

Life Sciences 11

Course Outline

Course Layout *The course is broken down as follows:*

Unit	Topic
1	Introduction
2	Cells
3	Viruses
4	Evolution
5	Taxonomy
6	Plants
7	Simple Organisms
8	Advanced Organisms
Final Exam	

Grading *Your grade for this course will be calculated as follows:*

Item	Weight
Projects	35%
Unit Exams	35%
Final Exam	30%

Learning Guides & Practice Activities

Learning guides and other practice activities are not submitted for marks. You should be completing them as part of the lessons in the course and then checking your work against the answers provided and making corrections. If you can't figure out a question, you should be researching, and then asking for help.

Projects:

Projects allow you to make some choices on how you wish to enhance your understanding. As you work through units look for projects that will enhance your understanding in areas of interest and/or weakness.

Exam Supervision:

Quizzes can be done on your own (not supervised). Use them as practice – i.e. give them a try first, then refer to notes if you need a little extra help. Keep track of where you needed help and review prior to your second try and/or unit exam. Self-assessments are to be completed as part of your Core Competencies assessment,

All exams are "closed book" and require supervision unless indicated otherwise. If you are unable to access a local school to write your exams, you will need to find a teacher that will supervise your exams. Please contact our office for a Test Supervision Form if you are unable to write your tests at John McInnis.

Resources:

No textbook is required, but there are optional electronic textbooks available on the course home page.

Keys to Success:

1. Actively work through each lesson, trying examples and reflecting on material.
2. Use the Learning Guide as your tool for documenting your understanding. Lay it out neatly and well organized.
3. Make sure you understand any quiz/exam question you get wrong. If you can't figure it out - ASK!
4. Be sure to use your Moodle message system for regular communication with your instructor.

This course is based on the curriculum for [Life Sciences 11](#) from the BC Ministry of Education.