# Biology 2401 and 2402: Fall 2023

Stuff You Need:

Nothing, really. Your textbook is free and can be accessed at [www.openstax.org](http://www.openstax.org).

You might have noticed that this syllabus looks a little different than your normal syllabus. That's because it's better. I mean, there are sections on YouTube, pregnancy, and guns. It's basically a Netflix series.

You will find lecture notes and a link to your lecture videos on your Blackboard page. Lectures will be found on YouTube. Smash that like button and subscribe! Seriously, subscribe, or I’ll never be a legitimate YouTuber. I need that influencer income.

That being said, the YouTube videos might reference some out of date facts. If you hear me mention a modality that’s not what you signed up for (either online or in-person, or hybrid) ignore that. If you hear me mention “open note exams,” ignore that. Also ignore any dated jokes I make.

Office Hours

My office is S-134. It’s on the corner just down from the classroom. My office hours are:

Monday-Wednesday: 8:00-9:30, 12:00-1:00

Tuesday-Thursday: 12:00-1:00

Friday: 11:00-12:00

Grading:

For A&P 1, your final grade will be calculated based on your performance on four lecture exams and four lab exams. For A&P 2, you have four lecture exams, but only three lab exams. Lecture exams comprise 70% of your grade, while the lab exams make up the remaining 30%. So, if you're trying to calculate your own grade, keep that in mind. Your grades will be posted on Blackboard, which will do the math for you.

Disabilities:

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Discrimination:

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Pregnancy:

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student’s responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodation. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

Guns:

Texas Government Code 411.2031 et al. authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings by individuals and in accordance withTexas Government Code 411.209 (a). All holders of a valid Texas License to Carry may carry on their person a handgun that is concealed in accordance with Texas Penal Code 46.03 (a-2). Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy. Individuals may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1

Zombies and Bonus Points:

Neither zombies or bonus points exist in real life. I just wanted to see if you were reading this.

Kids:

I have kids. Maybe you have kids. I understand that there will be times when public school is out, or daycare is closed, or whatever. You've got the kid, and you have class. You are welcome to bring them to class if needed. I've sat and held newborn babies while their parent took an exam in my class and I've let kids set up Hot Wheels tracks and run them across the room. Don't let that keep you from doing what you need to do to be here.