



# Syllabus

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## Tips for Success

If you're new to online courses, or if you just need a quick refresher, be sure to take a look at the Student and Parent Handbook.

## Course Learning Outcomes

There are four areas that you should master during this course.

1. Describe the organization and makeup of living things first on a microscopic, cellular level and then on a macroscopic, familiar level (from cells to humans and things in between).
2. Identify characteristics that are common to all living things.
3. Explain the principles of heredity, including Mendelian genetics.
4. Describe the interactions of living things with each other and their environment.

## Course Materials

- There is no textbook for this course; it is self-contained. All of the information you need can be found in the lessons.
- If you have access to a (primarily) life science textbook, it may be useful to consult it from time to time and try some practice problems. The more practice you get, the more logical and intuitive science will become to you.

## Assignments

You will complete these assignments during the course.

Self Check questions can be found at the end of each lesson, which are good practice questions and do not count toward your grade for the course. You can take Self Checks as many times as you want, so use them as an opportunity to prepare for the graded assignments.

There are computer-graded unit quizzes at the end of each unit, plus two computergraded review quizzes that review material from the previous units. The first review quiz covers units 1–3 and the second one covers all of the units and can be used as a practice final. I recommend that you carefully review the content and practice questions before you complete these assignments.

## Exams

You will complete one final exam for this course.

The final exam consists of fifty questions covering a range of information from the entire course.

## Grading

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams:

<b>ASSIGNMENT OR EXAM</b>	<b>GRADING</b>	<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL GRADE</b>
6 Unit Quizzes	Computer	60%
2 Review Quizzes	Computer	10%
1 Final Exam	Computer	30%

## Resubmissions and Retakes

For information about resubmitting assignments and retaking quizzes, please contact your AK Grad instructor.

## Grade Scale

Your letter grade is calculated according to these percentages.

<b>A</b>	100% – 95%
<b>A-</b>	94% – 90%
<b>B+</b>	89% – 86%
<b>B</b>	85% – 83%
<b>B-</b>	82% – 80%
<b>C+</b>	79% – 76%
<b>C</b>	75% – 73%
<b>C-</b>	72% – 70%
<b>D+</b>	69% – 66%
<b>D</b>	65% – 63%
<b>D-</b>	62% – 60%
<b>E (fail)</b>	59% – 0%

## Course Policies

For information about how long you have to complete the course, resubmitting assignments, and other questions, please contact your AK Grad instructor.