**Biology 30 Course Outline**

**Core “Units” and Related Outcomes**

Each outcome **must** be covered by the end of the year as the final will be a departmental exam. This ***will require*** you to do homework and/or to see me at lunch or during “Sabre time” when you require additional help.

**Student-Directed Study**

BI30‐SDS1 - Create and carry out a plan to explore one or more topics of personal interest

 relevant to Biology 30 in depth.

**Life and Evolution**

BI30‐LE1 - Explore how scientific understandings of life and its characteristics change in light of new evidence.

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 organisms including protists, fungi, plants and animals.

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 in scientific understanding of relationships among organisms.

**Genetics and Biotechnology**

BI30‐GB1 - Explore classical (i.e. Mendelian) and current (i.e. chromosomal) understandings of biological inheritance

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 the molecular level.

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 biotechnologies on self, society and the environment.

**Evaluation**

***Final Exam (Departmental) 40 %***

***Term work 60%***

 Outcome Exams 50 %

 Summative Assignments (One Review per Outcome) 50 %

 Formative Assignments and Quizzes 0 %

In each term, a variety of content will be covered. Each outcome will be followed by an exam. To expand on your knowledge, the following will be implemented: additional problems, labs and/or essays and projects. These will be formative assignments but ***they are still expected to be completed and most will be expected to be handed in.***

**Expectations and Important Information**

1. Do not allow yourself to be distracted by electronic devices.

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2. Be in the classroom with all materials needed for the class before the bell.

3. If you are late:

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 i. If the door is closed, knock and wait for the door to be answered.

 ii. Catch up on what is happening quickly.

4. Be responsible.

a. You are responsible for any and all assignments when absent. If absent, you are required to find out what was missed.

b. If you know you will be missing prior to the date, feel free to ask, at an appropriate time, what we will be doing. I will do my best to provide you with materials and instruction so you will not fall behind.

5. It is your responsibility to **ask questions immediately** when you do not fully understand the concepts being taught. Reviewing is a skill you should be developing on your own. If you need help on how to study please come to see me.

6. There will be questions/assignments given almost every day. You will not necessarily be given class time to finish the questions/assignments, but they MUST be completed on the due date.

7. Assignments

a. If assignments are not complete on the date that they are due, they MUST be handed in on that date nonetheless. There are then two options which will be chosen by your teacher. One is that you still complete the assignment. This will require that you stay at a time which is convenient **for your teacher**. The second option is that you will be given a completely new assignment. *Exceptions:* by ***prior*** arrangement or sickness.

b. Reassessing assignments will be allowed until the test for each outcome is written. Following the test for the outcome, no further reassessing will be allowed.

8. If you need extra help, PLEASE do not leave it until the week before the final exam.

I will be available at lunch most days and will be available during “Sabre time” to assist you with any difficulties you may be having and/or to allow you to reassess or complete late assignments.

9. Attendance: Regular attendance is necessary for success in this class. At 5 unexcused absences your parents will be notified. At 10 unexcused absences your parents/guardians will be requested to come in for a meeting with your teacher and administration. If your parents/guardians fail or refuse to come in for a meeting you and they will be forfeiting your credit for this class.

10. Tests:

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 b) If you are aware that you will be absent on the day set for an exam you must notify your teacher immediately. If you miss an exam for a legitimate reason, you must bring a note of explanation from home when you return to class, and make arrangements as soon as possible to write the exam. If you miss an exam and there is no legitimate reason, you may forfeit your chance to write the exam, thus not completing the summative work for the year, meaning you will not receive your credit.

 c) Exams are considered the assessment of what has been mastered. Re-writes will not be allowed unless a majority/the entire class needs to be re-taught and re-assessed.

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**Good luck and have a good year!!**

**Instructional Strategies**

Direct Demonstrations/Lectures/Physics Videos

Indirect Individual/Group Presentations/Problem Solving

Experiential Conducting Experiments/Simulations/Field Trips

Independent Study Essays & Reports/Homework/Science Projects

**Adaptive Dimension**

The adaptive dimension aims to meet learner needs and is an expectation inherent in the Goals of Education. The continuum of curricular programs authorized by Saskatchewan Education recognizes the need for variations in curriculum content and delivery mechanisms. The continuum indicates that within each program, and therefore within each course of study, adaptation is required. Teachers are empowered to adjust the curriculum content in order to meet students’ needs; as professionals they must ensure that the instructional approaches are also adapted.

Physical Science 20 will be a challenging program based largely on lectures, assignments, and labs. Students will be somewhat responsible for their own learning. This will come in the form of assigned readings, questions and problems assigned for homework, and essays and projects. The instruction for Physical Science 20 will be delivered in a manner that will benefit all students while at the same time preparing them for Physics and Chemistry 30.

**Biology 30 Course Outline**

**Course Description**

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