

COURSE:	General Biology 1, BIOL140T & NT and BIOL141NT
CREDIT:	4 Semester Hours (class). 1 Semester Hour (lab).
SEMESTER:	Fall 2021, Cycles 2 and 3
TIME:	Online
LOCATIONS:	Online or Ed. 118-9 (on campus students)
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It's an exciting time to study Biology! New Biology discoveries are made every day and our understanding of nature has increased incredibly. Biology has applications in numerous areas of science, medicine, engineer, and other fields. Some suggest that the Bible and Biology are inconsistent. However, on the contrary, Biology and the Bible are completely consistent, and this should strengthen our faith as we discover more and more about the incredible, awesome nature of our Creator God!

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

BIOL140 T & NT (4 hours) An introduction to cell and molecular biology for science majors. Topics include an introduction to chemistry and biochemistry for biological applications, cell structure and function, cell life cycles, cellular reproduction, genetics, stem cells, cancer, and viruses. (Prerequisites: One year of high school Biology or BIOL 100 and 101 or equivalent with a C or higher.) (*Interdisciplinary Bible Course)

BIOL141NT General Biology I Lab (Online Only, 1 hour) This course is one of two optional lab formats of BIOL140. This lab is completed remotely and requires purchase of a lab kit. If taken, it must be concurrently with BIOL140. (Fee: Approximately \$250)

BIOL140 T & NT is a blended class, meaning that both campus and online students take this class together. Campus students attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. All interaction and assignments for campus and online students are done in the online classroom.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

A. General competencies to be achieved. The student will:

- 1) Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts of general Biology from a biblical worldview.
 - a. Program Objectives 1 through 5.
 - b. Assessments – chapter review questions and exams.

B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will:

- 1) Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of general Biology and use the principles to understand the applications of general Biology.
 - a. Program Objectives 1, 3, 4, and 5.
 - b. Assessments – chapter review questions and exams.
- 2) Read literature covering the biblical worldview of general biology and demonstrate your understanding of these concepts by reporting on the literature clearly and concisely.
 - a. Program Objectives 2, 3, and 4.

- b. Assessments – Biblical worldview essays.

III. REQUIREMENTS: All students will be expected to:

- Participate frequently and make regular progress.
- Complete reading assignments, homework, biblical worldview essays, and exams on schedule.
- BIOL141 - lab students only: Work safely and complete all labs and lab reports on schedule.

IV. METHODS

- A. **LECTURES:** Lectures will consist of material from the book and additional material from a variety of sources. Students should take notes as the homework questions will be directly related to the lectures.
- B. **READING AND CHAPTER REVIEW (HOMEWORK) QUESTIONS:** The textbook provides a framework for the class. The text is **not required** as the information can be obtained from lectures or other online sources. However, most students will find the textbook very useful for studying (consider an eText). Not every topic in the textbook will be addressed. Emphasis will be placed on the most important concepts and practical applications. The instructor will tell you which sections of each chapter will be covered. It is imperative that you complete the homework problems to understand the material and to do well on tests.
- C. **HOMEWORK QUESTIONS:** Homework questions will normally be completed using the Mastering Biology software in Canvas. It is imperative that you complete the homework problems to understand the material and to do well on tests. Test questions will be similar to the questions on the homework.
- D. **BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ESSAYS:** The purpose of this portion of the class is to develop your ability to analyze the complex issues associated with Biology from the biblical worldview and to learn that you can defend your faith (1 Peter 3:15) using science. You will read articles or watch videos and then prepare essays that demonstrate your understanding of the topics.

Essays must follow the Turabian style according to the Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, Ninth Edition, except as noted in this paragraph and on the separate essay guidelines. Essays should be around one-half page, single spaced, using Times New Roman 12 font. Essays should not be longer than one page. Do not include a title page or a reference page. Put a descriptive title and your name and date at the top of the page. Include the reference after the bottom of the essay. You will be graded on content and understanding of the topics. Your writing should be clear and concise. Proper writing style including clarity, grammar, and punctuation will be considered during grading. Do not use first person. Discuss what the article or video said and means, not what you think about it. Make sure you use quotation marks as needed.

