Lab | BSC 1005L |

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| **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** |
| This lab course is designed for non-science majors. Students gain laboratory experiences in area of properties of life, the chemical basis for life, cell structure and function, cell reproduction and inheritance, representative human systems and plant structure and function. |

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| **PREREQUISITE:** |
| Students must score into college-level reading on placement test. |

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| **INSTRUCTOR**  **INFORMATION:** | Instructor:  Office:  Phone:  Email:  Office hours posted on instructor’s website |
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| **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:**  *Life Science Laboratory Manual*, 1st Ed., IRSC  *Symbiosis,* Pearson Custom Library for the Biological Sciences  Companion website: <http://biology-irsc.weebly.com> |
| **GRADING POLICIES:** |
| **Exams** – There will be three practical exams covering assigned materials. Grades for  the semester are based upon the average of Exam 3 and the best of the first two exam  grades. No extra credit projects will be granted beyond the test assignments. Grades are  assigned as follows:  90 -100 = A  80 - 89 = B  70 - 79 = C  60 - 69 = D  below 60 = F  **W**--deadline is Monday, Mar 26; **I –** if passing but emergency prevents taking final  **\*\*\* See Attendance Policy that may affect your grade\*\*\*\*** |

**Tentative Assignment Schedule**

**Week of Laboratory Topic Assignment**

Jan 8 Intro, Safety, Metric Exercise 1

Jan 15 **(Holiday)**

Jan 22 Microscopes, Cells Exercise 2, 3

Jan 29 Mitosis Exercise 4

Feb 5 **Exam 1 (does not include mitosis)**, Meiosis Exercise 4

Feb 12 Karyotyping Exercise 5

Feb 19 Forensic Science Exercise 6

Feb 26 Tree of Life Exercise 7

Mar 5 **Exam 2**

Mar 12 **Spring Break**

Mar 19 Water Pollution Exercise 8

Mar 26 Predator Prey Experiment, Local Plants Exercise 9, 10

Apr 2 Human Systems Exercise 11

Apr 9 Circulatory System Exercise 12

Apr 16 **Exam 3**

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| **COURSE OBJECTIVES:** |
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| **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** |
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| **CHEATING** |
| **CHEATING:** Cheating, including plagiarism, of ANY kind will not be tolerated by this department. Any student caught cheating will receive an immediate F in the course (no withdrawal allowed.) Any student witnessing an act of cheating who does not report it is considered guilty of this same inexcusable behavior. |

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| **MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING OUTCOMES:** |
| Methods of instruction: Lecture, class discussions and/or interactions, laboratory and activities, and exams |

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| **ATTENDANCE AND PROCEDURES:** |
| **Attendance:** Students are expected to be present in lab in order to accomplish the  learning goals for the lab practical examinations.  **Three points will be taken off for**  **EACH** **lab class missed; absences will be assessed on EACH exam.  Students**  **will** **receive 1 free absence per semester.** For example, if you miss two lab  classes during the semester, one before Practical 1 and one after Practical 2, 3 points  would be deducted from your score on Practical 2.  **Make-up policy:**   Students **must** take their lab practical with their lab section at the assigned time. No make up practicals will be given after the normal testing has been completed. If an exam is missed, then the student’s grade will be based on the average of final lab practical and remaining practical grades. Any student not completing at least 2 exams before the final examination, must contact their instructor regarding withdrawal or an incomplete.  If you are experiencing difficulty in your course, your first obligation is to work directly with your instructor to resolve the issue. If you are unable to settle your concerns with the assistance of your instructor, you can contact the Academic Dean (Dr. Paul Horton, x7503).  **EXTRA CREDIT**: No extra credit will be given. Students need to spend their time on required material. |

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| **LIBRARY AND ON-LINE REFERENCE MATERIALS:** |
| The **Miley** **Library** serves as IRSC's main library.  The library is an information place providing professional assistance, library books and media, and access to the library's electronic resources. There is an extensive online database system also available through IRSC’s website [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu) |

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| **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:** |
| Indian River State College provides reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities through the Educational Services Division / Student Disability Services Office. The rights of students with disabilities which pertain to post-secondary education are provided under **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.** These laws prohibit discrimination by institutions to "otherwise qualified" students with disabilities. This enables such students to have an equal opportunity to benefit from the education offered by those institutions. |