BIOL 2421.624  
Microbiology for Science Majors  
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Start/End Date:  January 21, 2011 – May 16, 2013  
Modality:  Web-Enhanced  
Credits:  4 sch

Course Description:  Students learn specific information and concepts in the classification, structure, cultivation and ecology of microorganisms. Students learn mathematical calculations of growth parameters and the effectiveness of chemotherapeutic agents. Students learn terminology, specific information and concepts of the relationships between microorganisms and human life. Cause and effect relationships between microbial growth and human disease, interpretation of symptomatic and laboratory information in diagnosis of disease, prevention of disease and treatment of disease are stressed. Lab fee required.

Pre-Requisites:  A minimum grade of “C” in BIOL 1406 and BIOL 1407, or BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402, or CHEM 1311 and BIOL 1406 or BIOL 2401.

Scans:  1, 3, 6, 9

Course goals:  This course deals with microorganisms and how they cause disease. During this course, you will:
1. Learn how microorganisms live and reproduce.  
2. Learn the basic principles and techniques of genetic engineering.  
3. Learn the principles and terminology of disease.  
4. Learn how microorganisms cause disease.  
5. Learn the basics and applications of immunology.  
6. Learn the causes and treatments of communicable diseases of today.

Textbooks:  
Textbook:  Microbiology: An Introduction, 11th ed., by Tortora, Funke, & Case  
Lab Book:  Microbiology: Laboratory Theory and Application, 3rd ed., by Leboffe & Pierce

Grading and evaluation:  
Five lecture exams  (500 pts)  
Final exam  (200 pts)  
Project  (100 pts)  
Four lab practicals  (200 pts)  
Unknown  (100 pts)
Grades will be based on a percentile scale. At the end of the semester, earned points will be divided by the total number of possible points and multiplied by 100 to give a final average percentile score.

A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%, F = Below 60%

A comprehensive make-up exam will be given to replace a missed exam. If a family crisis, sever illness, or other emergency causes you to miss an exam, it is your responsibility to make arrangements for a make-up exam to be taken before the next class meeting following the exam, OR you may take the comprehensive make-up at the end of the semester. These are the only two choices.

**Attendance:** Attendance is vital to your success in this class. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class period. Therefore, it is necessary that you be on time.

**TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE**

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Special Information: Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. If a student is suspected of cheating/plagiarism, they will be subject to being dropped from the course with a grade of “F.” Cell phones and pagers should be turned off during all class times.

Special Needs: Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library): The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC’s catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the “Ask a Librarian” service provide additional help.

Student E-Mail: Please access your Odessa College student email by following the link to either set up or update your account: https://www.odessa.edu/gmail/. All assignments and/or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

Technical Support: For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability or student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm

Important School Policies: For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students’ and instructors’ right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.
LAB PARTNERS: You will always work in pairs and sometimes in ‘fours’, so choose a lab partner before classes begin if you can.

LAB RULES: You will be working with live micro-organisms in this lab. For your own safety and the safety of everyone in the lab you will follow the rules and procedures of aseptic technique at all times. Your instructor will educate you in aseptic technique during the first lab. If you miss that first lab you will not be allowed to participate in any future lab until you have been tutored in these techniques. You will receive a lab coat to use during the semester and you must wear it at all times when you are in the lab unless the instructor tells you otherwise. Please note and follow these additional lab rules:

1. No food or drink allowed at any time.
2. If you have long hair, tie it back.
3. Do not wear dangling jewelry, scarves, ties or strings in the lab.
4. At the beginning of each lab session, wash your hands thoroughly (minimum 30 seconds) and repeat this procedure at the end of each lab before you leave.
5. Do not wander around the lab. This will be a full lab with every lab bench and seat occupied and you will need to be diligent not to bump into others and cause spills or other accidents.
6. Cell phones are to be turned off except when taking pictures during designated class times. Cell phones are distracting and you are not paying attention if you are texting or talking on the phone and could, therefore, cause an accident. Accordingly, you may be dismissed from class at the sole determination of the instructor if your cell phone rings during lab.

ATTENDANCE/GRADING: The laboratory portion of Microbiology will involve working with one or more partners and sharing a hands-on experience with live micro-organisms. Participation in all laboratory classes is mandatory in order to fully meet course requirements. Any absence will affect your partner and affect your success in the course. So do your best to be in class on time, every time.

Four lab exams (practicals) will be given. Due to the extensive setup required for lab practicals, there can be no make-up exams. You will also have an unknown project. The point total you earn on these four exams and your project will account for approximately 30% of your Microbiology course grade.

Course Syllabus: read your course Syllabus for other important information.
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