

Quizzes and in-class assignments will be given throughout the semester, which is why attendance is required. Generally, quizzes or in-class assignments in lecture cannot be made up if lecture is missed. If you miss the lecture and I approved your absence the total number of points possible to you will be reduced. If you miss quizzes and/or in-class lecture assignments and I did not approve the absence a zero will be given for that particular assignment, quiz, etc.

Labs cannot be made up; therefore, do not miss a lab. I also reserve the right to determine what constitutes an excused absence from lab. If you miss 2 labs (excused or unexcused) you will not be able to earn higher than a C for your final grade. If you miss 3 labs, you cannot earn higher than a D. If you miss more than 3 labs you will earn an F for the course.

If students must be absent due to a quarantine or isolation requirement for COVID-19, they must report this situation via the COVID Self Reporting Link in MyVSU and through the Dean of Students Office to report any other absences as well.

- The final exam is optional and it can replace the lowest grade of exams 1, 2, 3 or 4. This applies only to the final exam; no other exam can replace the lowest grade. If the final exam is used to replace the lowest grade for tests 1, 2, 3, or 4, the final exam grade will count only once in the course grade calculation. The final exam cannot be used to replace a missed test.
- After each exam, students are strongly encouraged to review it. You can review an exam during office hours. Exam papers will not be returned to students.
- **Any student found attempting to COPY, take PICTURES or STEAL a hard-copy of a test, at any time during the semester, will receive an automatic F for the entire course and face disciplinary action for student.**
- During the test, all smart devices must be stowed away. It is your responsibility to take care of your items.

Laboratory

- Lab exercises will be handed out in lab. Short quizzes will be given during the lab and will be collected ~10 minutes later. If you arrive late you will have a shorter amount of time to finish the quiz, and if you arrive after the quiz is collected you will receive a zero (0) for that quiz. **As mentioned previously, a student will not be able to make up a lab or the missed quizzes as the experiments cannot be repeated due to time and limitation of material.**
- The laboratory assessments consist of one practical exam and tasks related to the QPCR Labs. Students are required to maintain a laboratory notebook. The practical exam will be taken in the laboratory during the scheduled time. The practical exam questions may include microscope slides, organisms and instrumentation used in the laboratory and a written component.

Why maintain a good lab report?

<https://research.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/content/RCT%20content/ReaDI%20Program/tu>

Grade calculation*	
Assessment	Max Points

Grade distribution	
Letter	Percentage
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	60%

*Final grade calculation: (Lecture exam + Laboratory)/700

NOTE: Graduate students enrolled in BIOL 6500 are required to complete the following assignments in addition to the above. Graduate student failing to complete any of these assignments will automatically receive a grade F in this course.

1. Teach any one lecture topic for exam 2-4. Instructor will provide the presentation slides. Evaluation by the students and instructor.

2. Compile detailed and step-by-step protocols for all the lab exercises. Rubrics should be discussed with the instructor for feedback. 50 lab participation points from the Grade calculation region is assigned here.

Tentative Lab Schedule:

Lab	Date	Topic
-----	Jan 11 week	NO LAB
1	Jan 18 week	Visualizing cells/ Re-introduction to microscopy- Stomata
2	Jan 25 week	

Learning contract | Dr. Ansul Lokdarshi

- 1) **I care** . I teach because I want to contribute to your successful career. You must also promise to make the effort to rise to expectations worthy of your own future goals.