

BIOL 1050 LAB-SPRING 2018



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Office Hours: before lab, or after, are times to meet, or email me to set up an appt., otherwise I will try to be in my office Tues. 1-2 p.m.

Contact Information: schanningsantiago@ucdavis.edu (best) or (209) 634-5837 (wrk#), 8am-5pm (worst) I do not check CSUS email as frequently, please use the email address listed above.

Required Materials: 'Symbiosis' Lab Manual (only available in the Bookstore)
Notepaper – or write in the manual, Calculator – some are available in lab, you can use your phone during labs *for calculating or as a timer only...*

Blackboard site: I will post lab information for my section on the Blackboard site. Check it often, I will occasionally email when something specific needs your attention on Blackboard.

Lab Safety Contract: We will discuss the Lab Safety at the first meeting, sign a contract, and specific items will be highlighted before and/or during each lab.

Quizzes/Lab Write ups/Exams:

- There will be a 10 point quiz every week, starting Week 3, lab 2. Each quiz will cover previous week's lab exercises and test your preparation for the current week.
- Your lowest quiz score out of 11 quizzes, will be dropped.
- Lab write-ups are usually due the following week after they are assigned. Be sure to follow your instructor's directions when doing the write-ups. Write-ups are due at the beginning of class. (Format to be discussed in class and posted on Blackboard.)



<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>
Quizzes (10 x 10 points)	100
Lab Write-ups (2 x 50 points)	100
Lab Final Practical Exam	50
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TOTAL POINTS



Attendance:

Attendance is required. Do not enroll in this class if you have conflicts or other commitments during your lab period.

Excused absences:

1. illness documented by a physician (personal illness or a child's illness, or emergencies due to pregnancy)
2. documented jury duty or military duty
3. CSU Stanislaus athletics games (documented by coach; doesn't include team practice)

Missed quizzes **can** be made up if the absence is excused but you must e-mail me that week regarding a make-up quiz. If I don't hear from you promptly, you get a zero grade. During the first few minutes of each class period we will discuss the day's activities and take the quiz, so tardiness will hurt your grade.

There will be no make ups for missed labs. You are responsible for getting the information, notes, data, if you miss a lab. Generally there is not switching between the labs, however, if you know of an absence, let me know to see if you can fit into one of the other labs.

Lab Reports

You will be performing these lab exercises with a partner or as a group, but the lab reports will be written **independently**. You are allowed to share data and discuss concepts and results with your classmates, but **the lab report must be written in your own words**. You will submit an electronic copy of your lab reports through email, in MS Word format. GoogleDocs are acceptable as long as the format is in MS Word. Your instructor has access to software programs that detect plagiarism, **so it is critical that you produce a lab report that is written completely in your own words** (even the methods section must be written in your own words, not copied from the lab manual). **Plagiarism will earn a zero grade. Two instances of plagiarism will earn an F grade in the course.**

Lab reports are due at the beginning of your lab section, in the week indicated. Late submissions are penalized 10 points per day. The expectations regarding each lab report will be discussed in that class meeting, and explicit instructions will be provided and available on Blackboard.

Student Conduct:

Plan on working with a partner or group. Most labs will run the full three hours. Attendance is required. Attendance will be considered when rounding your grades up or down. Do not leave the classroom in the middle of a discussion. **Please do not use cell phones, iPods, or other electronic devices during class.** Computers are only allowed in class as a tool for note taking or **specific** class exercises.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – If you are a student with a documented disability, please meet with me privately as soon as possible so we can arrange the accommodations that will foster your success in this course.

TUTORING ON CAMPUS – Free tutoring services are available to assist you in most disciplines, including in biology! Library 112; Phone (209) 667-3642; Web <http://www.csustan.edu/Tutoring>

CAMPUS COUNSELING SERVICES – Overwhelmed by the stress of juggling classes and your home life? Our campus offers excellent counseling services to help support you, and you've already paid for it! MSR 210; Phone (209) 667-3381; Web <http://www.csustan.edu/Counseling/>