



ZOOLOGY

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Welcome to Zoology! This course will focus on the characteristics, classification, and habitats of members of the animal kingdom. To be successful in this course, the student must take all notes, complete all assignments, and participate in all lab activities. As this class is heavily based on activities, students MUST participate to receive the greatest benefit.

Course Outline

- Unit 1: Evolution & Classification (10%)
- Unit 2: Porifera, Cnidaria, & Echinodermata (10%)
- Unit 3: Mollusca & Worm Phyla (10%)
- Unit 4: Arthropoda (10%)
- Unit 5: Fish & Amphibians (15%)
- Unit 6: Reptiles, Birds & Dinosaurs (15%)
- Unit 7: Mammals (10%)
- Final Exam (20%)

Materials

- ✓ Zoology Notebook (thick folder with center brads or 1.5” binder with loose leaf paper)
- ✓ Writing Utensils (pens and/or pencils)
- ✓ Colored pencils (recommended 12 or more colors)
- ✓ Art supplies for projects (glue, markers, poster board, cardboard, construction paper, etc)

Grading Policy

Final grades will be determined by the accumulation of points earned on tests, projects, labs, quizzes, and classwork. Tests, labs, and/or or projects are given after each unit, quizzes can occur several times a week, and classwork will be assigned regularly. A cumulative final is given at the end of the semester. Grades are recorded online and can be viewed at any time.

Communication

The best way to contact your teacher is through Remind. Text messages sent through Remind will receive a much faster response than any other form of communication. Emails can get lost through spam filters and unless scheduled, unplanned classroom visits can disrupt another class or a professional meeting.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Make-Up Policy

Most major assignments will be accessible on the course website or on the bulletin board in the classroom. Students are responsible for obtaining all work missed upon their return to class. Students will be given at least the amount of time to make up class work as is described in the student handbook with specific due dates set individually between the student and teacher. Late make-up work will not be accepted. Absence the day before a test or quiz does NOT excuse you from the assessment!

Classroom Expectations

- **Show respect for self and others.**
 - Remember the Golden Rule: treat others as you would want them to treat you!
 - Profanity, ethnically offensive language, and intimidating statements will not be tolerated.
 - Headphone and cell phone use during class is considered rude unless you have explicit permission.
 - If caught sleeping during class, you will not receive the assignment for the day and will receive a zero.
 - Tardy arrivals (excused/unexcused) should enter the room with minimal disruption. Instructions, assignments, or other class materials distributed prior to an unexcused tardy arrival may not be available.
- **Participate in class discussions and activities.**
 - Bring all necessary materials to class so that you are fully prepared!
 - Be on time! If you are not inside the classroom at the time of the tardy bell, you are late!
- **Leave your desk and area clean upon dismissal.**
 - NO FOOD, GUM, OR DRINK ON LAB DAYS.
 - If snacks/drinks become a distraction during class, they may be banned completely. Please be responsible and courteous of others.

Cheating/Plagiarizing Policy

If caught cheating/plagiarizing, it will be assumed that all of the points you have earned on that assignment are in doubt and thus will result in a zero for the entirety of the assignment without opportunity to resubmit.

Extra Credit Policy

Extra credit may be earned periodically, but is not guaranteed. This course is designed so that you can be successful *without* extra credit. Examples include challenge assignments, points earned in review games, and assignment/test corrections.