

BIOL 206 - 023: Foundations in Biology: Ecology & Evolution LAB

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DESCRIPTION:

This course is the laboratory component of Foundations in Biology: Ecology and Evolution. You **MUST** be registered for the lectures (Biology 205) to take the lab. The labs are designed to complement and elaborate upon concepts learned in the lecture, to give you hands-on experience making observations and gathering data, and to introduce you to common procedures and analyses used in the study of ecology and evolution.

PREREQUISITES:

BIOL 200: Concepts in Biology and current registration in BIOL 205.

TEXT AND COURSE WEB PAGE:

There is no textbook for this lab. All lab materials will be posted on the course website. We will use [Moodle](#) in this course. To use Moodle students must have an NJIT UCID. If you are matriculated at NJIT you should already have a UCID. If you are a Rutgers student you can request one here <https://newacct.njit.edu/~accts/cgi-bin/new> or call the NJIT helpdesk for assistance (973-596-2900).

LAB PREPARATION:

For each lab, a lab handout and a lab worksheet will be posted on the course website. Please read through both of these files thoroughly before coming to lab, and be sure to bring a print-out of BOTH files to each lab. Note that for some labs, you will need to bring handouts and worksheets for two labs. Please **obtain a 3-ring binder** to keep your lab handouts and worksheets organized into a lab notebook.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1.) Explain how laboratory activities illustrate lecture concepts.
- 2.) Use evidence to support scientific conclusions.
- 3.) Research topics using electronic and print sources and attribute sources properly.
- 4.) Design and carry out an experiment to test a scientific question.
- 5.) Analyze and interpret scientific data using a t-test.
- 6.) Communicate scientific results in written format.

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COURSE GRADE:

Your grade for lab will be determined based on quizzes, Moodle assignments, and one written lab report:

- ★ **Quizzes:** You will begin each lab with a quiz. Students arriving late to lab will not be permitted to take the quiz. Make sure you read the lab handout before coming to lab so you're prepared! The quizzes will focus on the current week's lab and will also include some review from previous weeks. There will be 12 quizzes during the course, your top 11 quizzes will be counted towards your final grade.
- ★ **Assignments:** Each week, complete the worksheet that accompanies your lab handout. Some of it will be completed during the lab; often, there are analyses or interpretive questions that you'll need to complete on your own time. You should complete the worksheets for each lab and keep them in your lab binder. Refer to your completed worksheet to complete each lab's Moodle assignment. The due dates for each Moodle assignment are listed on the course schedule. Please note that while you usually work in groups during the lab and will share data and discuss results with your group, all work submitted for a grade, including Moodle assignments and written work, must be your own work. There are 12 online assignments, your lowest online assignment grade will not be counted towards your final grade.
- ⊕ **Lab Report:** You will design an experiment and report the results in a full lab report in the style of a scientific publication. Failure to turn in either section of the draft will result in a loss of 25 points.

POINT BREAKDOWN		
Quizzes:	10 pts per week =	110 points
Assignments:	15 pts per lab =	1965 points
Lab Report:	=	100 points
Total	=	375 Points

GRADING SCALE			
A	90-100%	C	70-77%
B+	87-90%	D	60-70%
B	80-87%	F	0%-60%
C+	77-80%		

- ⊕ **Attendance, Make-Up, and Lateness Policy:** Attendance at every lab is **required** and necessary to earn a good grade in lab. You will not be permitted to turn in a worksheet for a lab you did not attend. If you must miss lab for a valid reason, you may attend another lab section during the SAME week only, with documentation (doctor's or dean's note) of your absence. You **MUST** let your TA know if you want to make-up a missed lab. Late assignments will be deducted 10% of the points available for each 24 hours after the assignment was due.
- ⊕ **Academic Dishonesty:** The course has a zero tolerance policy for academic dishonesty, including plagiarism and cheating. Instances of dishonesty will be punished by a zero on the assignment and consultation with the office of the Dean of Students to determine if further action is required. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism or cheating, please ask your TA or refer to the academic integrity code [NJIT Academic Integrity Code](#).

LAB SAFETY: General safety precautions:

- **No eating or drinking in the lab.**
- Wear closed-toed shoes to lab.
- Follow the directions for lab procedures and ask your TA if you're unsure about how to operate any equipment.
- Keep an organized workspace and label all materials.
- Your lab handouts and your TA will alert you to safety concerns specific to a particular lab.

NOTE: You should notify your TA immediately of any injuries, spills, or broken equipment.

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LAB SCHEDULE: *TENTATIVE* Schedule of topics

WEEK OF	LECTURE TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT DUE
Jul. 5	Introduction to Lab	
Jul. 6	Lab 1: Statistics	
Jul. 7	Lab 2: Genetic Change in Model Populations	Lab 1 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/7
Jul. 12	Lab 3: Computer Simulation: Darwinian Snails	Lab 2 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/12
Jul. 13	Lab 4: DNA Extraction and PCR (Part 1)	Lab 3 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/13
Jul. 14	Lab 4: DNA Extraction and PCR (Part 2 - ELECTROPHORESIS) Lab 10: Competition (Part 1) / Begin Plant Experiments	
Jul. 19	Lab 5: Constructing a Phylogeny (Part 1) Lab 6: How to Write a Lab Report	Lab 4 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/19
Jul. 20	Lab 5: Constructing a Phylogeny (Part 2)	Lab 6 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/20
Jul. 21	Lab 7: Human Evolution (Online Field Trip)	Lab 5 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/21 Lab Report (Part 1) Draft Due 11:59 PM on 7/23
Jul. 26	Lab 8: Mark-Recapture	Lab 7 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/26
Jul. 27	Lab 9: Isle Royal Lab 10: Competition (Part 2)	Lab 8 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/27
Jul. 28	Lab 10: Competition (Part 3)/ End Plant Experiments	Lab 9 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 7/28 Lab Report (Part 2) Draft Due 11:59 PM on 7/30
Aug. 2	Lab 11: Island Biogeography	Lab 10 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 8/2
Aug. 3	Lab 12: Ecological Footprint	Lab 11 Online Assignment Due 8:30 AM on 8/3
Aug. 4	NO LAB	Final Lab Report Due Lab 12 Online Assignment Due 11:59 AM on 8/6