

Biology 11 Course Outline

Prerequisites

Communications 11 (or comparable English level) or instructor permission.

Overview

Biology is the science of living things. The common thread throughout the study of the three groups of organisms (microorganisms, plants and animals) is the unity and diversity of all living things, and of their evolutionary and ecological relationships. The prescribed learning outcomes as well as other information for this course can be found by visiting the Ministry of Education's website:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/bio1112_06.pdf.

This course is divided into twenty sections organized into the following 6 units: Adaption and Evolution, Microbiology, Mycology, Plant Biology, Animal Biology, and Ecology. For each section, there are objectives to help focus your study.

Materials

The textbook is **Biology**, by Miller and Levine (*the elephant book*). It is available for a \$100.00 deposit (fully refunded when the unmarked book is returned within one calendar year). If you prefer, you may borrow the book while you work at the Adult Learning Centre at no cost; you may not take it home without the deposit.

The **Student Workbook** is available for \$28.00 (non-refundable). The activities indicated in the Assignments section of the course are found in the Student Workbook. These Assignments are **self-marking**. Upon completion of a particular workbook assignment, you should mark your own work. The answers are in the online course as a hyperlink for each assignment.

Course Access

Access your course from our school's website www.virtualschoolbc.ca and click on the "Log In" button, then enter your:

User Name:	Password:
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Email your teacher using the mail tool within the course when you have questions, or ask any teacher in the Learning Centre.

You will be learning the material using a combination of short videos, readings and assignments. It will be important for you to take notes to organize the information so that you can review it easily before each test.

Assessment

There are 20 online tests (each worth 5%), one for each section. There is **no** final exam. The first two tests can be written from anywhere, but the remaining 18 are closed book (and closed notes), and they must be written at a supervised location. Prepare well, as there are usually **NO REWRITES** of tests.