

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will prepare graduates from secondary school, who lack SB14U (Grade 12 Biology, University Preparation), for potential entry into programs in the health sciences. The course will provide theoretical and practical knowledge of concepts within the following strands: metabolic processes, homeostasis, molecular genetics, and evolution. There will be an emphasis placed on mastery of the required theoretical base needed for the pursuit of further studies in the life sciences, with special attention to the health sciences.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Understand and utilize appropriate terminology related to descriptions of the following: how energy is supplied by metabolic processes such as respiration and photosynthesis; the regulatory systems involved in maintenance of homeostasis; the molecular biology of the gene, and the mechanism of evolution.
2. Describe the role of macromolecules, esp. proteins and enzymes, in the normal metabolism of living things and the basic metabolic styles used by cells for the generation of energy (i.e. aerobic respiration versus anaerobic respiration).
3. Recognize the significance of similar mechanisms across species boundaries with regard to processes integral to life (i.e. respiration and the molecular mechanism of inheritance).
4. Describe the basic structure and function of the macromolecules necessary for genetic processes to take place in all living cells.
5. Describe and explain the roles played by the endocrine and nervous systems in the maintenance of homeostasis in the human body. Understand the importance of feedback mechanisms and some of the specific physiological and biochemical mechanisms utilized by these systems in fulfilling their roles.
6. Describe the nature of genes from both a structural and functional perspective. Understand the structural and functional differences between DNA and RNA.
7. Describe in a basic way the method by which DNA replicates and the processes of transcription and translation.

8. Understand how the scientific method has been utilized to propose and strengthen the theory of evolution. Describe the current and historical methods proposed for how evolution occurs.
9. Describe some of the landmark contributions/discoveries made in the field of evolution and evaluate their significance and the degree to which they did/do support the theory of evolution.
10. Understand and describe the following concepts: adaptation, descent with modification, and speciation.

III. TOPICS:

- 1) The macromolecules of life
- 2) Metabolic processes within cells - respiration and photosynthesis
- 3) Maintaining a stable internal environment: homeostasis
- 4) The roles of the nervous and endocrine systems in homeostasis
- 5) Molecular genetics - How DNA acts as the contractor to build all cells
- 6) Evolution - the mechanism by which the diversity of life has arisen

IV. REQUIRED TEXTS/RESOURCES/MATERIALS:

Campbell, N.A., J.B. Reece, E.J. Simon (2010). *Essential Biology with Physiology, 3e.* Toronto. Benjamin Cummings. ISBN-13:9780321602077

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

1. The pass mark for this course is **50%**. It is composed of unit tests, a mid-term exam and a final exam.
2. Evaluation Methods:

Units Tests (6 in total):	60%
Mid-term Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%

The mid-term exam will consist of course material from the beginning of the course until the mid-term date.

The final exam will consist of material from after the mid-term exam to the end of the course.

3. Students who receive a mark of below 50% **may** be eligible to write a supplemental exam. The following criteria apply:

- received at least 47-49% in the overall mark
- attended at least 80% of the classes
- received at least 55% on the midterm exam and on at least 2 of the 6 classroom tests

The supplemental exam will cover the whole semester (entire course). It will be comprised of multiple choice questions and diagrams.

4. **Students missing the unit tests for any reason will NOT be able to write them at any other date.**
5. Students missing the mid-term exam or final exam because of illness or other serious reason must phone the professor **before** the exam to inform her/him (759-2554 ext. 630). Those students who have notified the professor of their absence, according to policy, will be eligible to arrange an opportunity as soon as possible to write the exam at another time. Those students who **do not notify the professor** will receive a zero grade for that exam. **It is the student's responsibility** on his/her first day back at school to contact the professor to arrange to write the exam. Failure to notify the professor at this time will result in a mark of "0".
6. Students receiving borderline marks (59, 69, 79, 89) **may**, at the professor's discretion, have their mark advanced to the next category **if they have attended at least 80% of the classes.**
7. **MIDTERM GRADES:** The determination of midterm grades as "S" or "U" will be based on the cumulative grades of all tests completed up to the date of submission of midterm grades. Any student who does not achieve a passing grade on the majority of graded work will receive a "U" grade at midterm. Those who do receive a "U" grade at midterm are encouraged to schedule a meeting with the professor for additional help towards success in the course.
8. **Course Grading Scheme:**

Grade	Definition	Grade Point Average
A ⁺	90 - 100%	4.00
A	80 - 89%	4.00
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 - 59%	1.00
F	49% or below	
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	

S	Satisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.
X	A temporary grade. This is used in limited situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course (see <i>Policies and Procedures Manual - Deferred Grades and Make-up</i>).
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office. This is used to facilitate transcript preparation when, for extenuating circumstances, it has not been possible for the faculty member to report grades.

NOTE: Mid Term grades are provided in theory classes and clinical/field placement experiences. Students are notified that the midterm grade is an interim grade and is subject to change.

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Prior Learning Assessment:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question. Please refer to the Student Academic Calendar of Events for the deadline date by which application must be made for advance standing.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. A professor/instructor may assign a sanction as defined below, or make recommendations to the Academic Chair for disposition of the matter. The professor/instructor may:

- (i) issue a verbal reprimand,
- (ii) make an assignment of a lower grade with explanation,
- (iii) require additional academic assignments and issue a lower grade upon completion to the maximum grade “C”,
- (iv) make an automatic assignment of a failing grade,
- (v) recommend to the Chair dismissal from the course with the assignment of a failing grade.

In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Student Portal:

The Sault College portal allows you to view all your student information in one place. **mysaultcollege** gives you personalized access to online resources seven days a week from your home or school computer. Single log-in access allows you to see your personal and financial information, timetable, grades, records of achievement, unofficial transcript, and outstanding obligations. Announcements, news, the academic calendar of events, class cancellations, your learning management system (LMS), and much more are also accessible through the student portal. Go to <https://my.saultcollege.ca>.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom:

Students who wish to use electronic devices in the classroom will seek permission of the faculty member before proceeding to record instruction. With the exception of issues related to accommodations of disability, the decision to approve or refuse the request is the responsibility of the faculty member. Recorded classroom instruction will be used only for personal use and will not be used for any other purpose. Recorded classroom instruction will be destroyed at the end of the course. To ensure this, the student is required to return all copies of recorded material to the faculty member by the last day of class in the semester. Where the use of an electronic device has been approved, the student agrees that materials recorded are for his/her use only, are not for distribution, and are the sole property of the College.

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.