

01:119:103 Principles of Biology

What does “synchronous/asynchronous” mean for this course? When are expected and/or required to be online? Will there be regular deadlines for assignments/quizzes/etc. during the week?

In essence the course is synchronous. The lectures videos will be posted weekly but all quizzes will be synchronous during scheduled lecture times. The labs are all synchronous, all students have to be online during their 3 hour scheduled lab section.

Lecture: the lectures will be uploaded on the weekend for the 2 lectures that week. Quizzes will be given and taken during the scheduled lecture times. The 2 midterms will be taken during the 80-min lecture period and the Final exam will be given during the Final exam period.

Lab: totally synchronous, all students will be expected to be present for the 3 hour scheduled lab. They will watch videos, look at PowerPoints, do experiments, group work, Collaboration files on Canvas with their TAs. Attendance is mandatory. There will be Participation points. In-lab assignments will be submitted during the lab period. Quizzes and lab practical exam will be given during scheduled lab periods.

When and how will help be provided?

Lecture: Instructor will be online during the two 80-min scheduled lecture times to answer any questions. Prior to the 3 exams, she will run a Review Session on Canvas. Students can email me anytime.

Lab: The TAs will be available during their 3 hour lab times and will also schedule Office Hours.

What will you need to be able to be successful in this course?

For both Lecture and Lab, students must have access to a computer that has a camera and microphone. Students will also need a smartphone that can take pictures and upload onto Canvas site. Pictures will often be needed for lab assignments and some lecture quizzes.