COURSE SYLLABUS
Biology 2406
Gulf Coast Field Studies 2019

Math and Science
P330
Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m,
Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This course syllabus is intended as a set of guidelines for Biology 1406. Both North Lake College and your instructor reserve the right to make modifications in content, schedule, and requirements as necessary to promote the best education possible within prevailing conditions affecting this course.

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Course Information
Environmental Biology
Biology 2406
Section number:
Credit hours: 4
Class meeting time: TBA

COURSE DESCRIPTION: BIOL 2406 Environmental Biology (4)
This is a Texas Common Course Number.
The principles of aquatic and terrestrial communities are presented. Emphasis is on the relationship of
these principles to the problems facing people in a modern technological society. (3 Lec., 3 Lab.)

**Prerequisite:** BIOL 2406. One of the following must be met: (1) Developmental Reading 0093 AND Developmental Writing 0093; (2) English as a Second Language (ESOL) 0044 AND 0054; or (3) have met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Reading and Writing standards AND DCCCD Writing score prerequisite requirement.

**Required or Recommended Textbooks and Materials**

- **Lecture Text:** There is no text to purchase. Please log into the following URL for access to the OpenStax FREE online text.
  
  https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/biology

- **Laboratory Manual:** There is no lab manual to purchase. All lab units will be provided online through eCampus.

**Learning Outcomes**

**Learning Outcomes:** Lecture

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
1. Explain the structure and impact of biogeochemical cycles.
2. Describe energy transformations across trophic levels.
3. Illustrate abiotic/biotic interactions and symbiotic relationships.
4. Identify various types of natural resources, human impact on these resources, and common resource management practices.
5. Quantify and analyze the impact of lifestyle on the environment.
6. Depict evolutionary trends and adaptations to environmental changes.
7. Describe environmental hazards and risks and the social, economic, and political ramifications.
8. Describe ecological and statistical techniques and approaches used in the study of environmental biology.

**Learning Outcomes:** Laboratory

Upon successful completion of this laboratory-based course, students will:
1. Be able to apply scientific reasoning to investigate questions, and utilize scientific tools such as microscopes and laboratory equipment to collect and analyze data.
2. Use critical thinking and scientific problem-solving to make informed decisions in the laboratory.
3. Communicate effectively the results of investigations.
4. Explain the structure and impact of biogeochemical cycles.
5. Describe energy transformations across trophic levels.

**Course Outline**

- Overview of the Environment and the Impact of Man
- Introduction to Ecology
• Population Ecology
• Community Ecology
• Ecosystems
• Fresh Water Ecology
• Marine Ecology
• Overview of Basic Concepts of Evolution and Biodiversity
• Sustainability of Terrestrial Resources
• Sustainability of Aquatic and Marine Resources
• Biodiversity
• Alternative Energy Sources
• Conservation and Resource Management
• Global Climatic Change
• The ozone Layer

**Means of Assessment of Course Learning Outcomes**

Learning outcomes will be assessed by examinations in both lecture and laboratory. Additionally, each of the twelve units completed in lab will be assessed by either lab report, quiz or other activities deemed appropriate by the instructor.

**Attendance Policy:**

Lecture and laboratory attendance is required. All responsibility for make-up work is that of the student. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of both lecture and lab classes. No absence is permitted from lab without penalty except in extreme circumstances. Your laboratory instructor will review lab attendance and the makeup policy at your first lab. Laboratory units cannot be completed without laboratory attendance.

**Evaluation Procedures**

**Evaluation:** Your grade is based on three lecture exams, two lab exams, two papers, participation and your field notebook. Additional graded activities may be assigned during the semester. Your grade in lab is based on a percentile of all exams. The grade scale will be 90-100 for an A, 80 to 89.99 for a B 70 to 79.99 for a C, 60 to 69.99 for a D and below 60 an F.

**Discipline/ Course/ Department/Policies**

Students are expected to be on time for all class and to fully participate in class activities. When you come to class, plan on staying until the class is dismissed. Take care of any out of class needs prior to entering the class.
Cell phones should be turned to silent and be put away during class activities. No texting or other inappropriate use of electronic devices as determined by the instructor.
Laptops, notepads, etc. can be used in class, but only for class purposes.
All electronic devices are to be turned off and put away during exams. All students are expected to abide by the college Student Code of Conduct.

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to any part of this document as deemed necessary by the instructor for overall class success, evaluation, class policies and completion of the class.

INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed from the following link: www.northlakecollege.edu/syllabipolicies

COUNSELING SERVICES (A430)
Counseling services for personal issues are provided to all students currently enrolled at North Lake College. These services are provided by licensed professionals who are bound by confidentiality (within ethical parameters) at no charge. With the assistance of a counselor, students are able to identify, understand, resolve issues and develop appropriate skills. To make an appointment call 972-273-3333 or visit A 430.

THE ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER (A332)
The Academic Skills Center (ASC) is designed to provide assistance to students in the following areas:

- Labs for students enrolled in foreign language, Developmental Reading, and ESOL courses. One-on-one tutoring is available.
- The Writing Center can help students clarify writing tasks, understand instructors’ requirements, develop and organize papers, explore revision options, detect grammar and punctuation errors, and properly use and document sources. Rather than merely editing or "fixing" papers, tutors focus on helping students develop and improve their writing skills.
- The Online Writing Lab (OWL) allows students to submit papers to our writing tutors electronically and get feedback within 24-72 hours. The OWL can be accessed through eCampus. After logging on to eCampus, click on the Community Tab at the top. Type “Owl” in the search field and click “Go.” Next, click on the double drop-down arrows next to “NLC-OWL2,” and then click on “Enroll.” Once enrolled, students can receive services from the OWL.

For more information or to schedule a tutoring appointment, come by A-332 or call 972-273-3089.

TESTING CENTER (A 425)
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
No tests will be issued after 7:00 p.m. Other cut-off times may be in effect for specific exams by the instructor’s direction. All exams collected at 8:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
No tests will be issued after 2:30 p.m. Other cut-off times may be in effect for specific exams by the instructor’s direction. All exams collected at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday – CLOSED

If you instructor requires you to complete an exam in the Testing Center, be sure to have the following information when you request you test:

1. Instructor’s name
2. Subject, course number, and section number (exp: Speech 1311.7011)
3. Exam number (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)
4. Exam deadline (Get this information from your instructor. The testing staff cannot look up this information on computers).

You should also bring the following supplies:

1. Pencil
2. Scantron answer sheet
3. A Test Request Form must be completed before entering the Testing Center.
5. Government or school issued photo identification is required & enforced.

You may not bring personal items into the Testing Center. This includes bags, cell phones, and pagers.

Please show courteous and cooperative behavior while using the services provided by the Testing Center.

DO NOT bring children to the Testing Center. You must make arrangements for the care of your children prior to your exam date. The police department will be notified of any unattended children.

DO NOT take any testing materials with you when you leave the Testing Center. This includes the test, answers, charts, scratch paper. These items will be attached to your test.

Questions? Please visit the Testing Center (A 425) or call 972-273-3160.