

## BIOLOGY 20 - INTRODUCTION TO ECOLOGY - SPRING 2005

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Biology 20 is a 3-unit lecture course introducing the principles of ecology as applied to plant communities, animal populations, and human culture. Course format consists of three 50-minute classes per week supplemented by guest speakers and videos. This course is transferable for the natural sciences requirement at the UC and CSU systems.

### RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOK

R.L. Smith & T.M. Smith. 2003. *Elements of Ecology* (5th edition). Benjamin Cummings. Other recent editions are also acceptable. One copy is on reserve at the Rosenberg Library.

### EXAMS

Exams include multiple-choice, matching, short-answer, and essay questions. **No** electronic devices or dictionaries are permitted. Only **one** exam may be made-up for a legitimate medical or legal emergency if accompanied by official verifiable documentation; the make-up exam must be scheduled within one week. All testing accommodations must follow pre-approved DSPS guidelines and regulations.

### GRADING

3 exams (approx. 100 points each). Total approx. 300 points.  
Grades are based on the total points accumulated: 90% A, 80% B, 70% C, and 60% D.

### EXTRA-CREDIT

Up to 30 points can be earned by volunteering for habitat restoration projects (10 points for each 3 hours of work). These opportunities must be pre-approved and limited to no more than one per week. More details will follow.

### ATTENDANCE

Students are permitted to miss up to six classes -- each additional absence will lower their final grade by a half-letter. Students who are habitually late or who leave class early will also be charged with an absence. Students will be dismissed from class and charged with an absence for inattentive behavior (e.g. sleeping during class, reading or studying for another course, etc.).

### STUDENT CONDUCT

Any student found cheating during an exam will be penalized with a deduction of twice the points available and will be suspended from class for one week. The use of telephones is **not** permitted in the classroom at any time and will result in a 50-point penalty if repeated.

OFFICE HOURS – Monday & Wednesday at 12, Thursday at 1, and by appointment.