

AP[®] Biology

Syllabus 4

EXPECTATIONS

AP[®] Biology is both a hard and a fun course. It provides students with an opportunity to develop a conceptual framework for modern biology, emphasizing applications of biological knowledge and critical thinking to environmental and social concerns. This is a college-level course, and students will be held to high expectations and mature responsibilities just like a college freshman taking Introduction to Biology.

GOALS OF THE COURSE: THEMES AND CONCEPTS

The AP Biology Examination continues to emphasize the concepts and themes of biology. Less weight is placed on specific facts than on the “big ideas” that tie them together. There are two major goals of AP Biology: (1) to enable students to develop a real understanding of the principal concepts in biology and (2) to experience science as a process of problem solving and discovery.

