

ZOO 2010

# GENERAL ZOOLOGY



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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### ATTENDANCE

I do not REQUIRE attendance in lecture. However, given the amount of material covered at each session, I strongly RECOMMEND it.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to withdraw or change from credit to audit. *Before making any change, please be sure to speak to me and determine the effect of a W or AU(X) grade on your financial aid, immigration status, or other situations.* New college and federal rules require faculty to withdraw students for non-attendance at the beginning of the semester or later with a "W" or "WF" grade. *Let me know if you will be out of town or missing class for some reason!*

### TESTS

There will be six scheduled quizzes. Each quiz will be on the material covered in the previous 2 - 3 weeks (see schedule on reverse side). Your lowest quiz score will be dropped, so that only 5 quizzes will be used in computing your final grade. The format of each quiz will consist mostly of multiple-choice questions and one or several essay-type questions. They may also include fill-in-the-blank or matching type questions. There will be 2 scheduled exams: a mid-term and a final. Each will be cumulative. *While taking tests, be courteous to your classmates: turn off beepers and cell phones. Failure to do so will lead to points being deducted from your score.*

Under extreme extenuating circumstances I may allow an exam to be taken early or at a different time. This will be by PRIOR discussion and arrangement only. *Any breach of the academic honesty policy (as per the Student Code of Conduct) will lead to a grade penalty and possible referral to the appropriate campus or program administrator.*

### POINT DISTRIBUTION

Mid-term exam	100
Final Exam	100
5 Quizzes (40 pts each)	<u>200</u>
	400



### GRADE SCALE

90%	A
80%	B
70%	C
60%	D
Below 60%	F

### COURSE TEXT

*ANIMAL DIVERSITY*. 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. Hickman, Roberts, Keen, & Larson. 2007. WCB/McGraw-Hill. On the internet try my home page <http://webhome.broward.edu/~sobenauf/zoo2010/zoo2010main.htm> which has links to various sites of interest for zoology. There are also audios and videos available linked with the various topics we will cover in class at <http://webhome.broward.edu/~sobenauf/zoo2010/podcasts%20zoo/podcasts%20zoo.html>. Outlines of our lectures are also available on my web site.

### OFFICE HOURS

My office number is 7-120. Office hours are posted. Should the posted hours not be convenient for you, I will be happy to try and arrange another time for any questions you may have or anything you may wish to discuss.

### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Students in this class may have the option of participating in field trips, environmental cleanups (see my web site), visiting local parks or museums, or attending on-campus lectures of interest. Field trips will depend on site availability, weather, and student demand.

### COURSE OBJECTIVE

Upon completion of this course, the student (you) will have an understanding of the fundamental principles of zoology and to survey the animal kingdom from an evolutionary and ecological viewpoint.