

CLASS SYL

I strongly recommend that you make all the lectures however I have no strict attendance policy for lecture. If you miss, you need to get the notes from someone who attended class (excluding myself). Everyone has experienced reading someone else's notes (including me) and knows they are a poor substitute for sitting in class yourself. Reading notes is not be equivalent to hearing and writing the material yourself.

GRADING POLICY: Your grade will be based on a total of 550 points; 400 will come from lecture tests, 100 from lab assignments, 50 from a formal lab report.

Course grade: Your course grade will be based on your total number of points from lecture, lab and the lab report. Grades will be distributed according to the following percentages:

A 495 - 90%, B 440- 80%, C 385- 70%, D 330- 60%, F < 330 <60%

Lecture tests: There will be 4 lecture tests and a final. I will average your 4 HIGHEST scores, get a percentage and multiply by 400. Example – if you have an 80% after 4 tests and do not take the final, your lecture score will be 320 ($400 \times .80 = 320$). If you are happy with your lecture score after the 4 tests, you do not have to take the final. If you do worse on the final than the regular tests, the final test grade will not count. Students who have missed a grade for any reason must take the final. **STUDENTS WHO BOMB A TEST AND THEN HAVE TO MISS ANOTHER TEST FOR WHATEVER REASON WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE A MAKE-UP TEST.** If you study hard for every test, this circumstance will not come up. The exams and the final will have multiple choice, short answer and essay questions. Questions will be based on information given during lecture, laboratory and reading material. Any questions, problems or complaints about grading must be made within one week of receiving an assignment/test back. No grade changes will be made after that time.

Laboratory: Lab attendance is required. Roll will be taken within 5 minutes of the start of lab and any unexcused absence will be recorded and you will not receive credit for that laboratory exercise. You need to be on time especially for field labs which we do off campus immediately at the start of lab. Not finding parking is not an acceptable excuse. Suitable field clothes are required for off-campus field labs and some labs we do around campus.

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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students requiring classroom accommodations or modifications to testing,

work, then consider this a warning and the next time it happens both papers/assignments will get a zero. If a student copies from another student's test or uses extra "test aids" during a test, he/she has cheated. If a student allows someone to copy from his/her test, he/she has cheated and will be punished. If a student paraphrases another author's work without citing the source, then you are plagiarizing (i.e., stealing). Everyone has an individual writing style. It is almost like a fingerprint. Therefore, it is very easy to pick out similarities in writing and thus, potential plagiarism. This is the same for graphic depictions of data and tables. I will not tolerate the communal sharing of work. This goes for work done in previous semesters. I have copies of previous work and will compare you work with past student's work.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Labor Day: Sept 5 – **NO CLASS**
- Mid-Term: Oct 6th Thursday, Last day to drop with a Withdrawal Pass
- Fall Break: Oct 24 – 25th, **NO CLASS**
- Thanksgiving: Nov 23-25th **NO CLASS**
- Final Exam: – Dec 9th, FRIDAY- 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

WEEKLY LECTURE SCHEDULE - Tentative

Week	Topics	Chapters
1	Introduction, evolutionary ecology	0 0 50 838 0 Tm (I) Tj 50 0 0 50 854 0 Tm (f) Tj50 0 0

LABORATORY SCHEDULE- Due to the unpredictability of living things, this schedule always changes.

Date

Aug 18	Lab meeting, start statistics and graphics – on campus
Aug 25	Statistics and Graphics – finish – on campus
Sep 1	Natural selection/Genetic Drift simulation (outside on campus)
Sep 8	Population Density and Distribution ** Field Lab,
Sep 15	Finish and Set –up Population Growth
Sep 22	Habitat Utilization ** Field Lab
Sep 29	Finish Habitat Utilization
Oct 6	Phenotypic Plasticity Lab (on campus)
Oct 13	Life History Strategies, survivorship curves
Oct 20	TBA
Oct 27	Population growth – set up earlier
Nov 3	Intermediate Disturbance Lab ** Field Lab
Nov 10	Measuring Succession **Field Lab
Nov 17	Finish up
Nov 24	Thanksgiving – no class
Dec 1	Catch up or lecture

A formal lab report will be due on one of the laboratories performed. There will be a handout given to explain what is required.