Plagiarism is defined as copying any part of a book or paper without identifying the author. This also includes taking another person's ideas and presenting them as your own.

- E. **TESTS:** Questions used for the regular exams will be similar to the homework. Test

questions for the comprehensive portion of the final will be taken from the regular tests and will include new material covered since the last regular exam. Exams will be taken in the Mastering Biology software via Canvas.

Students not taking tests during the class period on campus will need to use the ProctorU test proctoring service. See the ProctorU addendum at the end of this syllabus.

F. MISSED OR LATE HOMEWORK OR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ESSAYS:

Grades for late homework and creation apologetics essays will be reduced for each day that they are late. Assignments that are more than one week late will not be accepted and will receive no credit.

G. LAB PREPARATION AND REPORTS

Students taking BIOL141NT: Prepare lab reports as instructed by the software.

Grades on late lab reports will be decreased for each day they are late. Lab reports that are turned in more than one week late will not be accepted and will receive no credit.

H. LAB SAFETY

Students taking BIOL141NT: Safety during lab activities must be observed at all times. Students performing lab experiments are responsible for planning and conducting experiments in accordance with the lab instructions and lab safety rules. Additional safety rules (when required) may be included with each lab. **All students must take a lab safety quiz covering the safety rules and sign a safety contract before completing any labs.**

I. LAB ATTENDANCE:

BIOL141NT Lab is conducted remotely and attendance at a specific time is not required.

J. HOW TO GET HELP:

Feel free to contact me via email or phone (see email address and phone number above).

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all CU students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.

V. GRADING - See grading scale in the university catalog.

BIOL 140

Chapter Review Questions	20%
Regular Exams	60%
Biblical Worldview Essays	10%
Final Examination (comprehensive)	10%

BIOL 141

Lab Investigations and Reports	100%
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VI. MATERIALS – Required

- A) **The Bible:** The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB, English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (paraphrases, and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.
- B) **Mastering Biology Software (BIOL140):** It is **required** that you purchase access to the **Modified Mastering Biology** software. This is required to complete the homework and tests. The cost is approximately \$70. It will also allow access to many on-line helps that are useful for learning this material. When purchased with the eText (recommended), the cost is \$115. **Purchase this through the class website on Canvas!** Detailed instructions will be given there. If you do not purchase the software through the Canvas class website, it will be the wrong software!
- C) **Lab kit (only for students taking BIOL141NT):** It is required that you purchase the lab kit prepared for this class to complete the lab experiments for BIOL141NT. The cost is approximately \$250. Detailed instructions for purchase will be given on Canvas.

VII. MATERIALS - Optional

Textbook:

Campbell Biology, 12th Edition

Authors: Urry, Cain, Wasserman, Minorsky, and Orr

ISBN 9780135188743 (hardcover) ISBN 9780135988046 (ebook)

Pearson, 2021

The text is **not required** as the information can be obtained from lectures or other online sources.

However, most students will find the textbook very useful for studying. If you want a hard copy of your own, consider purchasing a used version on the internet (typically around \$50). New hard copies cost approximately \$180. Previous editions of the text may be acceptable and will be less expensive. Another option is the eText which is about \$45 with the Mastering software. Consider purchasing the package – Mastering Biology software and eText together. Be aware, though, that the eText disappears at the end of the semester.

VIII. TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

Any changes to the schedule will be posted on Canvas.

TOPIC(S)	CHAPTER(S)
Key biology concepts/The scientific method	1
The chemical context of life	2
Carbon and the molecular diversity of life	3
A tour of the cell	4
Membrane transport and cell signaling	5
Introduction to metabolism	6
Cellular respiration and fermentation	7
Photosynthesis	8
The cell cycle	9
Meiosis	10
Mendel and the Gene	11
The chromosomal basis of inheritance.	12
The molecular basis of inheritance.	13
Gene Expression	14
Regulation of Gene Expression	15
Development, stem cells, and cancer	16
Viruses	17
Genomes	18

ProctorU Addendum

Calvary University uses ProctorU test proctoring service. ProctorU is a live online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. ProctorU is available 24/7, however, **you will need to schedule your proctoring session at least 72 hours in advance to avoid any on-demand scheduling fees.** Creating a ProctorU account is simple. You can do so by going to <https://go.proctoru.com/students/users/new?institution=2045>.

