# INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS Biology, Structure and Function, 2024-25

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## **Syllabus**

## Fall 2024: Cell Biology, Human Anatomy and Physiology

- 1. Hierarchical organization of living systems
- 2. Macromolecules: the chemistry of living Systems
- 2. DNA: The Regulation of Life
- 3. Heredity: The Continuity of Life
- Design and Function of Cells
- 4. Bones and Muscles
- 5. The Nervous System
- 6. Nutrition and Digestion
- 7. Circulation and Respiration
- 8. Integumentary, Excretory and Endocrine Systems
- 9. Disease and the body's Immune System

- 1. Flowering Seed Plants
- 2. Structure and Function of Leaves

Spring 2025: Botany and Zoology

- 3. Flowers, Fruits and Seeds
- 4. Stems and Roots
- 5. Variety in the World of Plants
- 6. Mammals
- 7. Birds
- 8. Reptiles and Amphibians
- 9. Fish
- 10. Arthropods
- 11. Variety in the World of Invertebrates
- 12. Populations, communities and ecosystems

## **Grading\***

Homework ......50%

• Typed lecture notes (due at the beginning of each class period)

- Worksheets and study questions
- Lab write-ups

Participation......10%

- Class discussions
- Lab exercises

Tests/quizzes......40%

**Text:** Biology. S. Robinson (Ed). CK-12 Foundation, 2011. Electronic Text available at:

www.scimathinstitute.org/texts/biology.pdf

Optional: Modern Biology Student Edition (Hardcover), by A. Towle

# Cost \$395/semester

- \* Policies regarding work.
- 1) Work is to be handed in at the beginning of the class period. Work turned in after this is considered late. Late-work will be accepted up to the beginning of the next class period for half credit. After that the work is considered a zero.
- 2) Extra credit will only be considered for those who hand in their regular work.
- 3) Makeup work must be completed within one week upon return from an absence.
- 4) Keep all notes and graded homework in a file for the complete school year.