# El Paso Community College Syllabus Part II Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	Biology	
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	BIOL 2316	
COURSE TITLE	Genetics	
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	3 3:0	
	Credits Lec Lab	

# I. Catalog Description

Provides a balanced presentation of classical and molecular genetics, emphasizing modern approaches to Mendelian concepts with human and medical applications. (This course is intended for science majors.) **Prerequisites: BIOL 1306 and 1106. (3:0).** 

# II. Course Objectives

- A. Unit I. Genetics : An Introduction
  - 1. Be able to describe the different branches of genetics.
  - 2. Be able to explain basic and applied techniques implemented in genetics and in which animal are commonly used in genetic research.
  - 3. Describe cellular reproduction in eukaryotic organisms.
- B. Unit II. Mendelian Genetics
  - 1. Be able to describe Mendel's Principle of Segregation and Mendel's Principles of Independent assortment.
  - 2. Apply basic fundamental Mendelian principles to solve genetics problems.
  - 3. Interpret genetic data using the Chi-Square Test.
  - 4. Be able to analyze human genetic pedigrees.
- C. Unit III. Chromosomal Basis of Inheritance, Sex Linkage, and Sex Determination
  - 1. Explain the chromosomal theory of inheritance.
  - 2. Explain sex determination using both genotypic and environmental sex determination systems.
  - 3. Analyze sex-linked traits in humans.
- D. Unit IV. Extension of Mendelian Genetic Analysis
  - 1. Explain the concept of multiple Alleles.
  - 2. Explain modification of Dominance relationships.
  - 3. Explain gene interactions and modified Mendelian Ratios.
  - 4. Compare essential and lethal genes.

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## E. Unit V. Chromosomal Mutations

- 1. Discuss the different type of chromosomal mutations.
- 2. Explain variations in chromosome structure.
- 3. Explain the clinical significance of variations in chromosomes number.

## F. Unit VI. Gene Control of Proteins

- 1. Be able to explain how genes control enzyme structure.
- 2. Apply how genetically based enzyme deficiencies relate clinically to human diseases.
- 3. Describe how genes control the structure of proteins.
- 4. Apply basic concepts to everyday life = Genetic Counseling.

#### G. Unit VII. DNA. The Genetic Material

- 1. Discuss the experimentation that lead to the discovery that DNA was the genetic material.
- 2. Be able to discuss the genetic composition of DNA and RNA.

#### H. Unit VIII. DNA: Organization in Chromosomes

- 1. Describe and contrast the chromosomes of bacteria, archaea, and viruses.
- 2. Describe eukaryotic chromosomes and be able to distinguish between their unique-sequence and repetitive-sequence DNA.

## I. Unit IX. DNA Replication

- 1. Discuss in full DNA replication.
- 2. Discuss DNA recombination.
- 3. Discuss the significance of screening procedures for the isolation of mutants.

# J. Unit X. Gene Expression: Transcription

- 1. Explain the concept of gene expression.
- 2. Discuss in full the process of transcription eukaryotic organisms.

#### K. Unit XI. Gene Expression: Translation

- 1. Explain the chemical and molecular structure of proteins.
- 2. Define the nature of the genetic code.
- 3. Define protein sorting in the cell.

## L. Unit XII. Cloning and Manipulating Cloning

- 1. Discuss DNA cloning.
- 2. Explain the different types of recombinant DNA libraries.
- 3. Explain how to find a specific clone in a library.
- 4. Analyze gene and genes transcripts.
- 5. Describe the polymerase chain reaction (PCR).
- 6. Discuss ethical issue in genetics.

## M. Unit XIII. Regulation of Gene Expression in Bacteria and Bacteriophages

- 1. Discuss the lac operon of E. coli.
- 2. Describe lactose as a carbon source for E. coli.
- 3. Describe the experimental evidence for the regulation of the lac genes.
- 4. Explain Jacob and Monod's Operon Model for the regulation of the lac genes.

- 5. Explain positive control of the lac operon.
- 6. Discuss the regulation of the trp Operon.
- 7. Explain early transcription events.
- 8. Describe the Lysogenic pathway.
- 9. Describe the Lytic pathway.

## N. Unit XIV. Eukaryotic Gene Regulation

- 1. Explain how transcription is controlled.
- 2. Explain how protein degradation is controlled.
- 3. Explain the constancy of DNA in the genome during development.
- 4. Discuss different gene activity among tissues and during development.
- 5. Discuss immunogenetics and chromosomes rearrangements during development.

## O. Unit XV. Genetics of Cancer

- 1. Discuss the multi-step of cancer.
- 2. Describe the role of chemical carcinogens.
- 3. Describe the control of radiation in the development of cancer.

## III. Evaluation

- A. Objective and short objective exams
- B. Grading will not follow current El Paso Community College catalog standards.

90-100	=	A
80-89	=	В
70-79	=	C
60-69	=	D
Below 60	=	F

# IV. Disability Statement (American with/Disabilities Act [ADA])

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# V. 6 Drop Rule

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