

Biol 342: Invertebrate Zoology

Professor

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Lectures: A block

Labs: Monday, 2:15 – 5:05, JBB 407

Website

<http://moodle.stfx.ca>

Userid/Password = WebFX userid/password
i.e. same as your email id & password!

Textbook

Pechenik (2014) Biology of the Invertebrates, 7th ed.

Office Hours

JBB 222

by appointment or drop in:

Mon 9:15 – 11:05

Tues 9:15 – 10:05

Wed 9:15 – 11:05

No Lab Manual

Lab Guides will be posted
on the website

Questions or Need Help?

Talk to Dr. Wyeth

Course Goals

- Have fun (with biology)
- Learn to think critically
- Understand the diversity of invertebrate animals
- Communicate about invertebrate animals
- Appreciate the breadth of biological adaptation in invertebrates, including their, morphology, behaviours, ecology, etc.

Assessment and Evaluation

Lecture Midterm	15%
Lecture Final	30%
Lab Notebook	15%
Lab Quiz	5%
Lab Final	20%
QHED	10%
Participation (lecture, lab, online, field trips)	5%

Exams

Final lecture and lab exams are cumulative, but emphasize post-midterm/quiz material.

Field Trips

Two field trips are mandatory. One will be on a weekend, the other during lab time. A third optional field trip is available if you miss either of the first two.

Lab Notebooks & QHED Assignments

Both are an important component of your course mark. See instructions on the website.

Missed Exams & Quizzes; Late Assignments and Reports

Receive **zero** unless a valid medical excuse with signed doctor's certificate is provided, OR arrangements are made **at least 2 weeks in advance**.

Participation

Participation marks depend on your contributions to lecture (see separate instructions on website), lab, field trips and any online activities posted on the website.

Group Work

Group discussion and study is encouraged. However all exams, quizzes, assignments and reports must be **your own work** unless otherwise specified.

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, please 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/

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 or contact the StFX Human Rights and Equity Advisor. <http://sites.stfx.ca/equity/>

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/registrars_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.

Grading Policy

All grades are based on the items in the syllabus. Student must **check** the grades recorded in Moodle are accurate. Special consideration will be made for deaths in the family, illness, or severe personal circumstances that affect your performance on specific items, if **documentation** is provided. Several accommodations are possible, including (but not limited to) deferred exams or papers, heavier weighting of other course items, etc.

Otherwise, grades on specific items can only be changed by a regrade of the item (i.e. your mark may go up or it may go down). You must request a regrade of any item within a week of the grade being made available to you. Anyone receiving a final course grade of 48 or 49% will **automatically** have their final exam regraded.

Visit the course website [<http://moodle.stfx.ca>] for:

- Course announcements
- Important Dates
- Lecture guides (download before lecture!)
- Lecture slides
- Assignment instructions
- Grades
- Lab guides (MUST download and read before lab!)
- Links to cool websites
- Study tips
- i.e. EVERYTHING