2015 General Microbiology  
BIOS 350 Summer Semester  
Section 13932: MWF 12:00 pm to 1:40 pm in lecture center F 6 *  
*The summer session is a hybrid / online course the only on campus meetings will be held each Wednesday*

Faculty Information

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Course Identification

a. 3 credit hours  
b. Prerequisite: BIOS 100 (BIOS 101 is also recommended) or the equivalent; and credit or concurrent registration in either CHEM 130 or CHEM 232.  
c. Catalog description: Ultrastructure, genetics, molecular biology, physiology and metabolism of microorganisms; role of microorganisms in food, water, agriculture, biotechnology, infectious diseases, and immunobiology.

Textbooks/Reading List

Required:  

This package cannot be substituted with other materials.

Students are required to have their materials on the first day of class and will not be granted extended time to complete assignments due to a failure to purchase materials in a timely fashion.

Course Goals:

a. The student shall demonstrate knowledge of common microbiological terms, facts and principles through exams, discussion, and written assignments.  
b. The student shall demonstrate an understanding of the "scientific approach" by its application in class discussions, written responses to problems and interpretations of data presented during class.
**Career Development Skills:**

a. Follow instructions.

b. Organize notes and ideas for formal, semiformal, and informal presentation.

c. Estimate, apply, and solve problems involving fractions, decimals, percentages, and real numbers.

d. Check, edit, and revise for correct information, appropriate emphasis, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

e. Compile and maintain records, logs, notebooks, and other documents.

f. Access, navigate and use on-line services.

g. Utilize problem-solving skills.

h. Participate in team tasks.

i. Maintain openness to life-long learning.

**Course End Competencies:**

a. The student shall demonstrate competence in:

   1. the history, evolution, and ecology of microbial life,

   2. the ultrastructure of various microbes,

   3. the chemical and molecular basis of life,

   4. the relationship between microbial growth and control of microbial growth,

   5. epidemiology and the disease process,

   6. the innate and adaptive immune response,

   7. immune system hypersensitivity and immunodeficiency.

b. The student shall develop an appreciation of the use of science and the role of microbiology in everyday life.
STUDENT SUCCESS:
The following list includes methods you can use to improve your chances of success in the microbiology course you are taking this semester.

- Come to every class.
- Complete all work on time.
- Read the textbook and complete the guided reading assignments.
- Form a study partnership with a classmate or two.
- Use the student resources available at the study area of our Blackboard site.
- Search the web using key words and concepts from the readings.
- Make study flash cards and use them.
- Meet with a biology tutor when available.
- View a video associated with a difficult objective topic.
- Ask questions in class and through email.
- Study early and often, no cramming.

Course Website

a. [http://uic.blackboard.com](http://uic.blackboard.com) and if you need to access modified mastering and blackboard is down use [http://pearsonmylabandmastering.com/](http://pearsonmylabandmastering.com/)

b. Please contact me if you need to be added to the blackboard course site. Please note that you must be registered for the course to be added to the web site.

c. Please check the course website or your UIC email often for important announcements.

Classroom Policies/Procedures:

a. **Student Conduct:**

Each student is responsible for adhering to the Code of Student Conduct as stated in the college catalog. Students are expected to demonstrate mature and appropriate behavior when interacting with each other, with the professor, and with the teaching assistants. Any student being disruptive during class or during an office hour will be asked to leave.

b. **Attendance:**

The Wednesday meetings are mandatory and cannot be made up on any other date. Any work done in class that is missed cannot be made up and those points will be lost. **Late registration will not excuse missed assignments. All late penalties will still apply.**

c. **Withdrawal:**

A student who does not withdraw officially from a course may receive a grade of "F", depending on course progress or course attendance, which will become a part of the student's permanent record. **July 17, 2015** is the last day to drop a course(s) offered by all colleges.
d. **Cheating and Plagiarism:**

Any student caught cheating on an exam, modified mastering microbiology assignment, or any other class assignment will be immediately dismissed from the course and given a final grade of "F" regardless of the student's total points in the course. Failure to return your exam question booklet will be considered cheating and will result in a zero for the exam. **Writing your answers on the exam question booklet large enough for others to see will be considered cheating and will result in a zero for the exam.** Only registered students are able to take the exam. **Your UIC photo ID will be checked on exam dates.** You will be given an **assigned seat to take your exam** in so please take care to study the exam-seating chart that will be made available soon after the last day to add classes in the semester. Students who are not registered for the course and who attempt to take the exam will be considered in breach of academic integrity and dealt with accordingly.

e. **Cellular Phones and Computers:**

Students and college visitors may not use and must silence cell phones, pagers, and other communication devices in all instructional areas that include: all labs and classrooms during instructional sessions unless using the learning catalytics program. Continued disruption of the course will result in a cessation of the lecture and students will be required to learn the missed content on their own. Computers must be used for note taking and learning catalytics only.

f. **E-mail Policy:**

Due to the large numbers of students that I teach it is important that you follow this email policy or you many not receive an answer to your question. I will only read on respond to email send through your **UIC email** account. You must have your **course and section number in the subject line** of the email so that I know exactly which class you are in. You must have your **full name as it appears in blackboard** in your email message. Failure to follow this policy may lead to your email and questions being deleted and not answered.

g. **Disability statement:**

Students with disabilities must inform the instructor of the need for accommodations. Those who require accommodations for access and participation in this course must be registered with the Disability Resource Center and present the instructor with their written accommodation request before accommodations can be granted. Please contact ODS at 312/413-2183 (voice) or 312/413-0123 (TTY).

