

BIOL 1313: Zoology

Class: 3 Semester Credit Hours
Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 - 12:20

BIOL 1113: Zoology Lab

Lab: 1 Semester Credit Hours
Thursday 1:00 - 3:20

Clarendon College
Division of Science and Health
Course Syllabus
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The “Messages” feature within the online platform is the main method you should use to contact me. I will make every effort to check the course website every weekday and respond to your message requests within 24 hours on business days.

Instructor's Plan for Regular and Substantive Interaction

The student can expect timely and frequent interaction with the instructor throughout the course. Each assignment will have a due date on the calendar, syllabus link, or within the module. The instructor will communicate with the student using email, announcements, discussions, assignments, office hours, and/or virtual Zoom meetings. The student can expect instructor-initiated posts, replies, and/or follow-up questions on discussion boards, individualized feedback on assignments, live Zoom discussions or meetings, and/or announcements focused on the course content. The instructor will respond to learner inquiries or requests for assistance within one business day and provide feedback on assignments within 7 days of the due date.

The information explaining how to log into your course website can be obtained by going to [Clarendon College's](#) home page and clicking on the drop-down menu **Portal Login** then clicking on Online Classes. On that page, click on the link [“Click here to login to Online Courses.”](#) **If you have any difficulty logging in, email our help desk at:** administrator@clarendoncollege.edu

Required Enrollment Verification Activity

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BIOL 1313 Course Description: Fundamental biological concepts relevant to animals, including systematics, evolution, structure and function, cellular and molecular metabolism, reproduction, development, diversity, phylogeny, and ecology.

BIOL 1113 Course Description: This laboratory-based course accompanies Biology 1313, General Zoology. Laboratory activities will reinforce fundamental biological concepts relevant to animals, including systematics, evolution, structure and function, cellular and molecular metabolism, reproduction, development, diversity, phylogeny, and ecology.

Statement of Purpose: Zoology partially satisfies the requirements for the Associates Degree at Clarendon College and is designed for transfer to a senior college.

Required Instructional Materials Supplies: This course has a required textbook that is available online at no cost to students. The labs require materials that can be purchased at a grocery and/or variety store.

Required Text Biology 2e textbook authored and published by OpenStax College (License: [CC-BY 4.0](#)). **You are responsible for reading the Text.** You can access and/or download the textbook material at <https://openstax.org/details/books/biology-2e>. **You do not have to print the textbook as it is available as an e- text on the OpenStax website and available via hyperlinks from Open LMS.**

Methods of Instruction: This course will utilize readings, PowerPoint presentations, forum discussions, audio-visual materials, and lab instruction.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Rights and Responsibilities are listed on the College website at: <http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Student%20Services/StudentRightsResponsibilities.pdf>

In accordance with recommendations from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, all life and physical science courses at Clarendon College will address the following core objectives:

- **Critical Thinking Skills** – including creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- **Communication Skills** – including effective written, oral, and visual communication.
- **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** – including application of scientific and mathematical concepts.
- **Teamwork** – including the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

Specific **Student Learning Outcomes** for the class and lab can be viewed from the THECB website at this link: <https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/training-materials/lower-division-academic-course-guide-spring-21/>

Course Expectations:

- You may expect a response time from me of a day (24hrs) on business days for messages or email, and perhaps two to three days for Forum grades.
- Etiquette expectations (netiquette) for all types of communication: You are expected to take responsibility in helping to maintain a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Please be polite and maintain a professional tone in your writing. NO abusive language will be tolerated in this course.

Computer/Technology Requirement: This course uses a variety of web resources that require a good Internet connection and an up-to-date browser. The course will have its best appearance and functionality utilizing Mozilla Firefox. Note: If you use your iPad or iPhone to work in this course, download and use Mozilla Firefox to access the course instead of using Safari as your internet browser. Note: To use your **mobile device**, install the **Open LMS app**. Some activities cannot be completed on a mobile device.

You must have the following programs on your computer in order to use and complete these online courses:

- Adobe Reader (to view the PDF type of documents)
- Latest version of one of these internet browsers on your computer: **Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Microsoft Edge**.
- You must also have access to the **Microsoft Office** program that contains Microsoft Word to view some documents and PowerPoint to view some slideshows. (If you don't already have it on your computer, you can download the free Microsoft 365 available through Clarendon College. Click [these instructions](#) for help downloading it as well as accessing your Bulldogs email.)

