Goal of Discussion Section: This discussion section is meant to enhance student understanding of concepts presented in lecture. I believe that the best way to learn science is to interact with the material and with your classmates, so come to class ready to participate in group activities and discussions.

Enrollment: Students must attend the lecture and discussion section in which they are enrolled. Adds must be completed through WebReg. For assistance with course enrollment, contact BioSci Student Affairs (http://students.bio.uci.edu).

What to Bring to Class: Textbook, class notes, and required materials posted on the discussion website. All discussion materials will be posted to the “Class Files” section of the website by 10 PM Wednesday.

Discussion Assignments and Grading: There are 20 points associated with discussion section (10% of your final course grade). Points will be allocated as follows:

18 points: Students will be given 7 graded assignments worth 3 points each. I will keep the 6 highest scores. You must answer at least half of the questions correctly to receive full credit. Graded assignments will occur randomly throughout the quarter, and may be in the form of quizzes, group activities and worksheets. Assignments may occasionally be web-based through EEE.

2 points: Students will receive one point each for completing a mid-quarter and final teaching evaluation.

You will not be able to make-up missed assignments, nor will extra time be given to students who arrive late. There is no extra credit given for Bio93. If you are unable to attend a discussion section and miss a graded assignment, the first instance will be counted as your dropped score without a negative consequence on your grade. To benefit from and do well on the assignments, you must be up-to-date on your reading and review of lecture material.

Attendance: Attending discussion section is for your benefit, and I am here to help you understand the course material. If you do not come to class, you will not be able to earn points that may be associated with the day’s discussion.

Classroom Etiquette: Please arrive to class on time. Silence and put away your cell phone and other electronic media. I strongly suggest leaving your laptop in your bag, as it can get in the way when working in groups. If you do use a laptop, it must be used for note-taking only. Drinks are okay, but please finish all food before class.

Office Hours and Meetings: Students should make use of office hours to get additional clarification on course material from both lecture and discussion section. Students may attend office hours of any Bio93 TA from lectures A and B. If you want to meet with me and are unable to attend my office hours due to class or work, please talk with me to arrange a meeting.

How to Contact Me: E-mail is the best way to contact me. I will respond to your e-mail within 24 hours. If you do not hear back from me after that time, feel free to forward the e-mail back to me. When writing to me, please use your UCI e-mail address, put “Bio93” and your discussion section (B10, B11, or B12) in the subject line, and clearly sign your full name. I will occasionally e-mail the entire class, and the e-mail will be sent to your address on file with the registrar. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail often, and ensure the accuracy of your address on file.

Academic Honesty: Refer to http://www.editor.uci.edu/catalogue/appx/appx.2.htm for UCI’s policy concerning academic dishonesty (examples provided). Ignorance is not an acceptable defense. Cheating in this course will not be tolerated and will be dealt with appropriately.