

Biol 226 Microbial Biology and Diversity Fall 2009 Course Information and Syllabus

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Lecture:	Room 130-TCNW
Corequisite:	BIOL 227
Required Text	The Microbial World: A look at all things small This is an online textbook. You may purchase your subscription at: http://www.microbiologytext.com/

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of this course is to strengthen your understanding and appreciation of important groups of bacteria by studying their morphological, biochemical and growth characteristics. The course will provide a survey of the overall scope of microbiology. Students who successfully complete this course should be able to understand the relationships between microbiology, public health, the environment and society.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is required. Success in this course is correlated with punctual and regular attendance. Please turn off your cell phone (and/or beeper) or set it to vibrate.

EMAIL:

The instructor may need to contact the student or the entire class outside the classroom time. The email address assigned by the university will be used for this purpose.

GRADING:

Three (3) scheduled 60 minute examinations will be given throughout the semester. Each exam will cover approximately 25% of the total course material. The fourth exam will be given during finals week. It will cover the last 25% of course material AND critical concepts that were covered throughout the semester. Exams will contain questions with various formats: short answer, fill in the blank, essay, acceptable-unacceptable and matching. A current event news story may be included as a reading section on an exam.

To answer the questions pertaining to the news article, students must draw upon the concepts discussed in class. Dates for examinations are as follows: Exam I, September 24; Exam II, October 22; Exam III, November 19; Final Examination, Thursday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m., TCNW 130. Quizzes and Assignments will be given periodically throughout the semester. Due dates for the assignments will be announced in class and they will be posted on the course blackboard site. The point value for each quiz/assignment will vary but the total points available for each category is shown below.

Exam I	100 pts
Exam II	100 pts
Exam III	100 pts
Exam IV	150 pts
Quizzes	100 pts
Assignments	50 pts

Total Points Possible 600 pts

Final Grade = Total points earned divided by the total number of possible points (i.e. 600) then multiply by 100. The letter grade will be determined according to the scale shown below

GRADING SCALE:

A: 90-100% B: 80-89%, C: 70-79%, D: 60-69%, F: less than 60%

MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS:

Students should make every effort to attend and complete all examinations. A student will be allowed to complete a make-up examination provided the following criteria are met: 1) the student informs the instructor the he/she will be absent from the examination **prior to the start of the examination** 2) the student provides sufficient **written proof** that their absence from the examination was unavoidable and 3) the student completes the make-up examination at a time agreeable with the instructor **within five (5) regularly scheduled school days for the hourly examinations or within 24 hours for the final examination**. If any of the above criteria are not met the student will receive a zero (0) for the examination. For any examination given outside the normal examination period the instructor reserves the privilege to administer any examination of his choosing. This typically means that make-up examinations are of the "essay" format.

NOTE: The best way to contact the instructor is at 745-6910, the voice mail system will automatically record the time and date of the telephone call.

POSTING OF EXAMINATION RESULTS:

Examination results or final grades will **not** be given out over the telephone. All examination, quiz and assignment results will be available to the student at the Ecourses site: <http://ecourses.wku.edu>. Please login as directed on the page. You may (and should) change your password by clicking on the Student Tools option. Grades are available under Student Tools.

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Students should check the ecourses web site regularly for announcements, supplementary material and assignments pertaining to this course.

ADD /DROP /WITHDRAWAL

The instructor will not drop from the class register any student who is included in the official class register.

It is the **responsibility of the student** to take any action regarding course enrollment. Credit for this course will not be changed to Audit after the university designated deadline for enrollment changes has passed..

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM

This course adheres to the University policy on cheating and plagiarism. These activities will not be tolerated and could result in your dismissal from the course and/or the University.

Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services, in DUC A-200 of the Student Success Center in Downing University Center. The telephone number is (270) 745-5004 V/TDD. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.