Grading Policies: You will receive one letter grade for BIOL 1313 and one letter grade for BIOL 1113. Those grades come from the components described below. **Student grades and course averages are viewable in Open LMS by clicking on the “Course Dashboard” and then clicking on the “Gradebook” in Open LMS. All graded activities/discussions/quizzes for BIOL 1313 and BIOL 1113 must be completed and/or submitted in the Open LMS learning platform.**

BIOL 1313: Zoology

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2. **Class discussions and presentations will count as 5%** of your final course grade. This portion of your grade comes from your completion of class discussions and assignments that are posted in Open LMS.
3. **Chapter quizzes and assignments will count as 60%** of your final course grade. Each chapter has at least one quiz or assignment. BEFORE you attempt the quiz:
 - a. Be sure to read the e-text chapter thoroughly.
 - b. You may find it helpful to review the included PowerPoints as well as class notes that accompany the chapters.

- c. Be certain to complete the discussion or activity for that chapter.
 - d. You will only have one attempt for each chapter quiz. Once you begin the quiz, you must complete it within the allotted time.
 - e. No quiz grades will be dropped.
4. **Class exams will count as 35%** of your final course grade.
- a. The exams will utilize a variety of question formats (objective, matching, multiple choice, true/false, etc.)
 - b. You will only have one attempt for each exam. Once you begin the exam, you must complete it within the allotted time.
 - c. All class exams, including the final, will be weighted equally.
 - d. Each exam covers the material covered since the last exam (not comprehensive).
 - e. No exam grades will be dropped.

BIOL 1113: Zoology Lab

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2. Lab quizzes and assignments will count as 60% of your final lab grade.

- a. There will be **One Attempt** per quiz. Even though these quizzes are open notes; it would be to your advantage to watch the Video, read the Lab Exercise, and perform any required lab activities before taking the quiz.

3. Lab exams (practicals) will count as 40% of your final lab grade.

- a. There is a Midterm Lab Practical and a Final Practical.

Grading Scale for the class and lab:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Numeric Grade</u>
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and below

Your official final course grade will appear in your Student Portal.

Grades earned for each graded activity will be available in Open LMS. However, in your Open LMS gradebook, assume that any activity you did not complete is a zero, even if a hyphen appears beside the activity in the gradebook. The current course average shown in the Open LMS gradebook will not be correct until I have replaced the hyphens with zeroes.

Academic Integrity Policy: An Excerpt from Clarendon College's Student Handbook

Clarendon College is committed to a philosophy of honesty and academic integrity. It is the responsibility of all members of the Clarendon College community to maintain academic integrity at Clarendon College by refusing to participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty. Any act of academic dishonesty will be regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense. Be certain to review the Student Academic Integrity and Classroom Ethics policies in your Student Handbook. You are responsible for both knowing and adhering to these policies. You may access the Student Handbook at this link: <https://www.clarendoncollege.edu/resources/student%20services/2018-2019%20student%20handbook.pdf>

Class Policies for 1313 and 1113:

1. **Attendance Policy:** Regular attendance is mandatory. You are responsible for the material covered in class (lecture or lab) even if you are absent.

2. **Excused absences:** Make-ups for tests will be allowed only if absences are excused. Excused absences can result from...
 1. illness on the part of the student or severe illness or death in your immediate (not extended) family
 2. college sanctioned extracurricular events
 3. unfavorable weather conditions that prevent students from reaching the college. If you wish for your absence to be excused, you should telephone or e-mail me in advance of the absence (leave a message if necessary).
3. **Make-up work:** Late or unexcused work will not be accepted unless the missed assignment is due to an emergency (with documentation). Allowing a student to make up late work is solely at the discretion of the instructor.
4. **Final Exam:** Students must take a final for each of their academic courses. The schedule of final exam times is published at the beginning of the semester. I will not give any early finals except in extreme emergencies after students have provided documentation of said emergency.
5. **Scholastic Honesty:** I adhere to a strict policy regarding academic honesty. Anyone who is dishonest in any way will receive a zero on that assignment or exam with no opportunity to make up the zero and may be dropped from the course with a grade of F.
6. **Grievance Policy:** If you have a dispute concerning your grade or policies in this class, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor to discuss the matter. Should things remain unresolved, please follow the procedures described in the Clarendon College Student Handbook or College Policy Manual.
7. **Accommodations:** REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, any student who feels that he or she may need any special assistance or accommodation because of an impairment or disabling condition should contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services at 806-874-4837 / janean.reish@clarendoncollege.edu or visit the Clarendon campus at Clarendon College. It is the policy of Clarendon College to provide reasonable accommodation as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services.
8. **Nondiscrimination Policy**
Clarendon College, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

