

Biology

Mr. Rinna 2017-18

Course Description

Biology in the Real World is a course that will explore the broad themes of Biology and develops an in-depth understanding into several topics. This course is designed to help students better understand the world around them and the complex biological interactions that shape it.

Topics Covered:

Ecology
The Cell
Genetics
History of Biological Diversity
Bacteria, Viruses, Protists and Fungi
Plants
Invertebrates
Vertebrates
The Human Body

Websites

Students will be expected to turn in various assignments using the online portal Google Classroom. Additionally a website will be maintained to keep parents and students updated in the course. This website can be found at: pansophia-rinna.weebly.com

Class materials

Students are expected to have a dedicated notebook for this course only. This notebook will be used for in-class assignments and for taking notes. These notebooks will be very important for the course and should be used to study for test/quizzes.

Homework Assignments

Homework assignment due dates are firm. Homework is due at the beginning of class unless otherwise stated. Late work will not be accepted.

The only exception to this is work that is done as part of "Puma Pride." Illegible or "nonsense" assignments will not be graded and will receive no credit.

Absences

Upon their return students will be provided with the material they miss due to absences. The student will have the number of days they missed to make up missed assignments. For predetermined extended absences students will work with the teacher to fulfill assignments they will be absent for.

Long term assignments (over a week of notice) will not be accepted late due to absences and must still be turned in on time.

If extenuating circumstances or medical issues prevent a student from completing assignments exceptions may be made with the teacher on a case-by-case basis.

Projects

Projects will be assigned to students throughout the semester. These projects are a way for the student to show their understanding of a subject. Projects will be completed in a variety of ways so that each student can use their own personal skills (posters, PowerPoints, artwork, videos, etc.) to best show what they have learned. These project formats will be approved on an individual basis.

Labs

Labs will be an important part of this course designed to give students “hands-on” experiences related to the content. Labs will be conducted during class time but some portions of labs such as reports may be assigned for homework if additional time is needed to finish them.

Tests/Quizzes

Unit tests and quizzes will be used to assess the student’s knowledge in the subject. Students will be given ample time to prepare for tests. Test will include all material covered in the class and will include questions from in-class notes, in-class work, homework assignments, reading assignments, and lab assignments.

Semester Exam

An end of semester exam will be held at the end of each semester and will include material covered throughout the semester.

Grading Percentages

Homework	15
In Class Work/Labs	30
Projects	20
Unit Tests	15
Semester Exam	20