

University Studies

Fall, 2020

**BIOL 108A**  
**Introduction to Biodiversity**

*3 Credits, 3 hours lecture, 3 hours lab per week*

Our planet supports a remarkable diversity of life. This course will discuss the history of life on earth, the evolutionary processes that gave rise to the biodiversity of earth, and how the relationships among organisms are reflected in their classification. Principles that unite all living things as well as unique adaptations that characterize major lineages will be discussed using examples from the three Domains of life. Laboratory exercises will investigate the diversity of biological form and function, and introduce students to scientific methodology, data collection and scientific writing.

*Prerequisites BIOL 030*

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 12:00 – 1:00  
All office hours are in S209B

**Hours and Location of Instruction**

Tuesday 2:00 – 4:50 CC234  
Wednesday 9:00 – 11:50 CC234  
Monday, Wednesday, 3:00 – 3:50 S212  
Friday 3:00 – 3:50 S205

**Required Resources**

**Textbook title,**

Urry, L.A. et al. 2021. Campbell Biology, Third Canadian Edition. Pearson Canada. ISBN-10: 0134851714  
• ISBN-13: 9780134851716

*\* The 9<sup>th</sup> edition and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian edition of Biology are also acceptable*

**Course Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) Explain basic principles of ecology, evolution, and Mendelian genetics, with a focus on the origin and diversity of life.
- 2) Use current phylogenetic and taxonomic nomenclature to describe the diversity of life on earth, and explain how evolutionary history is reflected in the nomenclature of organisms, including reference to major evolutionary innovations.

3) Use scientific inquiry to ask and answer questions about the world around them. This includes understanding the strengths and limitations of scientific inquiry and recognizing common mis-uses/mis-understandings.

### Evaluation

Lab Assignments	10%, due every 3 weeks
Midterm	25%, week of Oct. 12
Lab exam	25%, week before final exam
Final Exam	40%, week of Dec. 7
Total	100%

*A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.*

### Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory <b>Progression</b>	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor <b>Minimum Pass</b>	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support, or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

**Proposed Schedule of Lecture Topics**

<b>Lecture Topic – (week of:)</b>	<b>Textbook Reading</b>
Aug. 31 - Introduction – The scientific method and the scale of biology	1.1-1.4
Sep. 7 - Darwin and natural selection	22.1-22.3
Sep. 14 - Evolution of populations (microevolution)	14.1-14.2; 23.1-23.4
Sep. 21 - The origin of species (speciation)	24.1-24.4
Sep. 28 - Taxonomy, systematics, phylogeny, and classification	26.1-26.5
Oct. 5 - A brief history of time: the origin of life, fossils and their relevance	25.1-25.6
Oct. 12 - Prokaryotes	27.1-27.6
Oct. 12 - Endosymbiosis and the evolution of eukaryotes	25.3, 26.6
Oct. 19 - Reproductive strategies: why does sex exist?	12.1-12.2; 13.1-13.4
Oct. 26 – Protists	28.1-28.7
Nov. 2 - Plant diversity I: bryophytes and pteridophytes	29.1-29.3
Nov. 2 - Plant diversity II: seeded plants	30.1-30.4
Nov. 9 - Functional anatomy of seed plants	35.1-35.4; 36.3-36.4
Nov. 16 – Fungi	31.1-31.5
Nov. 16 - Animal development and classification	32.1; 32.3-32.4
Nov. 23 - Animal diversity I: invertebrates	33.1-33.5
Nov. 30 - Animal diversity II: chordates and vertebrates	34.1-34.7

