Mission Statement:

Mountain View College empowers people and transforms communities.

Course Description:
Presentation of biological concepts for the non-science major. This course will provide a survey of biological principles with an emphasis on humans, including evolution, ecology, plant and animal diversity, and physiology. Laboratory activities will reinforce these concepts. (3 Lec., 3 Lab.)

Course Prerequisite Required: College level ready in Reading and Writing

Course Materials/Supplies Needed:
   Download free – https://openstax.org/details/concepts-biology
2. Labs to be printed from eCampus
3. Nitrile Gloves for selected labs (available in the College Bookstore)
4. Scantrons: Seven 882E
5. 3-Ring Binder with dividers for the labs printed from eCampus (2 inch binder recommended)
6. Pocket folder for chapter reviews
Core Objectives:

- **Critical Thinking Skills** - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- **Communication Skills** - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
- **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
- **Teamwork** - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

Course Objectives:

**Lecture Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Describe modern evolutionary synthesis, natural selection, population genetics, micro and macroevolution, and speciation.
2. Describe phylogenetic relationships and classification schemes.
3. Identify the major phyla of life with emphasis on plants and animals, including the basis for classification, structural and physiological adaptations, evolutionary history, and ecological significance.
4. Describe basic animal physiology and homeostasis as maintained by organ systems.
5. Compare different sexual and asexual life cycles noting their adaptive advantages.
6. Illustrate the relationship between major geologic change, extinctions, and evolutionary trends.

**Laboratory Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. 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 scientific investigations.
4. Define modern evolutionary synthesis, natural selection, population genetics, micro and macroevolution, and speciation.
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7. Describe basic animal physiology and homeostasis as maintained by organ systems.
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9. Illustrate the relationship between major geologic change, extinctions, and evolutionary trends.

**Course Outline:**

Objectives, which are determined by the district curriculum committee, are measurable or observable and will be evaluated. Different modes of instruction will be utilized for presentation and evaluation. Lecture topics will include evolution, protists, plant diversity, fungi, animal diversity, animal systems, animal behavior, ecology, population ecology, and ecosystems. An emphasis will be placed on wellness throughout the semester. The Mountain View College nature trail will be used to reinforce topics taught in the lecture and lab.

**Class Procedures:** Successful completion of this course **should** be accomplished if you:

1. study and read the textbook,
2. attend each class and turn in all assignments on time,
3. attend all labs, and complete lab activities,
4. use the resources available on eCampus and from the textbook,
5. spend time studying with the STEM tutor as needed, and
6. write your name, course and section, student ID, date, and instructor name on all assignments.
Evaluation Procedures:

**GRADING:**

**LECTURE EXAMS** = 50% of the Final Grade
- 4 Lecture Exams worth 100 points each (multiple choice and short essay questions)
- 1 Comprehensive Final Exam worth 100 points (multiple choice questions)
- The lowest test score will be dropped only if all tests and the comprehensive final are taken.

**CHAPTER QUIZZES** = 10%

**LABORATORY** = 30% of the final grade
- 3 Lab Notebooks – 15% of the final grade
- 3 Lab Practicals - 15% of the final grade

**PRESENTATION** = 5% of final grade
- Dates will be posted in eCampus

**CURRENT EVENTS** = 5% of final grade

Instructor Attendance Policy:
Students are expected to attend all classes. Students have the responsibility to attend class and to consult with the instructor when an absence occurs. If for some reason you must leave class early, you should inform the instructor prior to the start of class of your reason for leaving early.

On-time attendance is vital to your success in this course. Plan to arrive early. Attendance is taken at the beginning of class. You will be counted absent if you arrive late.

*Students must begin attendance in all classes of enrollment. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending, by the certification date. For this lecture course, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes. For certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students, who are not certified as beginning class, are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses.*

Grading Scale - all assignments and final grade
- A = 90-100
- B = 80 – 89.9
- C = 70 - 79.9
- D = 60 - 69.9
- F ≤ 59.9

GRADE POSTING: Grades are posted on eCampus.

Extra credit may be announced in class and on eCampus during the semester at the discretion of the instructor. Extra credit will not be available if you are late to class, turn in assignments late, miss assignments, do not participate, or have too many absences.

Late Work Policy:
- Work is due at the beginning of class on the due date! Small groups will discuss assignments on the due date. A deduction of 30 points will be made if you are not present for the entire discussion. Unexcused late work will not be accepted after the due date.
- Students must contact the instructor if they will miss class, lab, or the due date for an assignment within 24 hours.
- Documentation of an excused absence is required. Arrangements must be made with the instructor to make-up a lab, exam, or assignment

Makeup Exam Policy:
In the event of a missed exam, the instructor must be notified within 24 hours of the scheduled exam and documentation will be required for absence.

College Sponsored Events:
Please contact your instructor if you will miss class for a college sponsored event.
Electronic Devices:
Students are expected to silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during class time and only use them for class purposes. Students may not text or receive texts during class.

eCampus:
Students are encouraged to use the resources available on eCampus regularly.
All assignments are posted under the Weekly Assignments button. Check this button every week.
- Go to the website: http://ecampus.dcccd.edu. Your login is an “e” and your seven-digit student identification number (example: e7654321). If you have never used eCampus before, your password is the same as your user name until you change it under personal information.
- Announcements will be posted.
- A variety of materials will be available to help you learn the required material.
- A copy of the syllabus will be available for reference.
- Labs will include the laboratory activities that must be printed before each lab.
- Weekly Assignments will include study guides and other lecture resources. Refer to this button each week to keep up with the course requirements.

The withdraw date for this class is Tuesday, July 30, 2019.
- Please speak with the instructor if you are having difficulty in the course.
- Biology tutors are available to help you learn the material for this course.

Withdrawal Policy:
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar’s Office by Tuesday, July 30, 2019. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an "F." If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a "W" (Withdraw) in each class dropped.

Academic Dishonesty
Students caught cheating or plagiarizing an assignment will receive a “0” on the assignment or test and be subject to an “F” in the course and possible expulsion from the college.

Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the Dallas County Community Colleges. Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. More information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/ss/code.cfm.

Institution Policies: Please visit http://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/.... for a complete list of institutional policies (Stop Before You Drop; Withdrawal Policy; Repeating a Course; Financial Aid; Academic Honesty; Americans with Disabilities Act Statement; Religious Holidays; and Campus Emergency Operation Plan and Contingency Plan.). These policies are posted with the syllabus in eCampus.

Disclaimer Reserving Right to Change Syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary. Any changes will be announced in lab and on eCampus.
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<td>For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the Fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career, unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions. Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a “W.” Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas Public Institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: <a href="https://econnect.dcccd.edu/eConnect/droppingfacts.html">https://econnect.dcccd.edu/eConnect/droppingfacts.html</a></td>
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<td><strong>Repeating a Course</strong></td>
<td>Effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. This class may not be repeated for the third or subsequent time without paying the additional tuition. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. More information is available at: <a href="http://www.dcccd.edu/pc/cost/3rdcrseattmpt/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.dcccd.edu/pc/cost/3rdcrseattmpt/Pages/default.aspx</a></td>
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