

**Lecture Information**

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**Schedule:** 1 PM, MWF, 213 Gregory Hall

**Texts:** Botany: An Introduction to Plant Biology (Ch. 1-15), 4<sup>th</sup> ed., J.D. Mauseth, available as an e-book from Jones and Bartlett Publishers (see the last page for ordering information)  
Biology, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> edition, by Campbell and Reece

**Course Web Site:** <http://www.life.uiuc.edu/ib/202/> Slides used in lectures will be posted ~24 hr prior to class. These materials are password protected. Access then using the following: username, ib202 password, auxin

**Exams and Grading**

**Course Grading Philosophy**

- 1) We do not 'curve' individual exams or assignments. Instead, we assign grade cut off points based on the distribution of student point totals at the end of the semester.
- 2) We use the standard 90, 80, 70, 60% scores as starting cutoff points for A, B, C, and D grades, respectively. Depending on the distribution of points at the end of the semester we **may** drop the cut off points slightly (e.g., 88% might become the A cut off) but **we will not raise** the cut-offs.
- 3) We do not give out minus grades. Students who would get an A- under a traditional grading scheme will get a grade of A. A small number of students at the upper end of each range **may** get plus grades; this is determined by the point distribution, not by an absolute score below the cut-off for the next letter grade.
- 4) We use the iClicker and award **bonus** points (up to 2.5% of the total course grade) for participation; points are not deducted for incorrect answers.

Here is the class grade distribution from Spring 2008

Final Grade	Range (out of 1000 points total)	Number of Students
A+	985	1
A	900-984	37
B+	885-899	12
B	795-884	56
C+	785-799	3
C	690-784	19
D	600-689	1

**Exams**

Exams covering lecture material will be held in the evening; see the attached syllabus for the dates.

**Note that these exams may not be held in 213 Gregory Hall.** On those days, during the normally scheduled lecture period an optional review session will be held. Exams may be made up with proper excuse and documentation: for example, if you are ill, a doctor's or McKinley letter - **a note from the Emergency Dean does not substitute for a doctor's excuse.** You must contact the appropriate staff member before the exam or as soon as possible after the exam to ensure that your absence is excused and that a makeup exam can be scheduled.

**Exam Instructions:**

1. **Exams 1 and 2 will be given on Monday evenings.** Arrive early; the exams will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.
2. **Bring several number 2 pencils and a good eraser to the exams.** A portion of each exam will consist of multiple choice questions that are machine graded and require answers in pencil. Another portion of each exam will be short answer or short essay; pencil or pen may be used for these answers. **Exams will not offer bonus points but they will offer you the option to choose which questions to answer.**
3. In the event of a conflict with another regularly scheduled course or an evening exam for another course, conflict exams will be scheduled. We will give reminders in class as exam dates approach to let you know whom to contact to arrange a conflict exam. **Note that two exams scheduled on the same day, but not at the same time do not constitute a conflict.**

**Lecture Grade:** 60% of course grade

Exam 1 20%

Exam 2 20%

Exam 3 20%

**Lab Information**

**Location:** 313 Natural History Bldg.

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**Lab Manual for the first half of the course:** IB 202 Laboratory Manual, by Ray Zielinski, 5th Ed.

**Lab Grade:** 40% of course grade

Reports are required for 10 of the 12 lab exercises: each will account for 4% of the total grade

If 11 or 12 lab reports are submitted, the highest 10 scores will be used to compute the lab grade.

**Because of limitations on lab space and staffing, missed labs cannot be made up beyond the weeks for which they are scheduled. LIMITED accommodation of students with conflicts can be made in other lab sections - this must be cleared with the instructors.**