BIOLOGY 7 INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENCE OF BIOLOGY Spring 2007

Course Information:

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Lecture: Melanie Loo, MWF – 9:00-9:50 HMB 202

Required text: Discover Biology, second edition, by Cain, Damman, Lue, and Yoon,

WW Norton, 2002

Required Lab Manual: BIO 7 Laboratory Manual, by Melanie Loo, Elaine Kent, and

Jennifer Lundmark

Course Description/Objectives:

BIO 7 is a required course for students obtaining a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. BIO 7 is for students who are planning on becoming elementary school (K-8) teachers in California.

Specific Lab Objectives: By the end of the semester you should:

- Understand the process of scientific inquiry
- Be able to use appropriate observational and measuring methods
- Be able to write a testable hypothesis and design an experiment with independent, dependent, and controlled variables
- Be able to determine appropriate methods of analyzing data (tables, graphs, statistical tests)
- Understand how experimental and random errors can affect the results of an experiment and know how to minimize these errors
- Be able to classify an organism to its kingdom and sometimes to it phylum
- Understand how molecules' structures and functions are related and can
- Be able to identify prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells under the microscope Be able to identify the stages of cell division (mitosis), describe the events occurring at each stage, and relate those events to the properties of the daughter cell produced
- Know and understand experiments which demonstrate factors involved in photosynthesis