Course Syllabus
Biology 460: Histology

Course Description
Microscopic analysis of tissues, organs, and organ systems of vertebrates emphasizing mammalian histophysiology.

Prerequisites: BIOL 152, BIOL 153

My Teaching Philosophy
This is a great course in which you can learn much about the basic sciences of anatomy and histology and their use in understanding health and disease. I believe we must all take responsibility for our own education. My job is not to teach you everything about histology – it is to help you learn about it yourself. This course is designed in such a way to do so.

Course Requirements

Use of Blackboard is required
Topics will be organized into learning modules which will be placed on Blackboard. Each module will contain any related materials, learning objectives, and other requirements for that topic. Print out any materials you need, as they will not be handed out in class. Modules will generally become available on Thursday for the following week.

Be sure to use Browser Check before using Blackboard to ensure your browser is configured so the complete functionality of this application is available to you. (Blackboard will not work properly unless pop-up blockers are disabled and Java is enabled).

Required Texts


Note: The 11th edition will work for the histology, but you will need to supplement it with an anatomy textbook. The 12th edition contains both.

CD: Histology: An Interactive Virtual Microscope, Wood and Schechter, Sinauer.

Recommended
**Grading**

**Assessments:**

Lab Quizzes 10 @ 10 points (10 questions) = 100  
Exams 3 @ 50 points (50 questions) = 150  
Final exam 1@ 75  points (75 questions) = 75  
Total points = 325

You can check your grades throughout the semester on My Grades in Blackboard.

**Extra Credit:**

Extra credit will be added to exams only. There will be 25 points of extra credit for the semester (5 points per exam and 10 for the final exam).

Please do not ask for special consideration or extra credit projects to raise your grade. You will receive the grade that you earn during the semester.

**Grading Scale:**

You will receive one grade for lecture and lab. The total points earned in lecture and lab will be added together and a grade assigned according to the following scale:

- A 94-100%  
- A- 90-93%  
- B+ 87-89%  
- B 84-86%  
- B- 80-83%  
- C+ 77-79%  
- C 74-76%  
- C- 70-73%  
- D+ 67-69%  
- D 60-66%  
- F < 60%

**Miscellaneous Information and Policies**

**Make-Up Policies:**

Make-up exams will be given only under extraordinary circumstances. If you miss an exam without a “serious and compelling reason” as defined in the CSUC Catalog, you will receive a score of zero. Instructor reserves the right to require you to provide documentation in order to allow you to make up an exam. Make-up exams may be different than regularly scheduled exams. Note that this may require you to make up the exam at an alternate time and/or location other than the scheduled class time. Only one exam may be made-up during the semester. Note that lab exams are very difficult to set up for one student, so they will not be given except in unusual circumstances.

Lab quizzes cannot be made-up for any reason.  
Don’t worry if you miss one quiz as there is plenty of extra credit to replace those points. Missing a number of quizzes will affect your semester grade.
Cheating Policy:

Plagiarism or cheating of any type in lecture or lab is not tolerated. Either will result in an F in the course and referral to the university disciplinary committee. Note that cheating includes not only cheating on tests and quizzes, but turning in assignments written by another student or letting other students copy your assignments.

Laptop and Cell Phone Policy

Use of laptop computers for taking notes during class is encouraged. Please refrain from using it to “surf” the Internet during class. You will be asked to leave class if you do since this distracts other students.

Please have your cell phones off during class and avoid leaving class to talk on your phone. Please no text messaging during class.

Dropping or Withdrawing:

You may drop or withdraw from the course at any time during the first four weeks of the semester. It is your responsibility to drop or withdraw from class. I will not do this for you if you just stop coming to class.

AFTER the official “last day to drop/withdraw” (see University guidelines) you cannot withdraw and receive a “W” without a “serious and compelling reason” (CSUC Catalog). If you enroll in this class and do not drop/withdraw you will receive an F. University policy regarding drop/withdrawal will be followed.

Please note that to drop a course after the fourth week of classes requires a “serious and compelling reason” and approval of the instructor, department chair, and dean. Therefore, before you request a late drop for this class, obtain written documentation of your reason for withdrawal. I will not consider any late drop without verification of “serious and compelling.”