

Kingsborough Community College
The City University of New York
Department of Biological Sciences

Biology 22 - **Developmental Biology** Spring 2021

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Course Description - Bio 22 is a 4 credit course in Developmental Biology and consists of lecture (3 hours per week) and laboratory (3 hours per week). Prerequisites for the course include one year of General Biology (BIO 13 and 14) and one semester of Chemistry (Chem 11). Embryonic development and its regulatory mechanisms will be studied in representative invertebrate and vertebrate species, including the processes of gametogenesis and fertilization. Current experimental molecular and cellular techniques and results are interwoven with the historical evidence of the subject. Microscopic studies, films, drawings, models and student experiments are used to show the major stages of development and the dynamic processes of embryogenesis. This course satisfies the elective credit requirement for Biology majors.

Student Learning Outcomes

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1. Demonstrate an understanding of the early stages of embryonic development in select model organisms including specific genes involved in these stages.
2. Understand and list the four main processes involved in animal development.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of basic experimental approaches used in developmental genetics.
4. Know the important experiments required to show proof that a gene product is responsible for a particular process.
5. Understand at the molecular level how selected organs, tissues, and cells develop and differentiate.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the role, and potential therapeutic applications, of embryonic stem cells, tissue-specific stem cells, and induced pluripotent stem cell.

Required Textbooks:

Lecture - *Lecture slides and links on Blackboard*

Laboratory - Online Lab Manual [Link to online Lab Manual](#)

Grading Structure

Lecture

3 Lecture Exams	10%
Weekly online quizzes	10%
Homework assignments	10%
Final Exam	20%
Total	50%

Lab

Lab Reports	25%
Lab project	10%
<u>Lab practical</u>	<u>15%</u>
Total	50%

Academic Integrity Policy

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Accessibility Statement

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Attendance

You are expected to attend all lectures and labs. It is ALWAYS better to see me BEFORE any absence. If you miss a lecture, please speak with me as soon as possible to find out what you missed. Make sure to get notes from a classmate. If you miss a lab, speak to me as soon as possible to find out how you can make up the work.

KCC policy states that students who are absent more than 15% of the class hours will be assigned a WU grade (Unofficial Withdrawal). For BIO 22 if you miss more than 9 hours in any combination of lecture and/or lab, you will receive a WU unless you have appropriate documentation for the absence, such as a doctor's note.

Quizzes and Exams

Weekly online quizzes will be given. These can be accessed through Blackboard.

The exams will contain multiple choice questions, matching columns, and short written answers based on the material discussed in lectures and on assigned reading in the textbook. The **final exam** is cumulative (comprehensive). The format will be similar to the lecture exams. The final is worth 20% of your total grade. I will announce the date, time and place of the final exam as soon as it is scheduled. If you are unable to take an exam on the scheduled date, you must see me BEFORE that date to discuss whether we can schedule a make-up. If the make-up is given after the scheduled exam date you will lose 10 points off the exam. Make-ups are only permitted under unusual circumstances. If you are late on the day of an exam, no extra time will be allowed. Any quizzes or exams that you do not take will be counted as a zero.

Assignments

Your assignments include Lab report questions and a term paper or project. During lab, you will be asked to make observations and drawings to complete the Lab Report questions. You will also complete a **creative project**, which will be presented to the class at the end of the semester. I will meet with each student to discuss this project. Late assignments will lose 5% of the grade for each day after they are due. See Assignment Description for details.

Lecture schedule

Week	Dates	Lecture Topic
1	3/8 – 3/14	Introduction to Developmental Biology Background
2	3/15 – 3/21	How development works
3	3/22 – 3/28	Approached to Development: Developmental genetics.
4	April 5 4/5 – 4/11	Exam 1 Approached to Development: Experimental embryology Model Organisms
5	4/12 – 4/18	<i>Gametogenesis in selected organisms: Xenopus</i>
6	4/19 – 4/25	Cleavage & Gastrulation in <i>Xenopus</i>
7	4/26 – 5/2	Cleavage & Gastrulation in Chick (and comparison to <i>Xenopus</i>)
8	May 3 5/3 – 5/9	Exam 2 Organogenesis in <i>Xenopus</i>
9	5/10 – 5/16	Organogenesis in Chick
10	May 17 5/17 – 5/23	Exam 3 Development of Mesoderm
11	5/24 – 5/31	Development of selected Ectodermal organs
12	6/1 – 6/6	Tissue organization & Stem cells
	Open 6/9 – 6/11	Final Exam

Laboratory Schedule

Week	Due Date	Lab Topic
1	3/12	The Microscope
2	3/19	Gametogenesis
3	3/26	Fertilization
4	4/9	Early development and environmental effects on the embryo – amphibian development
5	4/16	Early development and environmental effects on the embryo – Brine shrimp development
6	4/23	Early Chick development
7	4/30	33-hour Chick embryo
8	5/7	RNAi of early development gene in <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>
9	5/14	Planarian Regeneration
10	5/21	Fetal Circulation
11	5/28	Lab Practical
12	6/4	Lab Project