Course Objectives: Biology 1306 is the first of two courses designed to provide a thorough introduction to biological science. The goal of the course is that students learn important facts about the natural world and understand the significance of these facts within the context of major biological concepts.

Student Learning Outcomes: After this class, you should be able to...

- Define biology and evolution
- Comprehend and apply the scientific process
- Describe a cell, its parts, how it uses energy (respiration and photosynthesis), its’ processes of replication (mitosis and meiosis), and the relevance of those things to patterns of inheritance (genetics)
- Understand the significance of biology to you and your life
- Apply the knowledge you have acquired to make educated decisions as a member of society

Required Textbook and Other Materials:
2. Echo360 (Formerly Turning Technology) NXT or QT2 Student Response device (plus Echo360 account and license): available in the bookstore or on the Turning Technologies website. [https://account.turningtechnologies.com/account/](https://account.turningtechnologies.com/account/)

Grading:

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*Homework grade can replace the lowest regular exam score (final not included).
Grading: Letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

- A = above 89.5
- B = 79.5 – 89.49
- C = 69.5 – 79.49
- D = 59.5 – 69.49
- F = Below 59.5

All of your course grades will be in Canvas, so you will be able to view your current course grade at any time. Please be aware that I cannot give you EXTRA CREDIT or WORK at the end of the semester. Your average shown in Canvas will determine your final grade in the course. At the end of the semester, grades will be calculated in Canvas according to the syllabus. If your average is within 0.5 points of the next letter grade, I will round it up automatically (see grade scale above). The only other adjustment that will be made is if the final percentage is WITHIN ONE POINT of the next letter grade (and NO more), and the student has missed THREE OR FEWER LECTURES, TWO or FEWER WEEKLY QUIZZES and has a CLASS PARTICIPATION GRADE OF 80% or HIGHER. If you meet these criteria, then I will round up to the next letter grade. (Mitigating circumstances will be taken into account at the discretion of the instructor).

Exam policy: There will be four exams during the semester. The first three are regular exams consisting of approximately 50 questions (2pt each), while the fourth exam will be a comprehensive final that will consist of approximately 100 questions (1.5pt each). All exams will be multiple-choice questions. The comprehensive exam will contain new and old content (terminology seen on all old exams). The majority of questions will be taken from the lecture content. All exams will be taken in person and will require the use of the clicker device (NXT or QT2 models). Be warned that I typically DO NOT curve exams, so don’t bother to ask!

Make-up Exams: If you are unable to take an exam when scheduled due to unforeseen illnesses, deaths in the family, or other traumatic events, contact me within 24 hours of the event to schedule a make-up exam. Please provide documentation (letters from family are NOT acceptable) of the events that may conflict with exam dates. I will work with you to schedule a makeup exam.

If you are unable to take an exam as scheduled for some sort of non-emergency issue, then you must let me know well in ADVANCE. Students who fail to make timely arrangements will most likely receive a grade of “0” for the exam missed.

Quizzes: There will be at least 7 quizzes during the semester (potentially as many as 14). There will be individual and group quizzes this semester. There will be both in-class and online (posted on CANVAS) quizzes for you to complete during the semester. For each quiz (both individual and group), you will have 10-15 minutes to complete each quiz. For those quizzes taken during class time, if you arrive at class after a quiz has started, you will only have the time remaining on the quiz clock to complete your quiz. For quizzes you take online, you will have points deducted for going over the time allotted for each quiz. Each quiz will be worth 10 points. Only your top 7 highest quiz scores will count toward your grade. If you miss a quiz for ANY reason (including illness and excused travel absences), that quiz will be counted as one of the dropped scores. There will be NO make-up quizzes.

For online quizzes please make sure you are using a computer that is on a RELIABLE Internet connection. If you are knocked offline while taking a quiz, I may have to clear the quiz before another attempt can be made. If this happens, simply email me as soon as it happens and I will clear your attempt. Keep in mind that if you start the quiz with only a few minutes left before it closes, I will not be able to clear your response, and you will get a “0” for the attempt.
MasteringBiology (Potential Exam Replacement Score): During the semester you will be assigned chapter readings and homework questions to complete during the semester. The grades for the homework assignments can be used to replace your lowest regular exam (not including the final exam) during the semester. Announcements will be made in class and posted on Canvas when they are due. These assignments will be using the MasteringBiology (www.masteringbiology.com) that comes with the textbook you purchase. This software will also allow you very valuable tools to use while you study for the course. MasteringBiology will provide you with tutorials and activities that integrate art from the textbook, and hopefully, aid in your comprehension of the topics covered. You will need the following code to register for this class: (See the Courses Canvas Page)

Group Projects: You will be assigned to a group of five this semester to complete two projects. These assignments will be worth a total of 100 possible points (50 per project). For each assignment, you will have to create an infographic on a particular topic (list to be provided) and submit it for a group grade. Your final score on the group project will also include a team assessment that you must complete on your team members. Grades on these group projects may vary depending on how active you are in the planning, creating, and submission of the final projects. More detail on this assignment will be posted on CANVAS and will be discussed in class within the first week of the semester.

