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75 min class on Tuesday and Thursday Room 246H NRC 11:30 - 12:45

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We expect that you already have a reasonable (please come and see us if you need clarification) familiarity with general metabolism, protein structure, nucleic acids, and organic chemistry. Grading will be based 75% on an oral, or written final take-home exam. For the other 25% we will ask you to give a presentation on what is known, what you think should be learned, and what you think should be done to convert rice to C₄ metabolism. We would like you to work together in groups of around three. One of the three will be the spokesperson, but the other two will be responsible for answering the questions during and after the presentation. Optional text book: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Plants edited by Buchanan, Gruissem and Jones. Review articles will be supplied via D2L.
YOUR SUCCESS AS A STUDENT IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.
THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS MOST OFTEN ASKED BY STUDENTS.
IMPORTANT DATES
Last day to add a class (without instructor permission) 8/26/2013
Last day to drop a course with no grade and no fees charged for courses 8/26/2013
Last day to withdraw completely from the University and receive a 100% refund 8/26/2013
Last day to add a class (requires instructor & advisor permission) 8/30/2013
Last day to drop a course with an automatic “W” and receive a 50% refund (requires advisor signature) 8/30/2013
Last day to withdraw completely from the University and receive a 50% refund 8/30/2013
Last day to post 6 week grades for 1000 & 2000 level courses 10/01/2013
Last day to file diploma application (for name to appear in Fall Commencement program) 11/01/2013
Last day to drop a course with an automatic “W” 11/08/2013
Last day to withdraw completely from the University with an automatic grade of “W” 11/08/2013
Last day to withdraw completely from all OSU classes with an assigned grade of “W” or “F” 11/22/2013
Pre-Finals week 12/02 – 12/6/2013
Final examinations 12/09 – 12/13/2013

Note: For outreach, internet, and short course drop/add dates, see the Short Courses link on the Registrar’s Academic Calendar webpage.

FALL SEMESTER HOLIDAYS
University Holiday 9/2/2013
Students’ Fall Break 10/11/2013
First day of students’ Thanksgiving break 11/27/2013
University Holiday 11/28 – 11/29/2013

DROPPING A COURSE AND WITHDRAWING FROM THE UNIVERSITY, students often confuse these terms.

Dropping a Course (or courses) may occur during the first twelve weeks of the semester. This means, however, that you are still enrolled in at least one other OSU course. (Remedial courses cannot be dropped without written permission of the advisor.) After the twelfth week, a course may be dropped by petition but only when verifiable extenuating circumstances can be demonstrated. Verifiable extenuating circumstances must be reasons beyond your control, such as illness or accidental injury. Poor performance in class is not an extenuating circumstance. You must obtain a petition to drop a course after the deadline. The Late Drop Committee must then approve the petition in order for it to be processed.

Withdrawal from the university means that you are dropping all of your courses and are no longer enrolled for the current semester. This may occur until the Friday before pre-finals week. The withdrawal process is initiated with your academic adviser in your student academic services office. For additional information and dates, go to: http://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/policies-a-procedures/35-adding-a-dropping-policy

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY
Oklahoma State University is committed to the maintenance of the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct of its members. This level of ethical behavior and integrity will be maintained in this course. Participating in a behavior that violates academic integrity (e.g., unauthorized collaboration, plagiarism, multiple submissions, cheating on examinations, fabricating information, helping advance access to examinations, altering or fraudulently altering academic records) will result in an official academic sanction. Violations may subject you to disciplinary action including a failing grade on an assignment, examination or of academic integrity on your transcript, and You have the right to appeal the charge. Contact Whitehurst, 405-744-5627. Go to video on OSU’s academic integrity policy and another person cheat, unauthorized destroying the work of others, and result in an official academic sanction.
the Office of Academic Affairs, 101
http://academicintegrity.okstate.edu/ for a additional information.

COPYRIGHT & FAIR USE POLICY OF COURSE MATERIALS
Course materials may not be published, leased, sold to others, or used for any purpose other than appropriate OSU-related individual or group study without the written permission of the faculty member in charge of the course and other copyright holders. This paragraph grants you a limited license giving you access to materials for this course, including PowerPoint slides, audio/video recordings, written, or other materials, for appropriate OSU-related educational use only. Lectures should not be recorded without permission from the faculty member and must not be further disseminated or shared.

CLASS ATTENDANCE
Class attendance is a critical component of learning; therefore, you are expected to attend and participate fully in all scheduled class meetings. Many instructors consider attendance so essential that your grade may be affected by your absence. **SOME DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSORS HAVE MANDATORY ATTENDANCE POLICIES.** If no written attendance policy is provided before the last day to add a class without instructor permission, no penalty may be assessed for class absences although you may not be permitted to make up certain in-class activities. If you are required to participate in official university-sponsored activities or military training you should receive an excused absence unless the written course attendance policy indicates otherwise. If you will be absent from class for sponsored activities, you must provide prior notification of the planned absence to the instructor. You may be required to submit assignments or take examinations before the planned absence.

