



final grade.

**Lecture grade:** (100 pts). During this course the instructor will require students to read all text book chapter material before it is presented in class. Further, students will be assigned “Learning Curve” quizzes to complete within the LaunchPad web site before the material is scheduled in class. All learning curve quizzes must be completed by the due date regardless of whether the instructor’s lectures are keeping up with the schedule. Once the chapter material is completed in lecture, a new assignment called the “summative chapter quiz” will be assigned on LaunchPad for each chapter presented. Adequate time will be given to complete the summative quiz before your opportunity to take it expires. The lecture exam will consist of a single chapter score that is the average between the LaunchPad score (effectively 100%) and your summative quiz score. All chapter scores will be added and computed as a percent score for the final lecture score to count 100 pts towards your final grade.

**Final Exam (100 pts):** The final comprehensive exam is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m. in our classroom. Students will have the option of taking this exam or skipping it and counting it as their “drop” grade.

**Dropped grade:** The lowest score you receive among either the four



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**Tentative Lecture and Lab schedule (subject to revision):**

Lecture:				Laboratory:	
Lecture	Date:	Topic :	Chapter Reading(s) pages	Day(s)	Exercise
1	15 Aug.	How is physiology important in our understanding of biology?	<b>PowerPoint lecture 1</b>	16,17 Aug.	Independent Lab Assignment: <b>Introduction to Basic Statistics</b>
2	17 Aug.	History of Life on Earth	Pg. 507 – 527		
3	22 Aug.	Phylogeny	Pg. 448 – 466	23, 24 Aug.	Nonvascular, Seedless Plants: Mosses, Liverworts, and Hornworts
4	24 Aug.	Bacteria and Archaea	Pg. 528 – 551		
5	29 Aug.	Origin and Diversification of Eukaryotes	Pg. 552 – 571	30, 31 Aug.	Vascular Plants: Ferns, Gymnosperms and Angiosperms
6	31 Aug.	Evolution of Plants 1: Nonvascular to vascular plants	Pg. 572 – 591		
7	5 Sept.	Evolution of Plants 2: evolution and diversification of seed plants	Pg. 592 – 612	6, 7 Sept.	Angiosperm Reproduction
8	7 Sept.	Reproduction in Flowering Plants	786 - 804		
9	12 Sept.	The Plant Body	Pg. 715 – 734	13, 14 Sept.	Angiosperm Development
10	14 Sept.	<b>Exam #1</b>			
11	19 Sept.	Gas Exchange & Transport in Plants			

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24	7 Nov.	Salt and Water Balance and Nitrogen Excretion	Pg. 1093 - 1114	8, 9 Nov.	Sensory Systems
25	9 Nov.	Animal Circulatory Systems	Pg. 1043 - 1067		
26	14 Nov.	Neurons and Nervous Systems	Pg. 938 - 959	14, 15 Nov.	Cardiovascular System
27	16 Nov.	Musculoskeletal Systems:	Pg. 1001 - 1021		
28	21 Nov.	Sensory Systems	Pg. 960 - 980	22 Nov.	Thanksgiving Holiday, No Labs this week
29	23 Nov.	Animal Reproduction	Pg. 899 - 921		
30	28 Nov.	<b>Exam 3</b>		29, 30 Nov.	<b>Final Lab Practical</b>
	6 Dec.	<b>Final Exam Period: 2:45 - 4:45 p.m. in in BC 1023</b>			