

Biology 1110L: Biology for Health-Related Sciences Lab

UNM Valencia Campus

Semester: Fall

Year: 2021

CRN #: 64224 section 501

Credits: 1 credit hour

Course Description:

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Contact Information: My office is H100B. My phone number on campus is 505-925-8726. My email address is benflicker@unm.edu. Aside from my office hours and immediately before and after class, email is the best way to contact me.

Course Book: There is **No** lab manual for this class. The weekly lab activities will be provided for you by your instructor. Digital copies will also be made available on the course Learn page.

Course Materials: You are required to bring a notebook of unlined paper to keep as a lab notebook. You will turn this in regularly for your participation points, so if you obtain one with perforated pages you can submit your work without submitting your entire notebook. I also recommend you work in your notebook primarily in pencil. I will bring colored pencils if you want to get fancy (optional).

Office hours: Mondays 2:00-3:00, Tuesdays 10:30-12:00, 1:00-2:30, Wednesdays 3:00-4:00, or by appointment.

Student Learning Objectives:

- 1.) Students will employ critical thinking skills to judge the validity of information from a scientific perspective (Lab 1).
- 2.) Students will use the scientific method to formulate questions and develop testable hypotheses (Lab 1, 2, 4).
- 3.) Students will be able to use laboratory equipment to collect relevant, quality data.
- 4.) Students will recognize biodiversity in different ecological habitats and communities of organisms (Lab 7, 8, 9).
- 5.) Students will be able to communicate effectively about scientific topics and ideas (all).

Attendance: Attendance is Required for all classes. However, two make-up dates occur (the week before each exam) that will allow you to make up material from any absence.

Withdrawal: If you drop the course after the drop deadline, you will receive a grade of 'W'.

Missed quiz policy: Missed quizzes cannot be made up! Due to the practical nature of these, they can only be set up once.

Students with disabilities: Qualified Students with disabilities should see me or the testing center as soon as possible so we can meet your needs suitably and quickly.

Title IX: In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Assistants are considered "responsible employees" by the department of Education (see pg 15 - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201404-title-ix.pdf>). This designation requires that any report of gender discrimination which includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual violence made to a faculty member, TA, or GA must be reported to the Title IX coordinator at the Office of Equal Opportunity (Oeo.unm.edu) For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see: <https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html>

Citizenship and/or Immigration Status: All students are welcome in this class regardless of citizenship, residency, or immigration status. Your professor will respect your privacy if you choose to disclose your status. As for all students in the class, family emergency-related absences are normally excused with reasonable notice to the professor, as noted in the attendance guidelines above. UNM as an institution has made a core commitment to the success of all our students, including members of our undocumented community. The Administration's welcome is found on our website: <http://undocumented.unm.edu/>.

COVID-19 SYLLABUS LANGUAGE

UNM Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccinations

All students, staff, and instructors are required by [UNM Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccinations](#) to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2021, and must provide proof of vaccination or of a UNM validated limited exemption or exemption no later than September 30, 2021 to the [UNM vaccination verification site](#). Students seeking medical exemption from the vaccination policy must submit a request to the [UNM verification site](#) for review by the UNM [Accessibility Resource Center](#). Students seeking religious exemption from the vaccination policy must submit a request for reasonable accommodation to the [UNM verification site](#) for review by the [Compliance, Ethics, and Equal Opportunity Office](#). For further information on the requirement and on limited exemptions and exemptions, see the [UNM Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccinations](#).

UNM Requirement on Masking in Indoor Spaces

All students, staff, and instructors are required to wear face masks in indoor classes, labs, studios and meetings on UNM campuses, see [masking requirement](#). Vaccinated and unvaccinated instructors teaching in classrooms must wear a mask when entering and leaving the classroom and when moving around the room. Students who do not wear a mask indoors on UNM campuses can expect to be asked to leave the classroom and to be dropped from a class if

failure to wear a mask occurs more than once in that class. With the exception of the limited cases described above, students and employees who do not wear a mask in classrooms and other indoor public spaces on UNM campuses are subject to disciplinary actions.

Communication on change in modality: The university may direct that classes move to remote delivery at any time to preserve the health and safety of the students, instructor and community. Please check your email and your UNM Learn site regularly for updates about our class, and please check <https://bringbackthepack.unm.edu> regularly for general UNM updates about COVID-19 and the health of our community.

Acceptable masks and mask wearing in class: A two-layer mask that covers the nose and mouth and that is cleaned regularly is acceptable, as are disposable medical masks, KN95, KF94, FFP1 and FFP2 masks. A face shield is not sufficient protection. It is vital that you wear your mask correctly, covering your nose and mouth. Removing your mask for an extended period to eat or drink in class violates the university mask requirement and endangers others.

Consequences of not wearing a mask properly: If you don't wear a mask, or if you do not wear a mask properly by covering your nose and mouth, you will be asked to leave class. If you fail to wear a mask properly on more than one occasion, you can expect to be dropped from the class. If you insist on remaining in the classroom while not wearing a mask, class will be dismissed for the day to protect others and you will be dropped from the class immediately.

The instructor will try to have a few disposable masks available in the classroom on a first-come, first-served basis.

Quizzes: 5 quizzes will be given throughout the term. These will be worth 25 points each. They will cover recent lab activities and be a mixture of practical and written elements. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

Exams: 2 practical exams will be administered during the term. They will be a mixture of both practical and written questions. Exam study guides will be provided for both. The final will not be cumulative.

Course Webpage: The course webpage can be found by logging in to learn.unm.edu. There, I will post course documents like the syllabus, exam

study guides, and other relevant course material. Any course announcements will be made on this webpage, so be sure to check it regularly.

Laboratory Policies:

- 1.) No food or drink is allowed in the lab at any time.
- 2.) No chewing gum in the lab.
- 3.) Absolutely no horseplay will be tolerated.
- 4.) Come on time and prepared for the lab activity and quiz for that day.
- 5.) Treat all lab equipment carefully and with respect

Course Grading Policy: Lecture grades will be based on the percentage of points earned (100% or higher = A+, 99-91% = A, 90% = A-. 88-89% = B+, 87-81% = B, 80% = B-, 79-78% = C+, 77-71% = C, 70% = C-, 69-68% = D+, 67-61% = D, 60% = D-, < 60% = F.

- 90 points: Participation (10 lab exercises @ 9 points each)
- 100 points: Quizzes (4 quizzes @ 25 points each)
- 100 points: Midterm Practical Exam
- 100 points: Final Practical Exam
- 10 points: Free!
- = 400 Total points

Date	Lab Exercise	Quiz:
8/25/2021	Course Intro/ Scientific Method	
9/01/2021	The basic plant body	
9/08/2021	Plant cells & Microscopy	
9/15/2021	Plant Propagation	Quiz 1
9/22/2021	Flowers	
9/29/2021	Fruits	Quiz 2
10/06/2021	Makeup/Review Week	
10/13/2021	Midterm Practical Exam	
10/20/2021	Plant ecology	
10/27/2021	Land Plant Evolution	
11/03/2021	Cactus Evolution	Quiz 3
11/10/2021	Plant primary compounds	
11/17/2021	Plant secondary compounds	Quiz 4
11/24/2021	No Class- Thanksgiving	
11/31/2021	Makeup/Review Week	Quiz 5
12/07/2021	Final Practical Exam	