**Proposed Schedule of Laboratory Topics for BIOL 108Y (week of:)**

Aug. 31	No lab
Sep. 7	Lab 1 – Biological tools and aseptic techniques, discuss primary literature assignment
Sep. 14	Lab 2 – Mechanisms of evolution (dot lab)
Sep. 21	Lab 3 – Population genetics (bead lab) Assignment on Labs 1-3 – 2% due week of Sep. 28
Sep. 28	Lab 4 – Domain Bacteria and sterile technique Lab report assigned for “Efficacy of Antimicrobial Products”, worth 3%, report due week of Oct. 12
Oct. 5	Lab 5 – Domain Bacteria and Kingdom Plantae (data collection from bacteria lab)
Oct. 12	Lab 6 - Student presentations of primary literature – 3%
Oct. 19	Lab 7 - Kingdom Fungi
Oct. 26	Lab 8 – Kingdom Animalia – part 1
Nov. 2	Lab 9 – Kingdom Animalia – part 2 Assignment on Labs 7-9 due week of Nov. 30 – 2%
Nov. 9	Review
Nov. 16	Review
Nov. 30	Lab exam

**Proposed Schedule of Laboratory Topics for BIOL 108X (week of:)**

Aug. 31	No lab
Sep. 7	No lab
Sep. 14	Lab 1 – Biological tools and aseptic techniques, discuss primary literature assignment
Sep. 21	Lab 2 – Mechanisms of evolution (dot lab)
Sep. 28	Lab 3 – Population genetics (bead lab) Assignment on Labs 1-3 – 2% due week of Oct. 5
Oct. 5	Lab 4 – Domain Bacteria and sterile technique Lab report assigned for “Efficacy of Antimicrobial Products”, worth 3%, report due week of Oct. 19
Oct. 12	Lab 5 – Domain Bacteria and Kingdom Plantae (data collection from bacteria lab)
Oct. 19	Lab 6 - Student presentations of primary literature – 3%
Oct. 26	Lab 7 - Kingdom Fungi
Nov. 2	Lab 8 – Kingdom Animalia – part 1
Nov. 9	No Lab – Remembrance Day
Nov. 16	Lab 9 – Kingdom Animalia – part 2 Assignment on Labs 7-9 due week of Nov. 30 – 2%
Nov. 30	Lab exam

**Please Note:**

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change. It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College Credit Calendar.

## Performance Requirements

### Student Responsibilities

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the [Keyano College credit calendar](#). The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

### Laboratory Safety

In the science laboratories, safety is important.

Students must complete the *WHMIS for Students* online training course on Moodle before entering the science laboratories.

Students must comply with the mandatory laboratory safety rules for this course as provided in the laboratory manual. Failure to do so will result in progressive discipline such as a verbal warning, refused entry into the laboratory, or suspension from the College.

Before entering the lab, students are responsible reviewing the lab manual and relevant Safety Data Sheets for the purpose of evaluating risks associated to health. Some hazards used in the laboratory may have additional risks to those with pre-existing medical conditions.

### Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and notes that may be due.

### Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own;
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating);
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work;
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications;
- The willful distortion of results or data;
- Substitution in an examination by another person;
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment; and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on [ilearn.keyano.ca](http://ilearn.keyano.ca). Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work may not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

### **Specialized Supports**

The Student Services department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There are a variety of student supports available at Keyano College. Due to the continuing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the offered support services will be implemented differently this semester by being provided mostly virtually. In-person service can be requested as needed. All Alberta Health Services guidelines will be followed for in-person appointments—wear a mask, maintain two meters of physical distance, use hand sanitizer, and stay home if you are unwell.

All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8h30-16h30. The Library has evening and weekend hours. Please check [keyano.ca/library](http://keyano.ca/library) for current hours.

**Accessibility Services:** provides accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with a Learning Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact us to request them for the semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact us as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility services supports and to book a virtual appointment, please contact [accessibility.services@keyano.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@keyano.ca).

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students, as well as technology training and supports to enhance learning. Meet with a Learning Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies for online classes. Schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing [accessibility.services@keyano.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@keyano.ca)

**Academic Success Coaching:** offers you support and access to resources for your academic success to help you to find the Keys to your Success. The Academic Success Coach will work with you to develop an academic success plan, develop your study and time management skills, and connect you with the right resources here at Keyano. [Academic.success@keyano.ca](mailto:Academic.success@keyano.ca) is the best way to access resources during virtual service delivery.

