

# **CLASS SYLLABUS**

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Course: Biology 1301  
Biology 6301  
Honor's Biology 1304

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## **Supplies**

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the majority of our students being taught through distance learning, I currently have no requirement for supplies. Under normal circumstances I will require the students to keep an interactive notebook with notes and assignments for them to study, so I will create a template for a digital notebook that the student will be required to have as part of their grade.

## **Class Expectations**

Will be updated once we transition to on-campus classes. For now, the only expectation I have for the students are:

1. Give your best effort every day.
2. Complete the daily warm-ups every day, **as they will be used to record attendance.**
3. Be attentive and engaging during our Zoom meetings, and be respectful of the other students who are present in the meetings.
4. **If you do not know or are unsure, please reach out to me for assistance!**

## **Grading Policy**

Grades will be calculated as follows: 40% Formative (classwork, labs, quizzes, etc...)  
50% Summative (exams, projects)  
10% Notebook

## **Homework**

Under normal circumstances, I would assign very little homework and only ask that the students spend just 20 minutes a day reviewing the day's lesson in their notebooks, which I consider as a form of homework.

## **Attendance**

As required by Texas state law, a student must be in attendance at least 90% of the days in which school is in session. Any student who has less than 90% attendance but greater than 75% may receive credit or a final grade for the course if he/she completes a study plan approved by the administration. Should a student attends less than 75% of the classes or fails to complete the plan, they

will be referred to a committee to determine whether extenuating circumstances should be considered in granting the students credit or a final grade.

**Class attendance-** To be counted as present under the current situation of distance learning, the student must take one of three actions:

1. Complete a daily warm-up exercise, or an assignment given by the instructor that day;
2. Interact with the instructor via Zoom meeting;
3. Have direct contact with the instructor by phone.

Refer to page 37 in the Student-Parent Handbook for any additional questions or concerns regarding attendance.