

Biology 30 Course Outline – Hub

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What is the Hub?

The HUB is an innovative learning environment that delivers course material through a blended program including both online resources and face-to-face instruction. Learning through the Hub allows students to develop competencies related to independence, self-management and resourcefulness, in addition to learning the expected course content.

What can I expect to learn in Biology 30?

Biology 30 is an in-depth science course designed for academic students who intend to pursue a biology related post secondary education. Such students should seriously consider taking chemistry courses as well. The theme of "equilibrium" is covered through topics such as genetics, human system (nervous, endocrine, reproductive) and populations. A diploma exam worth 30% of the final course mark will be written. **It is highly recommended for students to achieve a minimum grade of 65% in the pre-requisite course of Biology 20.**

What resources will I need?

Student will be provided with a username/password for The Hub upon registration. Access to the course allows access to all of the necessary electronic learning materials for the course. It is also expected that students sign out the accompanying textbook for the course from the library.

Textbook: McGraw-Hill Ryerson: Inquiry into Biology

What are my behavioural expectations for this course?

- I expect that you will attend class every day, prepared to work, with a writing utensil, an organized binder, and any other supplies or textbooks that are being used for the unit being studied.
- I expect that cell phones will be turned off before you enter the classroom; phones that are being used during class or that ring, chime, vibrate, etc. will be confiscated until the end of the lesson. Repeat offenders will receive further disciplinary action at the teacher/administrator level.
- I expect that any food or drink consumed in class is healthy and does not disturb others (smell, noises, or messes). The moment eating/drinking becomes detrimental to learning is the moment it becomes unacceptable.
- I expect that you will treat your teacher and fellow classmates with respect. Everyone has a right to be heard and to learn in a secure environment.
- I expect that you will treat the property of the school and the property of others in a proper manner.

- I expect you to always do your best. This means that you will participate in all activities involved in this class, including listening and viewing activities, and you must hand assignments in, on time and complete. I expect you to do well—and I know that you will.

What is the breakdown of grades in Biology 30?

Unit A: Nervous and Endocrine Systems	25%
Completion date: October 4, 2017	
Unit B: Reproduction and Development	20%
Completion date: October 31, 2017	
Unit C: Cell Division, Genetics and Molecular Biology	40%
Completion date: December 18, 2017	
Unit D: Population and Community Dynamics	15%
Completion date: January 19, 2018	
Course Total	100%

**Biology 30 will have a blended grade with the course weighted at 70% and the Diploma Examination weighted at 30%. Please see your Hub teacher if you require further clarification.

Will I ever have a chance to see my teacher in person if I need help?

Yes. Hub teachers are expected to visit with all students on a weekly basis to explain any concepts and to provide help related to the course. The current schedule for visits by Mr. LaVallie for semester one is as follows:

FCHS: TBD
 HHS: TBD
 OHS: TBD

What will I be expected to do during visits by my teacher?

Students should be prepared to have questions prepared after attempts at the material have been prior to the visit. Also, you should be ready to discuss your progress in the course and to make any adjustments to your pacing so that you remain on track to complete the course on time.

What are the links for me to access help?

Learn Alberta Website: <http://www.learnalberta.ca>
 Username: LA17 Password: 5137