INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Summer II, 2017

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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 60 - 69 = D  80 - 89 = B below 60 = F  70 - 79 = C  **W**--deadline is Thursday, Jul 13th; **I –** if passing but emergency prevents taking final  **\*\*\*\*\* See attendance policy below that may affect grade** |

**Tentative Assignment Schedule**

**Day of Laboratory Topic Assignment**

Jun 26 Intro, Safety, Metric, Exercise 1, 2

Jun 28 Microscopes, Cells Exercise 3

Jul 3 **Exam 1 (does not include mitosis)**

Mitosis Exercise 4 Water Pollution Set up Exercise 8

(Take home handout on karyotyping)

Jul 5 Meiosis Exercise 4

Karyotyping Exercise 5

Jul 10 Forensic Science Exercise 6

Tree of Life Exercise 7

Jul 12 **Exam 2**

Jul 17 Predator Prey Experiment Exercise 9

Jul 19 Local Plants Exercise 10

Jul 24 Human Systems Exercise 11

Jul 26 Circulatory System Exercise 12

Water Pollution Exercise 8

Jul 31 **Exam 3**

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| **COURSE OBJECTIVES:** |
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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 percentage points will be taken**  **off for EACH *lab class missed; absences will be assessed* at the end of the**  **course.  Students will receive 1 free absence *per semester*.** For example, if you miss  two lab classes duringthe semester and you ended up with an 80 average, then your final  average would be a 77 and you would receive a C in the course.  Students are responsible for knowing exact dates and times of exams, results of lab  experiments, exact arrangements for written assignments, etc.  **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 Department Chair (Dr. Jennifer Capers, x7556), who will assist you or advise you about contacting the Academic Dean (Dr. Paul Horton, x7503).  **EXTRA CREDIT**: No extra credit is 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. |