

Textbooks:

- (1) Snustad, P. and M. Simmons (2002). Principles of Genetics, third edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York.
- (2) Elrod, S., and Stansfield, W. (2002), Theory and Problems of Genetics, fourth edition, McGraw-Hill, N.Y. [Note: I strongly recommend that you use the English edition due to accumulated errors and confusing text in the Spanish edition.]
- (3) Squire, Richard (2000), Genetics Laboratory Manual, second edition, Impresos RUM.

<u>Grades:</u>	Lecture exams	50%
	Laboratory	25%
	Final exam (includes lect. only)	25%

Regulations:

- (1) No children or pets are allowed in the classrooms or laboratory.
- (2) Attendance is required. **More than 3 absences in laboratory** will result in a grade of "F". Lateness to lab. or lecture may count as an absence. More than **7 absences from lecture** will prevent you from getting your final grade curved, and more than **10 absences from lecture** will result in a grade of "F". I usually curve the grades at the end of the semester.
- (3) An unexcused absence from a lecture exam will result in a zero on that exam. I will count the final exam extra for one excused missing lecture exam grade. Excused absences count toward the maxima numbers allowed above.
- (4) Tape recorders recommended.
- (5) You must take laboratory as well as lecture.
- (6) You will NOT be allowed to use Graphics calculators on exams or laboratory quizzes.

The best way to study theoretical material is to read it and then practice writing essay questions. The only way to learn how to solve problems is to get a lot of practice. Start with the examples which have been worked out for you. If you have trouble, see me during my office hours. If you wait until just before the exam; it is probably too late. You should be completely up to date and ready for an exam by Monday of each week. Students who fall behind usually get D's and F's.

**If you don't understand the material. or if you need help, see me during my office hours as soon as possible. If you don't ask for needed help, you can expect to get a poor grade!**

I will write my exams in English. You may answer in English and/or Spanish. I do not grade your English. I will write your final exam as well.

Note: The lab exams will be given at night. They are scheduled for Monday Oct. 7, and Tues. Dec. 3.