**Wellness Services:** offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. All individual appointments will continue virtually.

Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in any of the virtual group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing topics including mindfulness and test anxiety.

Individual virtual appointments can be made by emailing [wellness.services@keyano.ca](mailto:wellness.services@keyano.ca).

**Library Services:** provides students with research and information supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to support you both virtually and in person during the fall semester. For library service supports and inquiries, please email [askthelibrary@keyano.ca](mailto:askthelibrary@keyano.ca).

[Individual support with the Information Librarian will be provided virtually. Appointments can be requested by email or by placing a Book a Librarian request](#) using the online form found [here](#).

Research and Subject Guides are helpful resources when conducting research or addressing your information needs. To view a subject or course specific guide, use the following [Subject Guides link](#)

To access additional research resources, including Citation Guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), go to the [Research Help Library page](#).

**Skill Centre:** provides academic support services to students registered in credit programs at Keyano College in the form of tutoring, writing support groups, facilitated study groups, workshops and study space. Tutoring services are **free** to Keyano students. Tutoring is available for Math, Writing, English, and Science subject areas.

While most courses are being offered online, the Skill Center will be offering mostly virtual tutoring services and in-person sessions as requested. Please email [Skill.centre@keyano.ca](mailto:Skill.centre@keyano.ca) to get in contact with our tutoring staff.

For the most up to date information on how to book a tutoring session, please view the [Keyano Skill Centre homepage](#).

**E-Learning**

Technology and internet will impact your online learning experience. It's important that you are able to watch an online video and other course materials, take online quizzes, and participant in a live class with your instructor and other students.

Keyano College operates in a Windows based environment and having the correct tools for online learning is important. Here's a list of recommended system requirements for Fall 2020.

**Internet Speed**

Minimum Internet speeds of 5 Mbps.

Recommended Internet speeds of 25 Mbps (especially if you are sharing your internet at home).

Check your internet speed with [Fast.com](http://Fast.com).

**System requirements:**

Microsoft Windows	Apple
<p><b>Minimum Requirements:</b></p> <p>A Windows 10 <b>computer/laptop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Minimum 4GB of RAM.</li> <li>· 10GB+ available hard drive storage.</li> <li>· Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <a href="#">Microsoft Office</a> software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</li> <li>· Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended.</li> <li>· System updates must be regularly installed.</li> <li>· Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software</li> </ul>	<p><b>Minimum Requirements:</b></p> <p>A Macintosh (V10.14 and above) <b>computer/laptop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Minimum 4GB of RAM.</li> <li>· 10GB+ available hard drive storage.</li> <li>· Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <a href="#">Microsoft Office</a> software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</li> <li>· Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended.</li> <li>· System updates must be regularly installed.</li> <li>· Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Recommended Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8GB of RAM</li> <li>A method of backing up/synchronizing to local or cloud-based storage such as OneDrive is highly recommended. This is included if you complete the setup of KeyanoMail and download MS Office using your Keyano email for free.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommended Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8GB of RAM</li> <li>A method of backing up/synchronizing to local or cloud-based storage such as OneDrive is highly recommended. This is included if you complete the setup of KeyanoMail and download MS Office using your Keyano email for free.</li> </ul>
<p>Chromebooks are <b>not</b> recommended as they are not compatible with testing lockdown browsers. A Microsoft Surface or iPad or iPad Pro may be possible alternatives in some program areas.</p>	

**Specific department requirements:**

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.  
Other programs may utilize Windows based tools as well.

**Computer Software**

Students will be able to get access to Microsoft Office 365 for Free using Keyano Credentials by [clicking here](#).

**Recording of lectures and Intellectual Property**

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or by Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not publish any of the lectures or lecture materials, this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc. on any platform. Thus no student is allowed to publish or sell instructor notes without formal written permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property.

**ITS Helpdesk**

If you are having issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing [its.helpdesk@keyano.ca](mailto:its.helpdesk@keyano.ca) or calling 780-791-4965.