CANVAS: Students should log onto Canvas ASAP and carefully read all announcements. Canvas and student email should be checked DAILY for new announcements or messages. On Canvas you will find lecture outlines, reviews for exams, videos, discussion board posts, and much more that will be very helpful for you as you take this course. You will also have quizzes posted throughout the semester under the module sections (labeled Quizzes). Announcements will be posted when these quizzes are active for you to take. Another really helpful tool is that all course grades will be in Canvas, so students will be able to view and calculate current course grades at any time.

Echo360 (formerly Turning Technology) Clickers: For this course, you will need to purchase an NXT or QT2 clicker AND create an Echo 360 (Turning Account) with a subscription from Echo 360. This clicker will be used to answer questions during the semester and for taking exams. During the semester you will be responsible for bringing to class the Turning Technologies Response Pad (NXT or QT2 Clicker) to answer questions during the lecture, as well as to take attendance for each class period. At the end of the semester, student responses will be used to assign clicker points (15pts) at the end of the semester. These clickers are also required to take all of the exams during the semester; without the right clicker, you will not be able to complete the exams.

Visit: https://account.turningtechnologies.com/account/ to create an account. Make sure to use your UT TYLER email (@patriots.uttyler.edu) to create this account. The link is also posted under the Modules tab on Canvas. The NXT or QT2 response systems MUST be used to take the exams. During regular class time, if you forget your clicker, you can download the app (Point Solutions) to use on any Android or iPhone to use as the clicker.

It is your responsibility to remember to bring your clicker to every class.

You will need to make sure to purchase a response pad within the first few days of class.
Attendance/Participation: Attendance and participation are essential to success in this class. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact another student (not the instructor) to get notes and other announcements made during class. Your attendance will be recorded by answering the clicker questions during each class period. For attempting to answer your questions you will receive points for participating, and at the end of the semester will earn participation points (15 pts). This will be calculated based on the number of clicker questions you were there to attempt.

Academic Integrity: Students should be aware that absolute academic integrity is expected of every student in all undertakings at The University of Texas at Tyler. Failure to comply can result in strong university-imposed penalties. Be forewarned that possession of anything containing course content will be considered cheating, whether or not you actually refer to it during the exam. Also, be aware that TALKING during an EXAM to anyone other than the instructor or proctor will automatically be considered cheating. It does not matter what you were talking about. This includes the use of cell phones (even if they call YOU) or any other electronic device that could be used to record test material. Violation of this policy will be considered cheating and treated accordingly. Penalties for cheating include anything from a zero on the exam or quiz during which the cheating occurred, up to an F for the course in question, at the discretion of the instructor.

Use of an AI Generator such as ChatGPT, iA Writer, MidJourney, DALL-E, etc. is explicitly prohibited unless otherwise noted by the instructor. The information derived from these tools is based on previously published materials. Therefore, using these tools without proper citation constitutes plagiarism. Additionally, be aware that the information derived from these tools is often inaccurate or incomplete. It is imperative that all work submitted should be your own. Any assignment that is found to have been plagiarized or to have used unauthorized AI tools may receive a zero and/or be reported for academic misconduct.

Supplemental Instruction (SI): Group study sessions are offered several times per week, led by specially trained students. Students that participate in these sessions regularly score significantly higher on exams, so attend whenever possible. Session schedules are posted on Canvas and will be announced regularly in a class by your SI Leader.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

UT Tyler Honor Code: Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Students Rights and Responsibilities: To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www2.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php

Campus Carry: We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php

UT Tyler Tobacco-Free Policy: All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all
members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.

- Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.
- There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free

**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:** Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three-course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

**State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:** Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

**Disability/Accessibility Services:** In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Tyler at Texas offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or
accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance: Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second-class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities: If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement: It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation: Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standard of Academic Conduct: Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

1. “Cheating: includes, but is not limited to:
   o Copying from another student’s test paper;
   o Using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
   o Failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
   o Possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person administering the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
   o Using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
   o Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
   o Discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
o Divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;

o Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;

o Paying of offering money or other valuable things to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about the unadministered test, test key, home solution, or computer program;

o Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;

o Taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and

o Misrepresenting facts includes providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

2. “Plagiarism:” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by other means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

3. “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

4. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

**Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories**

It is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure a healthy and successful year. UT Tyler continues to urge you to protect yourselves against the flu, COVID and any new threats that may be developing. Be diligent about preventive measures such as washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, social distancing and vaccinations, which have proven to be successful in slowing the spread of viruses. Encourage those who don’t feel well to stay home, and if they show symptoms, ask them to get tested for the flu or COVID. Self-isolation is important to reduce exposure ([CDC quarantine/isolation guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov)). Please work with your faculty members to maintain coursework and please consult existing campus resources for support.

**Recording of Class Sessions**

Class sessions “may” be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

**UT Tyler Resources for Students:**

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, is an open-access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses. UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THIS SYLLABUS AT ANY TIME. THEREFORE, YOUR ATTENDANCE AND ATTENTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON CANVAS ARE CRUCIAL BECAUSE THEY WILL ASSIST YOU WITH REMAINING CURRENT ON THE MATERIAL AND KNOWING WHEN THE SYLLABUS MAY BE MODIFIED.

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**Tentative Exam Dates – subject to change**
No classes: Labor Day – Sept. 4, 2023      Thanksgiving Break – November 20 – 24, 2023

Last Day to Drop with a “W”: Oct. 30, 2023

Final Exam: Week of DEC 4th 2023

8:00am MWF class – TBD @ 8am

9:05am MWF class – TBD @ 8am