PRE-FINALS WEEK POLICY
Final examinations are scheduled at the end of each semester and are preceded by pre-finals week, which begins seven days prior to the first day of finals. During pre-finals week, all normal class activities will continue; however, no assignment, test, or examination accounting for more than 5% of the course grade may be given; and no activity or field trip may be scheduled that conflicts with another class. This excludes makeup and laboratory examinations, out-of-class assignments (or projects) made prior to pre-finals week, and independent study courses. No student or campus organization may hold meetings, banquets, receptions, or may sponsor or participate in any activity, program, or related function that requires student participation. For additional information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 405-744-5627, 101 Whitehurst.

FINAL EXAM OVERLOAD POLICY
In the event that you have three or more final exams scheduled for a single day, you are entitled to arrange with the faculty member instructing the highest numbered course (4 digit course number) or two highest, if you have four finals on one day, to re-schedule that examination(s) at a time of mutual convenience during final exam week. You may not reschedule common final exams unless you have common exams scheduled at the same time. You should submit this request in writing, with a copy of your class schedule, at least two weeks prior to the beginning of final exam week. The faculty member has one week prior to the beginning of final exam week to arrange a mutually convenient time for administration of the final exam, after which you take the request to the Office of Academic Affairs, 101 Whitehurst.

ALERTS AND RESCHEDULING
If the OSU campus officially closes due to inclement weather or other emergencies, alerts are provided to local news media and are posted on the OSU website. Exams, classes, or assignments that are missed in these circumstances may be rescheduled at times that are outside the normal meeting schedule for the class. If valid, documented circumstances prohibit students from attending the rescheduled classes, instructors should provide reasonable alternative means for makeup.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
**Student Email -** OSU uses your OKSTATE.EDU email address as a primary form of communication. Students are expected to check their OSU email on a frequent and consistent basis to remain informed of their official university business. If you do not use the OSU email system you must redirect your okstate.edu email using the Orange-Key System (www.okkey.okstate.edu). Failure to maintain an accurate email address may result in missed or lost university communications. For email assistance contact the IT Helpdesk at 405-744-HELP (4357).

**Computer Labs** - A complete description of computer labs and hours of operations are available at their website: https://it.sharepoint.okstate.edu/TechnologySupport/DeskSide/default.aspx. Lab information is also available by calling the Information Technology Help Desk, 405-744-HELP (4357).

LIBRARY HOURS
**Edmon Low Library (405-744-5029)**
Digital Library Toll Free: (1-877-744-9161)

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*Hours will vary during University holidays. Please check library website for updated hours of operation.*

*Contact the following for information on hours of operation:
  Architecture Library 405-744-6047
  Curriculum Materials Library 405-744-6310*
GENERAL EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
By enrolling at Oklahoma State University, you accept responsibility for complying with all University policies and contracts, and for local, state and federal laws on- or off-campus that relate to the University’s mission. The Student Rights and Responsibilities Governing Student Behavior document explains the standards of behavior expected of you, processes in place for enforcing the rules, and the University’s response to violations http://studentconduct.okstate.edu/

In general, the University expects you to respect the rights of others and authorities, represent yourself truthfully and accurately at all times, respect private and public property, and take responsibility for your own actions and the actions of your guests. Call 405-744-5470 for more information.

SEEK ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS
The OSU faculty and staff want you to be successful in your educational pursuits. If you have questions or concerns, seek help EARLY. We are here to assist you.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP
Instructor - If you have questions regarding your class, talk to your instructor. Faculty members usually include their office hours and/or phone number in the class syllabus. If you cannot locate this information, set a time to meet with your instructor by speaking with him/her prior to or immediately following your class session or check with the departmental office on when the instructor may be available.

Academic Advisor - All students will benefit by conferring with an advisor on a regular basis. If you do not know your advisor, or are unhappy with your advisor, talk to the Student Academic Services Director for your college.

Academic911.okstate.edu - Your online resource for academic and personal success, sponsored by Student Affairs.

Mathematics Learning Success Center
5th Floor, Edmon Low Library/405-744-5818
http://www.math.okstate.edu/
Tutors are available to answer questions for classes ranging from Beginning Algebra through Calculus II. Tutoring for Differential Equations and Linear Algebra is offered at specific times.

Writing Center
104 Morrill Hall/405-744-6671
http://english.okstate.edu/writing/
The Writing Center helps writers throughout the composing process; you should plan to visit early and often throughout the semester, not just the day before an assignment is due. Tutors will work with you to improve your brainstorming, organizational, and composing techniques.

Learning & Student Success Opportunity (LASSO) Center
021 Classroom Building/405-744-3309
https://lasso.okstate.edu/
LASSO offers free individual tutoring for a variety of courses.

University Counseling Services
320 Student Union/405-744-5472 or 405-744-7007
http://ucs.okstate.edu/
Professional counselors offer confidential personal and/or career counseling.

Office of Student Disability Services
315 Student Union/405-744-7116
http://sds.okstate.edu/
According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the University of his/her disability and requesting accommodations. If you think you have a qualified disability and need special accommodations, you should notify the instructor and request verification of eligibility for accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services. Please advise the instructor of your disability as soon as possible, and contact Student Disability Services, to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of a disability but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations. To receive services, you must submit appropriate documentation and complete an intake process during which the existence of a qualified disability is verified and reasonable accommodations are identified.

Office of Equal Opportunity
408 Whitehurst/405-744-9153
Oklahoma State University policy prohibits discrimination based upon gender, race, color, ethnicity, age, religion, national
origin, veteran’s status, disability, or sexual orientation. If you believe that you are being discriminated against, please contact this office.