

Objectives: Following completion of the lab, a student should be able to

1. Distinguish between and confidently identify members of larger groups such as algae, liverworts, mosses, horsetails, ferns, seed plants, gymnosperms, and angiosperms.
2. Compare and contrast the life cycles of plants and animals.
3. Relate plant anatomy, physiology and diversity to economic value/uses.
4. Identify plant cell structures, plant tissues, and plant organs by sight.
5. Relate structure to function via physiological experiments examining photosynthesis, hormones, and water relations.
6. Generate testable hypotheses about the functioning of biological systems.
7. Effectively use statistics and graphing techniques to draw logical conclusions from experiments.
8. Use dissecting and compound microscopes effectively.

Attendance: *Attendance to all labs is mandatory.* No make-up quizzes will be given for unexcused absences. You are responsible for all material covered in the labs regardless of your presence. Excused absences must request permission prior to class and will be expected to arrange to complete the lab in another lab section. Whenever possible, plan in advance. See the Millersville University attendance policy for qualifying excused absences.

Special Needs, Honesty & Title IX: See lecture syllabus.

Grading: 160 lab points total.

1. Lab Quizzes (120 pts. total). Seven quizzes each of 20 points given, but lowest score dropped. Quizzes cover material since last quiz and they are administered at the start of lab on the specified date. Quizzes can be made up for excused absences.
2. Assignments (40 pts total). Two assignments as announced in the schedule, and others may be announced throughout the semester to add up to a total of 40 pts worth of assignments. All assignments will be due at the beginning of lab on the due date. There is a 10% deduction of points for every 24-hour late period.
3. Participation/Attendance Penalties. You will lose upwards of 3 points per lab period for unexcused absences, late arrivals or early departures, failure to work diligently to effectively complete the lab, texting or otherwise using your phone for business unrelated to lab, failure to clean-up thoroughly after lab, or failure to treat equipment and other persons in the lab with due courtesy.

Consideration: Please leave the lab as clean as you found it. Silence all cell phones, pagers, etc. and put phones away before class starts.