

2017-2018 COURSE SYLLABUS
ZOOLOGY

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Text: *Zoology, 10e*
Location: ST 7

Course Description:

This course serves as introduction to the animal kingdom, beginning with the earliest forms moving into current species. In addition to the species themselves, the course covers their evolution, ecology, natural history, anatomy, physiology, and interactions with humans. These topics will be investigated through a combination of lecture, research, dissection, and field study.

Course Schedule (subject to alterations as required):

Semester 1: Chapters 1, 2-7, 9, 11, 14-16

Semester 2: Chapters 17-29

Grading:

Total points accumulated over a grading period will determine grades. I have never given a grade, they are ALWAYS EARNED! The distribution of points will be:

- Exams: 50%, Exams will given at the end of each chapter
- Quizzes: 20%, Quizzes will be given weekly, often on Thursday
- Lab: 20%, Investigations will be done to reinforce material learned in lecture
- Homework: 10%, Homework will be assigned at the beginning of each chapter and collected at the completion of the chapter.

Required Materials:

- Pen/Pencil, whichever you choose
- Notebook, one separate for this course is strongly recommended

Instructor Expectations/Philosophies/Etc.

- This course includes potentially hazardous labs and/or experimentations. Lab safety will be addressed in a separate document/presentation. Violation of laboratory safety procedures will result in immediate removal from the class and a zero on all related assignments as well as further disciplinary action!
- I do not give grades, you earn them
- Homework is not for showing me what you know. Homework is for you to practice and ASK QUESTIONS. Quizzes and exams show me what you know.
- My classroom is for learning; becoming all you can be. A step along the path to the greatness God has planned for you. It is not a place to sit and do nothing! You may not simply convert oxygen into carbon dioxide!
- You have a list of Lima Central Catholic rules, I expect that you understand them.
- My classroom has one standing rule: RESPECT. For me, for your peers, and most importantly FOR YOURSELF.