

Course Department	BIOL	Course Number	190	Course Credit Hours	3
WNC Catalog Course Description	Covers the structure and function of cells. Included will be the major molecules of life, composition and physiology of cellular organelles, cellular metabolism, reproduction, motility, gene function and related topics. Note: BIOL 190/190L plus BIOL 191/191L transfer to UNR as fulfilling BIOL 190, 191 and 192 requirements.		Course Transferability	This course is designed to apply toward a WNC degree and/or transfer to other schools within the Nevada System of Higher Education, depending on the degree chosen and other courses completed. It may transfer to colleges and universities outside Nevada. For information about how this course can transfer and apply to your program of study, please contact a counselor.	
Minimum Lecture Hours per Week (16 week Semester)	Three hours of Lecture				
Minimum Lecture Hours per Week (8 Week Semester)	Six hours of Lecture.				
Minimum Lecture Hours per Week (3 Week Semester)	16.25 hours of Lecture.				
Pre-Requisite or Co-Requisite Courses (if the latter is applicable)	BIOL 190: Math 96 or higher (excluding Math 120) with a grade of C- or better or corequisite of Math 126 or higher or appropriate score on the WNC placement or equivalent test and corequisite of Biology 190L				
Faculty Comment	BIOL 190 and 190L are enjoying a revival of sorts since (besides being a major's course, a pre-med, pre-dental, pre-physical therapy course) rejoining the ranks of the pre-nursing pre-requisite courses. Many students believe that taking a BIOL course is "easier" than a CHEM or PHYS course. Nothing could be farther from the truth: if the three courses are taught with an integrating eye, it becomes clear early on that one can NOT study BIOL without a fundamental understanding of CHEM and PHYS, nor are the latter two properly studied without integrating BIOL into their lectures.				
Course Topics	All learners will have in-depth knowledge of the language of cellular and molecular biology, animal and plant cellular structure and function: Students will explain fundamental concepts associated with atomic structure, chemical bonding, water chemistry, and pH, and apply these concepts to the functioning of biological systems; Students will identify the basic structures and describe the functions of the four major classes of biological macromolecules and cellular structures, including eukaryotic organelles and membranes (and may include prokaryotic cells and viral particles, as well); Students will describe the processes of cellular transport, signaling, introductory intermediary metabolism, photosynthesis, cell division (mitosis and meiosis), heredity, gene expression and gene regulation and explain their significance to the functioning of biological systems; Students will apply scientific reasoning to draw conclusions from experimentally derived data from the Using a Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism to Predict Bitter-Tasting Ability laboratory experiment.				

<p>General Education Course Goals/Outcomes/Objectives</p>	<p>Upon successful completion of BIOL 190: Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology, (defined as a 75% course score or better) learners will be able to (GESLO = General Education Student Learning Outcome; ISLO = Institutional Student Learning Outcome):</p> <p>Describe and explain the processes of cellular transport, signaling, metabolism, photosynthesis, cell division (mitosis and meiosis), heredity, gene expression and gene regulation and explain their significance to the functioning of biological systems (GESLO #1; ISLO #1);</p> <p>Illustrate and explain the structure and function of animal and plant cells and sub-cellular organelles (GESLO #1, #4; ISLO #1, #4, #7);</p> <p>Illustrate and explain the function of biomolecules at the sub-cellular and cellular level (GESLO #1, #4; ISLO #1, #4, #7);</p> <p>Draw conclusions from experimentally derived data in the laboratory (GESLO #1, #4; ISLO #1, #4, #7).</p> <p>Draw conclusions from experimentally derived data from the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) laboratory experiment (GESLO #1, #4; ISLO #1, #4, #7).</p>
<p>Course Broad-Based Student Learning Outcomes</p>	<p>The objectives of this course are to: 1) Introduce the basic methods and goals of science, especially as they apply to molecular and cell biology. 2) Introduce basic concepts in chemistry that support molecular and cell biology. 3) Introduce the basic structures and functions of cells as the basic units of all living things and as the building blocks of multicellular organisms. 4) Introduce basic biochemistry of cellular respiration and photosynthesis. 5) Introduce the molecular mechanisms and Mendelian principles of inheritance and gene expression.</p>
<p>Student Performance/Assessment Tool[s]</p>	<p>Daily Work Sheets, Laboratory Experiments and/or Exams as described below.</p>
<p>Minimum Studying Time Required (per day! 7 days a week!)</p>	<p>The general rule of thumb in higher academics/education for appropriate student studying time necessary for learning to occur in a college/university transfer course is 3 hours a week for every hour that a student is in lecture and/or lab. For a traditional science lab-based course, that means a minimum of 18 hours ... even better: 3 hours every day of the week. For an 8 week course, that goes up to 6 hours a day. For a three week summer course, you go to class and lab, study and sleep.</p>
<p>Course Linkage to Academic Degree Program[s]</p>	<p>General Education Mission: BIOL 190 is a general education class that promotes the development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will benefit students in their personal and professional endeavors.</p> <p>General Education Student Learning Outcome: Students who successfully complete BIOL 190 satisfy the general education learning outcome of understanding the methods of science and the role of science and technology in the modern world; have problem solving, creative, and critical thinking skills; have effective and efficient learning skills..</p> <p>Program Mission for AA/AS degree: BIOL 190 satisfies the A.A./A.S. degree mission by providing academic knowledge and skills for successful transfer to meet higher educational goals.</p> <p>Program Student Learning Outcomes for AA/AS degree: Students who successfully complete BIOL 190 will know the subject matter appropriate to the emphasis of the degree.</p>

Lecture and Lab Experiment Source	http://www.drcarman.info Dr. Carman uses no traditional textbooks or lab books: this saves the students money and keeps information more fluid and current.
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Grading Scale

96-100% = A 91-95% = A- 87-90% = B+ 83-86% = B 79-82% = B- 75-78% = C Above the minimum course score of 75% is a properly prepared student. 71-74% = D 74% or below for the course is an improperly prepared student. ≤ 70% = F
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NOTE: Review the link for "[The Prisoner's Dilemma](#)", as I'm considering a variation of it for BIOL 190 if "W's" or "Walk-away F's" go above an unspecified, as yet, percentage in the course, cf, also, Section VII of Dr. Carman's Rules

Grade Assignment and Distribution to Required Work

Assignment	Comment(s) (ALL Exams Cumulatively Comprehensive)	Due Dates (ALL Exams Cumulatively Comprehensive)	Points Possible	Points Earned by Student
Lecture Pre-Test (Assessment)	Assessment exams are not returned to students; they are secure exams; you will have 20 minutes in which to complete the exam.	In lecture period, Day 1.	0	
MATH Primer	Must be 100% completed in a neat, readable and orderly manner. The points are all or nothing; no partial credit available.	18 September 2015 upon entry into the classroom prior to 1300 hours.	200	
Final Exam	150 Questions, comprehensive; Dr. Carman's usual exam format	16 th week, during your regular class period	200	
Work sheets	Due at the beginning of the following lecture period; number of worksheets to be determined at faculty's discretion. Will be sent out via email – make certain you're email address in myWNC is correct. Check it regularly on a daily basis.		150	
Lecture Post Test (Assessment)	Assessment exams are not returned to students; they are secure exams; You will have 20 minutes in which to complete the exam.	Completed on Friday during the 16 th week immediately prior to the final exam; RTBA	150	
Department	At professor's discretion	Could be as few as 0 and as many as 25 points; above and beyond the total course points		
Total Possible Points in the Course			700	
To determine your course per cent: [(the points you earned)/700]*100 = your per cent. Compare to the grading scale above to determine your grade.				