

Biology 491 Senior Survey
Dr. Lisa A. Dorn, Dr. Robert Mitchell and Dr. Beatrice Holton
Spring 2017

You know where to find us. dorn@uwosh.edu, mitchellr@uwosh.edu, holton@uwosh.edu

COURSE CONTENT: This course consists of an **exam** and a **survey**.

EXAM:

The first 60 multiple choice questions are designed to assess whether the department is achieving its learning objectives. An additional 7 questions are demographic questions querying your major, emphasis, credit totals and other non-academic aspects of your learning environment. These questions are designed to help the department better serve future students just like you. Additionally, **such assessment is required by accrediting bodies**, we have no choice. Cranky old folks who think you're all a bunch of slackers use such information to cut funding to this institution. Please take this seriously!

A **minimum score of 30%** is required to pass. This is a pretty low bar. In part, that's because we have to ask questions from courses you may never have taken. If you think you can't meet this low bar get a Bio 105 syllabus and review all subjects on that list.

The exam will be taken in the Polk Library Testing Center any time between **February 10 and April 28**. All exams will be graded on April 28 and scores will then be posted to d2l.

SURVEY:

The survey will be administered via Qualtrics and is our effort to discover what students like and dislike about our department and to determine our perceived strengths and weaknesses. The survey is anonymous so that we may acquire an honest appraisal (and yes, we read your comments). Results from the survey are also reported to the faculty so that we may work to improve our department.

CREDIT VALUE: 0 cr. **BUT you must take it to graduate**. Don't forget to take it.

COURSE MECHANICS:

- **YOU MUST TAKE THE EXAM AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE END OF THE SEMESTER.** Simply show up any time during the Testing Center's hours of operation, show your student ID card and complete the exam. **Please allow about 1.5 hours to complete the exam.**
- **The SURVEY** is administered via Qualtrics. Watch for an email inviting you to take the survey with **your** access code. **DO NOT SHARE** this code with anyone else. They all get their own code. If they use yours, you **CANNOT** take the survey and **you will flunk**.

GRADING: The course is P/NP. **Students must correctly answer 30% of the assessment exam questions to pass.** Students must also complete the survey to pass the class.

If you fail to achieve a 30% you may re-take the exam by contacting one of the instructors.