



CHIPOLA COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Chipola's website: www.chipola.edu

COURSE TITLE:

Special Topics in Biology

COURSE NUMBER:

BSC 4930

COURSE DESCRIPTION (with prerequisites):

This course is designed to allow students to participate in a supervised study or research participation in a specific science-related area in Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Students must have instructor approval of the topic before enrolling in the course. This course is only open to students who are enrolled in the Science Education program or who are trying to meet teacher certificate requirements. Prerequisites: at least two of the following: PHY 1053/1054, BSC 2010/2011, or CHM 1045/1046, with the corresponding laboratories, or consent of the department. 3 semester hours credit


NAME(S) OF INSTRUCTORS:

Varies

EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC YEAR:

2023-2024

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

No textbook or course materials are required to purchase for this course. 

GRADING POLICY:

The standing of a student in each course is expressed by one of the following letters and corresponding grading system:

A – 90 – 100

B – 80 – 89

C – 70 – 79

D – 60 – 69

F – 59 or less

The Chipola Catalog provides policies and procedures regarding the grading system. A student's Grade Point Average is derived from the grading system/quality point scale.

ATTENDANCE AND WITHDRAWAL POLICIES:

Chipola College expects regular attendance of all students and for all instructors to record attendance daily. Students who are absent from classes for any reason other than official college activities must satisfy the instructor concerned that the absence was due to illness or other clearly unavoidable reasons. Otherwise, the student may suffer grade loss at the discretion of the instructor. Chipola policy allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor

First Day Handout whether or not an absence is excusable and what effect the absence or tardy may have on the grade.

A student is allowed to repeat a course a maximum of three (3) times. **On the third attempt a student (1) must bear the full cost of instruction (unless waived by Student Services), (2) cannot withdraw, and (3) must receive a grade.**

MAKE-UP POLICY:

Chipola allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor First Day Handout the makeup policy.

ACADEMIC HONOR CODE POLICY:

Students are expected to uphold the Academic Honor Code, which is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility to (1) uphold the highest standards of academic honesty in his/her own work; (2) refuse to tolerate academic dishonesty in the college community; and (3) foster a high sense of honor and social responsibility on the part of students. Further information regarding the Academic Honor Code may be found in the Chipola Catalog, Student Governance section.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:

Chipola College is committed to making all programs and facilities accessible to anyone with a disability. Chipola's goal is for students to obtain maximum benefit from their educational experience and to effectively transition into the college environment. Students with disabilities are requested to voluntarily contact the Office of Students with Disabilities to complete the intake process and determine their eligibility for reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE OF EQUAL ACCESS/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION:

Chipola College does not discriminate against any persons, employees, students, applicants or others affiliated with the college in regards to race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, veteran's status, disability, gender, genetic information, marital status, pregnancy or any other protected class under applicable federal and state laws, in any college program, activity or employment.

Wendy Pippen, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Equity Officer and Title IX Coordinator, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446, Building A, Room 183C, 850-718-2269, pippenw@chipola.edu.

LIBRARY AND ON-LINE REFERENCE MATERIALS:

The library is a comprehensive learning resource center providing information in print, electronic, and multimedia format to support the educational objectives of the College. On-line catalogs, e-books, and electronic databases can be accessed through the Library Resources link within your course in Canvas or by using the *Search* icon on the Chipola Library website at www.chipola.edu/library. If you have questions about database usage, consult the "How to Use the Chipola Databases" on the Library website or call the Library at 850/718-2274 during regular hours. Library hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website. See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor recommendations and resources.

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:

The college's learning management system is **Canvas**. Classes become available on Canvas on the first day of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to log onto the Canvas system the first day of class to establish the first day of attendance and to check announcements. All official class communication must be through Canvas. For further information, contact your instructor or the Director of Learning Resources. The Canvas support hotline is available online in live chat and on the phone, toll-free, at 855-308-2812 for any issues utilizing Canvas. The **Technology Center**, located in the library, is equipped with computer workstations. Lab hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website.

FREE TUTORING RESOURCES:

The Academic Center for Excellence (**ACE**) Lab, located in Building L, offers free tutoring from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is equipped with computer workstations. ACE lab hours are posted each semester at the room entrance and on the website. Additionally, live online tutoring conferences and individual tutoring sessions are available for a variety of courses through ACE@Home. For a conference schedule or to schedule an individual appointment, visit "ACE Tutoring" in the left navigation from any course in Canvas.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE STATEMENT:

Classrooms should be free of all unnecessary distractions from the task of learning. Therefore, as a general rule, students should silence and avoid use of all electronic devices (laptops, phones, tablets, etc.) not being used for coursework. Consult first-day handouts for any specific policies related to the use of electronic devices in the classroom, as they may vary depending upon the nature of the course or the guidelines of the instructor. Faculty reserve the right to regulate the use of electronic devices and their accessories in class.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

BSC 4930 is not a General Education core course.

Linking Course-level Student Learning Outcomes with Discipline-Specific Competencies, Assessment Methods, and Artifacts		
COURSE-LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR BSC 4930	DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC GENERAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES	ASSESSMENT METHODS FOR COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (see Notes below)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research biology topics, make conjectures, and arrive at conclusions under the instructor's supervision.• Conduct a presentation on the results obtained from the research topic.• Understand the relevance of reviewing current papers germane to topics of discussion.	n/a	RP, Proj, PS RPT, W PS

Notes: **Assessment Codes**

BO - Behavioral Observation
Cap Proj - Capstone Course
CF - Cumulative Final
Clin - Clinicals
CP - Case Plan
CS - Case Study
DB - Discussion Board
DE - Documented Essays
E - Essays

EX - Dept Exam
Exp - Experiments
F - Final Exam
H - Homework
Intern - Internship
J - Jury
JP - Judged Perf/Exh
Obs - Teacher Observ
OT - Objective Tests

Port - Portfolio
Prac - Practicum
Pre/ Post - Pre-/Post-Tests
Proj - Projects
PS - Problem Solving
Q - Quizzes
R - Recital
RP - Research Papers
RPT - Report/Presentation

SD - Skills Demonstration
SE - Natl or State
Standardized
Sk - Ck Skills Check-Off
SP - Skills Performance
T - Tests
UT - Unit Tests
W - Writing Assignments

MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Directed individual study. The instructor will be available during office hours for individual assistance. |

ASSIGNMENT AND/OR COURSE OUTLINE

See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor assignment schedule. |