**Grading Policies / Procedures**

a. **Exams:**

There are three exams for the course worth 100 points each consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions. **There is no cumulative final exam for the course.** You are required to bring several sharpened number 2 pencils to each exam and are not allowed to leave the classroom once the exam begins. The date for each exam is posted in the course schedule at the end of the syllabus. Students who arrive late for an exam will **not** be given additional time to complete the exam. **Failure to fill in your name on the computer sheet properly will result in a 5-point deduction from your exam score.** This includes a
failure to fill in the bubbles for your name properly. Failure to sit in your assigned seat on exam day will result in a five-point deduction from your exam score.

Exams cannot be made up nor can they be taken early. If I am contacted before the exam and the student has a valid emergency or reason for missing (car accident with police report turned in, hospitalization with documentation, death in the family with documentation, professional exam interview with documentation) I will average the two exams that you did complete and use that score to replace the missing exam. This can only be done one time; a second missing exam will be counted as a zero.

b. **Guided Reading Assignments**

There is a guided reading assignment that should be completed before our Wednesday meeting as you read each chapter. The completed guided reading assignments should be brought to our Wednesday class meeting, as you will be using them along with your textbook to answer questions in class.

c. **Pre-Lecture Modified Mastering Microbiology Assignments**

There will be a pre-lecture modified mastering microbiology assignment for each of the twelve chapters we cover in this class. They are designed to help you better understand the material that we will be working with at our Wednesday class meetings. You must complete them before the Wednesday class meeting begins. You get three attempts to answer the question correctly so consider the assignment as a tutorial and not a quiz. Due dates are listed in the course schedule.

The assignments must be completed by the due date and **late pre-lecture modified mastering assignments will be reduced by 50% and must be completed before the exam that covers the assignment.** All the questions for each assignment do not need to be completed at the same time, however this is not something that can easily be completed in a half hour so plan accordingly.

If you have never used the modified mastering feature in another class and need help learning how to access and complete the assignments please contact the instructor for help as soon as possible.

d. **In Class Assignments / Learning Catalytics**

There will be six in class meetings (5 on campus one virtually) where you will work alone or in groups to complete questions pertaining to specific textbook chapters. You should bring your completed guided reading assignments and textbook to class to help you with completing these assignments. Some assignments may be done on paper so bring something to write with. Many of the assignments will be done using the learning catalytics program. Students will need to bring their own Internet accessing device (smart phone, iPod, tablet, or laptop computer) to answer questions using the learning catalytics program. The learning catalytics program access comes with your purchase of modified mastering access if you have the textbook or the etext.

e. **Post-Lecture Modified Mastering Microbiology Assignments**

There will be six post-lecture modified mastering microbiology assignments that will take place after our Wednesday in class assignment meetings. The due dates are listed in the course schedule. These are short practice exams over two chapters at a time. They are done through the modified mastering
program, consist of 25 questions, are only able to be answered once, and are timed (50 minutes to complete). If you complete the assignment late you will only earn 50% credit and you must complete it by the date of the exam the chapters are associated with. You must have access to a secure and trustworthy Internet connection as once the assignment is opened the timer starts counting down and cannot be stopped. This means once you open the assignment you must be prepared to complete it in one sitting. I will not reset the timer for any reason including natural disasters so please don’t wait to the last minute to complete the assignment.

f. **Frontline Video Assignments**

There will be two Frontline Video Assignments. You will be required to view two Frontline documentaries and participate in a discussion through the blackboard website. You will need to post one original posting of at least 300 words in length with three resources to back up your views along with two peer responses giving your classmates substantial feedback on their postings. Each peer review must be at least 100 words in length. See the Frontline Video assignment area of blackboard for the link to the documentary and what the discussion topics for each video will be. The assignments must be completed by the due date and late Frontline video assignments will be reduced by 50% and must be completed within one week of the original due date or a zero will be given.

g. **Grading Policy:**

Grade determination is based on the number of points earned compared to the maximum number of points possible which is 600 points. The breakdown of points is as follows:

- Pre-Lecture assignments 60 points total
- In class / learning catalytics assignments 60 points total
- Post-Lecture assignments 150 points total
- Frontline Video Discussion Assignments 30 points total
- Exams 300 points total

Determination of the final grade will be based on accumulation of total points. The following grading scale will be used:

- 90% or above of Points = A Final Grade
- 80% to 89.9% of Points = B Final Grade
- 70% to 79.9% of Points = C Final Grade
- 60% to 69.9% of Points = D Final Grade
- 59.9% of Points and below = F Final Grade.

The course will **not** be curved and grades are **NOT** negotiable.

h. **Incomplete:**

An incomplete grade will be given only in cases of documented prolonged illness or an accident/death in the family during the last few weeks of the semester that prevents a student from completing their work. Students must have been making **satisfactory progress** (a C or higher) in the course prior to requesting an incomplete. A request for an incomplete must be made **before** the end of the semester.
An incomplete grade **will not** be given due to missing exam or homework scores or to prevent a low grade.

**Course Schedule**

The course calendar with all due dates is found here. You will be advised of any changes made during the semester in class and through a blackboard announcement if they need to take place.

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