

## Biol 112: Diversity of Life

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Labs: JBB 119/122

Website: <http://moodle.stfx.ca>

Use your webFX userid and password  
[the same as your StFX email]

Questions or Need Help?

Talk to Dr. Wyeth or one of your lab  
instructors.

Textbook (same as Biol 111)

Campbell and Reece, 2011. Biology, 9<sup>th</sup> ed.  
Pearson.Toronto. **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ed. are OK!**

Lab Manual

Available from lab instructors  
**before your first lab.** Cost: \$13

### Evaluation

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|-----------------|---------------------|-----|--|
| Lecture         | Midterm Exam        | 15% | Feb 15; in lecture                     |
| (subtotal: 55%) | Lecture Final Exam  | 40% | Date TBA; in gym                       |
| Lab             | Pre-Lab Quizzes     | 2%  | Weekly; <b>on Moodle</b>               |
| (subtotal: 40%) | Lab Assignments     | 5%  | During lab throughout term             |
|                 | Post-Lab Quizzes    | 3%  | Weekly; <b>on Moodle</b>               |
|                 | Writing Assignments | 7%  | Dates TBA; In lab and <b>on Moodle</b> |
|                 | Taxon of the Week   | 3%  | Weekly; In lab and <b>on Moodle</b>    |
|                 | Lab Final Exam      | 20% | Apr 5, 7 pm; Location TBA              |
| Participation   | various activities  | 5%  | Throughout term; <b>on Moodle,</b>     |

*\* average of 55% across Biol 111 & 112 is required to continue in biology programs.*

### Missed Exams & Quizzes; Late Assignments

Missed grade items receive **zero** unless a valid excuse is provided to the Dean's Office  
(**see Valid Excuses below**), OR arrangements are made **at least 2 weeks in advance**.  
Late assignments are **NOT** accepted!!! No extensions without a valid excuse.

### Absences

You are expected to attend all lectures, all labs, and complete all assignments and exams.  
Unexcused absentees from labs **will be reported to the Dean**.

### Students with Disabilities

In addition to working with the Program for Students with Disabilities, **you must identify** yourself to both Dr. Wyeth and your Lab Instructor within the first week of class. For more information: [http://sites.stfx.ca/accessible\\_learning/](http://sites.stfx.ca/accessible_learning/)

### English as a Second Language

This course is taught, tested, and graded in English. If you English is not your first language **you must identify** yourself to both Dr. Wyeth and your Lab Instructor within the first week of class. ESL students are **strongly encouraged** to enrol in the Leap 3 program. <http://sites.stfx.ca/writingcentre/LEAP>

### Classroom Equity

This course must be a safe learning environment for all students. Accordingly, no one shall be discriminated against or harassed. If at any point you feel you are the subject of either discrimination or harassment, please notify your professor, lab instructor, or contact the StFX Human Rights and Equity Advisor. <http://sites.stfx.ca/equity/>

### Writing Centre

A portion of your course grade depends on a written report, and good writing **will** improve your grade on the report. Students are **strongly encouraged** to use the Writing Centre's programs to improve their writing skills (useful far beyond this class!)

Writing Essentials: [http://www.sites.stfx.ca/writingcentre/writing\\_essentials](http://www.sites.stfx.ca/writingcentre/writing_essentials)

eXcel: <http://www.sites.stfx.ca/writingcentre/eXcel>

### Group Work

We actively encourage group discussion and study. However all exams, quizzes, assignments and reports must be **your own work**.

### Cheating and Plagiarism

You must adhere to academic integrity standards. Cheating, data fabrication or plagiarism will be punished as per official policy. [http://sites.stfx.ca/registrar\\_office/academic\\_integrity](http://sites.stfx.ca/registrar_office/academic_integrity)

*Plagiarism is the misrepresentation of another's ideas, words, or other work as one's own, plagiarism, and is a form of theft. Types of plagiarism may include: paraphrasing or re-arranging another's words without proper acknowledgement, or using material from the Internet, a database, a book, a journal, or any other source without attribution.*

### Grades

All grades are based on the items set out in the syllabus and it is your responsibility to **check** the grades recorded in Moodle are accurate. During the term, special consideration will be made for deaths in the family, illness, or severe personal circumstances that affect your performance on specific items, if a **valid excuse** is provided. Several accommodations are possible, including (but not limited to) deferred exams or papers, changes to grade weighting, etc. Otherwise, grades can only be changed by a re-grade of the item (i.e. your mark may go up or it may go down). You must request a re-grade of any specific item within a week of the grade being made available to you.

### Valid Excuses

For deaths in the family or illness contact the Dean's office (with a doctor's note in the case of illness) who will then forward an official excuse to Dr. Wyeth. For other special personal circumstances, contact Dr. Wyeth or your Lab Instructor as early as possible, preferably before the exam date or assignment due date.

### No Extra Credit

There is **no possibility whatsoever** of extra credit to increase your mark either during the term or after the final exam. Anyone receiving a final course grade of 49% will **automatically** have their final exam re-graded.

### Concerned About Your Grade?

If you are concerned about achieving a specific grade in this course to meet a program requirement you **must contact Dr. Wyeth during the term**, before the final exam.

**Remember the Website! Everything in this course is coordinated through Moodle.**