It is the policy of Clarendon College not to discriminate based on gender, age, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. Harassment of a student in class, i.e., a pattern of behavior directed against a particular student with the intent of humiliating or intimidating that student will not be tolerated. The mere expression of one's ideas is not harassment and is fully protected by academic freedom, but personal harassment of individual students is not permitted.
9. **Withdrawal:** If you decide that you are unable to complete this course or that it will be impossible to complete the course with a passing grade, you may drop the course and receive a "W" on your transcript instead. (The last day to drop a course is available on the Academic Calendar, located at the Student link on the Clarendon College website.) Withdrawal from a course is a formal procedure that you must initiate. If you do not go through the formal withdrawal procedure, you will receive whatever grade you have earned.
Whether to drop a class or not requires a lot of thought. According to Texas state law a student is only allowed to drop the same class twice before he/she will be charged triple the tuition amount for taking the class a third time or more. Furthermore, beginning with the Fall 2007 semester, students in Texas may only drop a total of 6 courses throughout their entire undergraduate career. After the 6th dropped class, he/she will no longer be able to withdraw from any classes.

The last day to withdraw from this course with a "W" is Thursday, April 10, 2025

Zoology

Tentative Course Calendar and Outline – Spring 2025

Tentative Course Schedule: The course schedule is subject to change.

COURSE SCHEDULE SPRING 2025 ZOOLOGY 1313 AND LAB 1113

	Lecture Biol 1313	Lab Biol 1113
Week 1 Jan 21- Jan 26	Last day to add/drop Syllabus EVA Unit 1 Intro to Zoology	Last day to add/drop Syllabus EVA Lab Safety
Week 2 Jan 27 - Feb 2	Unit 2 Chemistry of Life	Biomolecules
Week 3 Feb 3 - 9	Unit 3 Cells and Metabolism Exam 1	The Great Molecule Escape: Diffusion in Action
Week 4 Feb 10 - 16	Unit 4 Genetics & Taxonomy	Taxonomy
Week 5 Feb 17 - 23	Unit 5 Evolution & Unicellular Eukaryotic Characteristics	Nova Evolution Lab
Week 6 Feb 24 - March 2	Unit 6 Reproduction and Development Exam 2	Planaria
Week 7 March 3 - 9	Unit 7: Invertebrates Porifera, Cnidaria, Echinodermata	Annelid Dissection Lab Practical
Week 8 March 10 - 16	Unit 7: Invertebrates cont.. Platyhelminthes, Nematoda, Annelida, Mollusca, Arthropoda, Echinodermata Exam 3	Crayfish dissection
	SPRING BREAK MARCH 17 - 21	
Week 9 March 24 - 30	Unit 8: Vertebrates Fish, Amphibians	Fish dissection
Week 10 March 31 - April 6	Unit 8: Vertebrates cont. Reptiles, Birds	Reptile dissection
Week 11 April 7 - 13	Unit 8: Vertebrates cont. Mammals	Mammal dissection
Week 12	Unit 9: Evolution of Primates	Assignment- Great Transitions: Origin

April 14 - 20		
Week 13 April 21 - 27	Project Based Learning Assignment: Vanishing Wonders: Research	Dichotomous Key
Week 14 April 28 - May 4	Project Based Learning Assignment: Vanishing Wonders: Presentation	Population Growth
Week 15 May 5 - 11	Review for Final	FINAL EXAM PRACTICAL (Malaria)
Week 16 FINALS May 12 - 14	FINAL EXAM (Chp 18 and Ch 21)	