

Course Syllabus

Welcome to Zoology I !

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Prerequisites: It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met any prerequisites required to earn credit for this course. Refunds will not be issued outside of the refund policy because prerequisites were not met prior to enrolling in or taking the course. It is also your responsibility to make sure that you have access to internet connections. I find that the course works best for me using google chrome as my browser versus safari.

Objective of the Course:

Zoology is a course that surveys the nine major phyla of the Kingdom Animalia. Morphology, taxonomy, anatomy, and physiology should be investigated.

Exams: This course will have 2 exams. They will heavily emphasize vocabulary, as key terms are vital to the understanding of the concepts presented. Be sure, however, to review all questions and activities that are listed in your text. The exams will be under the supervision of your course supervisor/proctor. No supplementary materials (notes, textbooks, reference books, etc.) can be used. We reserve the right to require any student to come to the High School Online office to take or redo any test. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated, and can result in an F in the course.

Mississippi State University's Student Honor Code will be enforced. To view this policy, visit [http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu/policy/Links to an external site.](http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu/policy/Links%20to%20an%20external%20site.)

Grades: You will receive a numerical grade for each lesson that you submit. Your lesson grades will count as 1/3 of your final grade, and your tests will count as 2/3 of your final grade.

While I strive to grade your lessons and tests in a very timely fashion, please note that there are certain times when there may be a delay in grading (holidays, weekends, etc).

Writing Rubric:

Final Grade: Once you have submitted all assignments for grading and your final average is calculated a completion letter will be mailed to the student and the school. The school will issue the letter grade and add the course to your transcript.

Communication with your Instructor: Outside of discussion board posts, all communication with your instructor should be via email. jshowsmsuohs@gmail.com

Course Completion and Graduation: If you are graduating in the current school year, all coursework must be completed by April 1 in order to ensure that your official documentation is received by your school counselor in time for graduation. It is your responsibility to submit all discussion boards, quizzes, and exams by this deadline.

Course Layout:

Sequence of Topics

- Evolution of Animals
- Phyla Porifera & Cnidaria
- Phylum Mollusca

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- Phyla Platyhelminthes, Nematoda, and Annelida
- Phylum Arthropoda
- Phylum Echinodermata

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