Fall 2012 Bio 93 Syllabus

Meeting Time

Friday
D13: 1:00pm to 1:50pm
D14: 2:00pm to 2:50pm
D15: 3:00pm to 3:50pm

Instructor

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Email is the best way to contact me, as I usually respond within 12-24 hours. When you email, please use your UCI e-mail address. On nights before the exam, I cannot guarantee email response after 11pm.

Class Websites

https://eee.uci.edu/12f/05273 (discussion website for all sections)
https://eee.uci.edu/12f/05240 (course website)

Course Guidelines and Requirements

Goal
The goal of this discussion section is to help you understand the concepts and apply the information you are learning in the Bio 93 lecture course. Since discussion sections are smaller than your large lecture course, we will be able to interact and not only will you be able to learn from me, but also your fellow classmates.

Enrollment
Students may only ADD or DROP through WebReg, and you must attend the lecture and discussion section in which you are enrolled. I cannot sign add/drop cards, so any further questions you have regarding enrollment, please contact Carolyn Willman (ccwillma@uci.edu) in BioSci Student Affairs (949-824-4699).

Participation
Since discussion sections are smaller than the actual lecture course, we will often be working in small groups of approximately 3-4 students. There will be times when your group may be asked to present answers to in-class assignments, however, there will be no formal presentation assignment for the quarter. All students are expected to be active participants in discussion; you can learn a lot from each other!

Attendance and Lateness Policy
Be on time! It is important that you arrive to discussion section on time since we only have 50 minutes together, once a week. If you happen to arrive a few minutes late (no more than 10); please enter the room quietly and do not disrupt those already at work. Tardiness is not only disrespectful to me and your classmates, but it also prevents you from receiving the maximum benefits of discussion.

Attendance is required but not verified -- I don't take attendance after the first day. NOTE: If you don't
come on a day of a graded assignment, you have missed that opportunity to earn some of your points. Participation is part of your grade, the more discussion sections you attend, the more chances you have to participate and earn full participation credit. Obviously, emergencies happen. You don't need to let me know if you are missing a discussion.

What to bring
- Textbook
- Lecture Notes
- Printed Copies of Worksheets or Handouts (posted on website no later than 10:00 PM the Thursday before we meet for discussion section -- there won’t be a worksheet every week).

Discussion section is meant to help you learn the materials covered in lecture. If there is something you don’t understand, then you need to ask me! I am here to help you understand the information in the course, and I welcome any and all questions regarding course material.

Internet Access
For discussion, you will need internet access to the discussion website (listed above). I will post in-class assignments and important information on the website, and I expect you to print any items you may need for discussion that week. If you are unable to get internet access at home, please use the computer lab in the library. If you do not come prepared with the necessary worksheets/handouts, you may lose points for the day if I chose to collect the assignment.

Academic Honesty
Academic dishonesty can result in a failing grade for the course, and a letter can be placed in your academic file. This course will abide by UCI’s policies, which do not allow cheating, dishonest conduct, plagiarism, or collusion. Please see the UCI Academic Senate definitions of these terms: http://www.editor.uci.edu/catalogue/appx/appx.2.htm#academic

Cell Phones
Cell phones that ring in the middle of class are rude and distracting. Cell phone usage, text messaging and/or IM’ing during class is also rude and will not be allowed. TURN YOUR CELL PHONES OFF BEFORE CLASS!

Course Grading
Discussion is worth 20 points of the total course grade for Bio 93. Points will be distributed as follows:

1pt: Fill out BOTH the mid-quarter and end-of quarter teaching evaluations on EEE
15pt: Pop-quizzes or in-class assignments. There will be around six pop-quizzes or surprise collections of in-class assignments throughout the quarter. Each will be worth three points, and your lowest score will be dropped at the end of the quarter. There is not extra credit so even if you complete all 6 quizzes/assignments with perfect scores, the maximum points you can earn will be 15 points.
4pt: Homework assignments. This will either be one larger assignment worth 4 points or two smaller assignments worth two points each. These will be assigned to you in class and will be due the following discussion section.

There will be no make-up quizzes or assignments throughout the quarter, so make sure you attend discussion! I am looking forward to exploring the material in Bio 93 with all of you, and though I expect hard work and active participation, I believe that you will learn a lot from this course and have some fun studying science!