



AP Biology

AP Biology is a rigorous course and should not be attempted by the faint hearted. The requirements for this course are in addition to those on the syllabus for Advanced Biology.

Course Goals

AP Biology is a college level lab biology course. The goal of the course is to give advanced students a chance to earn college credit in biology. There will be extensive reading, note taking and lab work, as well as study for the AP test in May.

Requirements

Lab

Monday evenings from 6 – 8 PM. The lab is a required portion of this course. Your grade will drop 5% for each lab you miss. If more than 3 labs are missed you will receive an F.

Field trips

Academic field trips to locations such as the California Academy of the Sciences, the Bodega Bay Marine Lab, the UCD Hopland Field Station, and the UCSF Medical School will be offered. AP students are required to attend two trips per semester and to write a short paper (one page) on the experience. The Salt Point overnight trip is also obligatory.

Scheduling

AP students will be taking Advanced Biology during the regular school day. In addition to that there is the previously mentioned mandatory lab on Monday nights for AP students. *Our first meeting for students interested in this course is this Monday at 6 PM. Parents may also attend this meeting to discuss their students desire to take AP Biology.*

Fees

There is a fee for trip transportation and the AP test. Please speak to me if there will be a difficulty paying. We will cover transportation fees with grants when possible.

Grade

You can earn an extra grade point with this course (5.0) as well as college credit by passing the AP test in the spring.