



## COURSE OUTLINE: BIOL2060 - INTO TO MICROBIO

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<b>Course Code: Title</b>	BIOL2060: INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIOLOGY
<b>Program Number: Name</b>	3401: HONOURS BSCN
<b>Department:</b>	BSCN - NURSING
<b>Academic Year:</b>	2025-2026
<b>Course Description:</b>	This is an introductory microbiology course with applications in the health sciences. It will provide students with the basics of microbial cell structure and function, antimicrobial therapy and drug resistance, the immune system, antibodies, and diagnostic microbiology. The course also examines the involvement of microbes in emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases as well as nosocomial and sexually transmitted infections. The course consists of a 3 hour theory and 2 hour lab weekly. PREREQUISITES: BIOL1150
<b>Total Credits:</b>	4
<b>Hours/Week:</b>	5
<b>Total Hours:</b>	60
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	There are no pre-requisites for this course.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	There are no co-requisites for this course.
<b>This course is a pre-requisite for:</b>	BSCN2100, BSCN2102, BSCN2110, PATH2160
<b>Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:</b>	<b>3401 - HONOURS BSCN</b>
<b>Please refer to program web page for a complete listing of program outcomes where applicable.</b>	VLO 1 Meet professional practice requirements as identified in the current Entry-to-Practice Competencies and Professional Standards of the College of Nurses of Ontario.
	VLO 2 Provide safe, competent, holistic care to diverse individuals, groups and populations in a variety of contexts based on the principles of nursing knowledge, ways of knowing, ethics, relationships, and cultural safety.
	VLO 3 Build professional relationships in a collaborative environment with other health care providers and actively engage in collaborative decision making around client care.
	VLO 4 Contribute to the nursing profession and healthcare through the practice of critical inquiry, self-reflection, and a commitment to professional growth through lifelong learning.
	VLO 5 Utilize critical thinking and reasoning to make evidence-informed clinical judgements.
	VLO 6 Practice nursing while demonstrating advocacy and leadership at the professional, political, and societal levels, in accordance with the values of social justice and equity.
	VLO 7 Utilize available technologies to communicate, educate, and provide appropriate care in a variety of contexts.
	VLO 8 Manage the care of people across the lifespan who have stable and unstable outcomes.



	<p>VLO 9 Practice in a broad range of settings, with an emphasis on rural communities.</p> <p>VLO 10 Practice with an understanding of the history, ways of knowing, and culture of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.</p> <p>VLO 11 Identify, support, and effect appropriate change in healthcare.</p>												
<b>Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:</b>	<p>EES 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.</p> <p>EES 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.</p> <p>EES 6 Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.</p> <p>EES 9 Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.</p> <p>EES 10 Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.</p> <p>EES 11 Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.</p>												
<b>Course Evaluation:</b>	<p>Passing Grade: 65%,</p> <p>A minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher where program specific standards exist is required for graduation.</p>												
<b>Books and Required Resources:</b>	<p>Laboratory Exercises in Microbiology by Pollack          Publisher: John Wiley &amp; Sons, Incorporated Edition: 5          ISBN: 9781119462668          A white, full length lab coat (use the one you had for A&amp;P), 2-3 black Sharpie permanent markers, a fresh notebook for recording results</p>												
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<b>Course Outcome 4</b>	<b>Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4</b>
4. To understand the normal flora, opportunistic pathogens and emerging infectious agents.	4.1 Be able to describe what the normal flora is, what it is composed of, and how it benefits human health. 4.2 Compare the normal flora to opportunistic pathogens using specific examples. 4.3 Be able to discuss the nature of, and risks of, both emerging and re-emerging infectious agents on human health.
<b>Course Outcome 5</b>	<b>Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 5</b>
5. To understand how to control the growth and spread of microbes, in order to control them.	5.1 Be able to describe chemical, physical and chemotherapeutic mechanisms of microbial control, and how choices are made regarding which to use against particular microbes.
<b>Course Outcome 6</b>	<b>Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 6</b>
6. To understand some common nosocomial infections and sexually transmitted diseases.	6.1 Be able to describe some common nosocomial infections and their impact on healthcare settings. 6.2 Be able to describe some common sexually transmitted diseases with regard to identification of causative agent, populations at risk, how disease is transmitted, and how it is treated.
<b>Course Outcome 7</b>	<b>Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 7</b>
7. Laboratory Outcomes: - To understand sterile technique. - To be able to culture microbes. - To be able to perform a variety of diagnostic tests in order to identify microbes. - To identify common pathogenic bacteria.	Laboratory Objectives: 7.1 Be able to demonstrate the use of sterile technique in the lab, in order to facilitate continuous use of said technique in the clinical setting. 7.2 Be able to successfully transfer microbes from one source to another without contamination of the sample, the handler, or the surrounding work area. Be able to choose appropriate media for the successful growth of the sample. 7.3 Be able to name some common human pathogens. Be able to cultivate similar (non-pathogens that are related) microbes in the lab and submit them to known clinically relevant diagnostic tests and antibiotic sensitivity assays. Be able to analyze the results and make conclusions.

**Evaluation Process and Grading System:**

Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
Final Exam	30%
Final Laboratory Exam	25%
Laboratory Quizzes	20%
Midterm Exam	25%

**Date:** December 18, 2025

**Addendum:** Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.