Students must read all information and comply with all directions below to be successful for their proctored exam experience. Calvary University hopes that students will have a smooth experience, and to decrease student anxiety and increase success, please use this guide to help you plan for your test. Please note that, per ProctorU, there will be penalties for students who miss their testing window. Technical trouble will not be an excuse for missing the window. Therefore, pay attention to all details within this guide, and all links included.

System Requirements: Please see the information below supplied by ProctorU for system requirements. If your computer does not have these capabilities, please consider borrowing a computer as you will still be required to complete the exam using the live proctor system with ProctorU. Please note that you will not be able to take your exam(s) in the Calvary University Library due to the activity that will be picked up in a public place.

In order to use ProctorU, you will need a high-speed internet connection, a webcam (internal or external), a Windows or Apple Operating System, and a government issued photo ID. ProctorU recommends that you visit <https://test-it-out.proctoru.com/> prior to your proctoring session to test your equipment. They recommend you click on the button that says “connect to a live person” to fully test out your equipment. If using Firefox, please make sure that you are using the current version of your Firefox browser and have downloaded the ProctorU extension available at <https://www.proctoru.com/firefox>.

Type	Minimum	Recommended	Calvary University Minimum
Web Camera	640×480 resolution	1280×720 resolution	1280×720 resolution
PC Users	Windows Vista	Windows 10 (10 S is not supported)	same
Mac Users	OS X 10.5 or higher	OS X 10.13 High Sierra	same

Internet Download Speed	.768 Mbps	1.5 Mbps	3 Mbps
Internet Upload Speed	.384 Mbps	1 Mbps	2 Mbps
RAM	1024 MB	2 GB	same
Ports	1935, 843, 80, 443, 61613, UDP/TCP	1935, 843, 80, 443, 61613, UDP/TCP	same

- Desktop computer or laptop (not a tablet, Chromebook or cell phone).
- Webcam and microphone (built-in or external) – test your webcam at <https://test.webrtc.org/>
- Connection to network with sufficient internet speed: at least 3 Mbps download speed and 2 Mbps upload – test internet speed at www.speedtest.net
- Operating systems: Windows Vista or newer, Mac OS X 10.5 – or newer
- Browser with pop-up blocker disabled: Google Chrome v39 or later, Mozilla Firefox v34 or later.

Additionally, please visit and review the test-taker resource center by going to <https://www.proctoru.com/proctoru-live-resource-center>. You should expect the startup process with the proctor to take about 10-15 minutes. However, this time will not affect your exam time. Please feel free to direct any questions to the student support team via the live chat within your account.

******If you have any questions or concerns, contact Proctor U’s technical support team 24/7 via their live chat support at <https://www.proctoru.com/contact-us>**

Costs for ProctorU exams are listed below and are payable to ProctorU at the time of the test. These costs assume that a student will schedule their exam at least 72 hours in advance of the exam start time:

- 60 minutes or less - \$8
- 61 – 120 minutes - \$10
- 121 – 180 minutes - \$12

For those not scheduling an exam at least 72 hours in advance, late scheduling charges are added in addition to the above fee structure. There are two options for late scheduling:

- “Take It Soon” allows a test to be scheduled less than 72 hours but more than 24 hours before the desired start time. This option includes an additional fee of

\$8.00. (Total cost for a 60 minute exam scheduled as “Take It Soon” would be \$16.)

- “Take It Now” allows a test to be taken on-demand with no appointment needed. This option includes an additional fee of \$12.00. (Total cost for a 60 minute exam scheduled as “Take It Now” would be \$20.)

These options are for the convenience of the examinee. Any charges applicable to the examinee must be paid with a credit or debit card. The test taker will be required to enter payment information on a secure page connected to a third-party card processor. The page is encrypted and secure and ProctorU does not see or store any credit card data.

Examinees will be required to re-enter payment information each time new charges are incurred.