

Grade 11 University Biology  
Information for Students and Parents

**Dear Parents:** Please read the information below carefully and return the bottom of the page via your daughter or son. If you have any questions please contact me via the school's voice mail system.

Science Teacher: Ms. Houghton Telephone #: 905-479-2787 Voice Mail # 631

Course code: SBI3U1 Section #     

**Course Content:** Diversity of Living Things  
Plants: Anatomy, Growth, and Function  
Genetic Processes  
Evolution  
Animals: Structure and Function

**Midterm Evaluation:**  
30% Knowledge and Understanding  
30% Thinking and Investigation  
20% Communication  
20% Application

**Final Evaluation (at end of Term):**  
21% Knowledge and Understanding  
21% Thinking and Investigation  
14% Communication  
14% Application  
30% Final Summative  
(2% practical exam, 28% written exam)

**Textbook:** Biology11 by McGraw-Hill Ryerson. Students will be charged for damaged or lost books. Textbook cost: \$105 (market value).

**Safety:** Students are expected to wear safety goggles for all laboratory activities. If your child has any allergies or a health condition that may prevent him or her from participating in investigations/lab activities safely, please let the teacher know on the tear off below.

**PLEASE TURN OVER AND READ BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM BELOW**

Detach, complete, and return to teacher



STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- I understand that my child/ward will do better in this class by following the "Rules for Success"
- I understand that my child/ward will decide if and when to do homework and I accept that it is his/her responsibility to do well in the course.
- My child/ward has shared the **Course Polices** and **Expectations** with me.
- Should I have any concerns, I am aware I may contact Ms. Houghton at (905) 479-2787 ext. 606
- Should Ms. Houghton have any concerns, she may contact me at the following numbers:

Home	
Work	
Cell	

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Name of parent/guardian (print)

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parent/guardian (signature)

## TOP 5 "RULES FOR SUCCESS"

Your son or daughter is enrolled in a University Level Biology Course. Success in this course demands a diligence and consistency in doing the assigned work on a regular basis. The following "rules" will serve as your guide:

1. **Maintain** a well-organized and up-to-date course binder.  
Date all notes and keep all handouts with class notes for easy reference.
2. **Do** at least 30 minutes of homework each night. Homework includes but is not limited to:
  - i) Reading notes and text pages related to the lesson. Read for **understanding and clarity**.
  - ii) Doing assigned practice questions and checking your answers.
  - iii) Writing out explanations/examples of various concepts in your own words.
3. **Ask** questions about the previous day's homework the next day in class if it gave you trouble and carefully listen to other students' questions.  
Arrange for extra help when necessary.
4. **Prepare** for every lab by reading the **entire lab** in advance.  
When required, ensure you have prepared your background information, hypothesis, and observation tables prior to the lab.
5. **Study** for evaluations well in **advance**.

### THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE FOR SUCCESS

Quality of study is incredibly important. Focus is key!

-> **Minimize distractions** by selecting a quiet, well-lit room.

-> **Shut off** entertainment/communication devices.