

**BIOLOGY 321**  
**SURVEY OF INVERTEBRATES**  
**Section A01 2017 CRN 10377**

**Lecture:**

DTB A102

Section A01: Tue, Wed, & Fri 9:30-10:20am

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Office hours: Thu 12 noon to 1 pm or by prior arrangement

**Laboratory:**

PETCH 109

Sections: B01 Tue 2:30; B05 Tue 5:30; B02 Wed 11:30; B03 Wed 2:30; B04 Thu 2:30

**Senior Lab Instructor:** Alicia Rippington; email [aliciad@uvic.ca](mailto:aliciad@uvic.ca)

Office hours and contact information for TAs will be given during your first lab session.

- Labs begin week of September 11-15, 2017
- Bring to lab: lab manual (purchase from UVic bookstore), textbook, pencil & eraser; dissecting kit.
- **If you have a valid excuse to be absent from the first lab please contact Alicia Rippington ([aliciad@uvic.ca](mailto:aliciad@uvic.ca)) or you may get shunted into a different lab section.**

**Textbooks and Supplies:**

- Pechenik, J.A. Biology of the Invertebrates, 6th edition or 7th edition. Copies of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition are available at the Reserve Reading Desk in the MacPherson library.
- Biology 321 Laboratory Manual – 2017 edition; purchase at UVic Bookstore
- basic dissecting kit including two fine forceps can be purchased from the Bookstore

**Course Content:**

The ‘invertebrates’ represent possibly 90% of the species of multicellular animals. The organisms belonging to this informal grouping are not defined by the possession of any unique characteristic, but only by what they lack – an internal skeleton (cartilage or bone) protecting a brain and dorsal nerve chord. Biol 321 will focus at the organismal level and will be organized by phyla. It will deal with major elements of body plans, functional morphology, behaviour, physiology, reproduction & development, life cycles, evolution, and phylogeny of invertebrates. This is potentially a huge quantity of material, but I will whittle it down to a manageable amount by being highly selective in what I choose to include for each phylum and omitting some of the smaller phyla altogether. Fortunately, the biology of invertebrates is rich in fascinating material. As your instructor, my goal is to encourage enthusiasm for the study of invertebrates, with all their ingenious adaptations and splendid diversity. I hope you will find that information about the structure and biology of invertebrates enriches, extends, and enlightens your understanding of biological organization at other levels (i.e. molecular, cellular, ecological).

**Terminology:**

You will be expected to learn a number of technical terms for structures, concepts, and taxa. What terms and definitions are you expected to know?

- terms that I display in writing during lecture
- terms given in bold font in ‘Required Readings’ from your textbook

## Laboratory:

The laboratory sessions are an integral part of Biol 321 and are worth 45% of your final grade. The laboratory will allow you to examine organisms described in the lecture and to observe structural and functional diversity within and between various taxa. Some of the lab work will involve dissection of heavily anaesthetized, live specimens. Dissections will be done in groups of 3-5 students so as to minimize the number of animals sacrificed. **Students will not be allowed to write the final lecture exam if they fail the laboratory section of Biol. 321.** Late submission of the lab assignments (animal profile and research focus) will be penalized at 10% per day (weekend included) up to a maximum of 5 days. Thereafter, the submitted essay will be accepted only if affixed to documentation of a valid excuse.

## Field Trips:

A great advantage of studying Invertebrate Biology at the University of Victoria is the close proximity to an exceedingly rich fauna of marine invertebrates. Field trips have been planned to exploit the educational value of this great resource. Additional information about these field trips will be provided during both lecture and lab and will be posted on the CourseSpaces website for Biol 321.

**Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre** (optional). A trip to BMSC is planned for **Oct 27 to 29** (leave UVic Friday 2:30 pm; return to UVic Sunday ~4:30 pm). Spaces are limited to 18 or 24 and sign-up will occur on **Thursday Sep 14 from 8:00-10:00am in Petch 010**. After that date & time, contact L.Page for sign-up (if sign-up slots still remain). The cost for the trip is **\$250.00** and payment must be made when you sign-up for the trip (cash or cheque made out to Biology Dept., Univ. of Victoria). The fee covers everything (transportation, accommodation, meals, boat time and instruction during excursions) except dinner on Friday, which will be purchased *en route*. Visit BMSC's website at: <http://www.bamfieldmsc.com>

**Intertidal Field Trip** (optional). A field trip to the intertidal zone of Clover Point is planned for **Fri Nov 03 @ 8:30 pm** (all fall & winter low tides occur after sunset in our area). Return transportation between UVic and Clover Point for a limited number of students will be available; otherwise please arrange your own transportation. Wear warm clothing, rain gear if appropriate, and bring a **flashlight**. Rubber boots are highly recommended. Friends welcome. No fee.

## Biology 321 - 2017 - Survey of Invertebrates - Schedule of Lectures & Labs

Date	Lect No.	Lecture Topic	Readings Pechenik ed 7 (ed 6) S = suggested R = required
Sep 06 W	1	Introduction to Course; Habitats, Lifestyles, Phylogeny	S Ch1 pp.1-6 (1-6) R Ch2 pp.18-30 (16-32)
Sep 08 F	2	Choanoflagellates & Porifera	S Ch4 pp.77-89 (79-91) R Ch4 pp.89-90 (91) Placozoa
Sep 12 T	3	Porifera	
Sep 13 W	4	Cnidaria I	R Ch5 pp. 95-97 (97-99) S Ch6 pp.99-126 (101-125)
Sep 15 F	5	Cnidaria II	
Sep 19 T	6	Cnidaria III	

Sep 20 W	7	Internal Compartments, Bilateria, 'Superphyla', Animal Skeletons	S Ch2 pp.7-17 (7-15)
Sep 22 F	8	Acoelomorpha, Platyhelminthes I	S Ch8 pp.147-168 (149-170)
Sep 26 T	9	Platyhelminthes II	
Sep 27 W	10	Annelida I	S Ch13 pp.295-328 (295-328)
Sep 29 F	11	Annelida II	
Oct 03 T	12	Annelida III	
Oct 04 W	13	Nemertea, Rotifera	S Ch11 pp.203-212 (203-211) S Ch 10 pp.183-196 (183-196)
<b>Oct 06 F</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>MIDTERM LECTURE EXAM LECTURES 1-13 INCLUSIVE</b>	
Oct 10 T	14	Bryozoa	S Ch 19 pp. 480-488 (480-488)
Oct 11 W	15	Mollusca I - Polyplacophora	S Ch12 pp.215-271 (215-271) R Ch12 pp.254-255 (255) Scaphopoda
Oct 13 F	16	Mollusca II - Gastropoda	
Oct 17 T	17	Mollusca III - Gastropoda	
Oct 18 W	18	Mollusca IV - Bivalvia	
Oct 20 F	19	Mollusca V - Cephalopoda	
Oct 24 T	20	Ecdysozoa: Nematoda	S Ch16 pp.431-445 (431-445)
Oct 25 W	21	Arthropoda I: Introduction	S Ch14 pp.341-397 (341-396)
Oct 27 F	22	Arthropoda II: Chelicerata-1	
Oct 31 T	23	Arthropoda III: Chelicerata-2	
Nov 01 W	24	Arthropoda IV: Mandibulata-1 Myriapoda, Pancrustacea	
Nov 03 F	25	Arthropoda V: Mandibulata-2 Pancrustacea - Malacostraca	
Nov 07 T	26	Arthropoda VI: Mandibulata-3 Pancrustacea - Cirripedia	
Nov 08 W	27	Arthropoda VII: Mandibulata-4 Pancrustacea - Copepoda	
Nov 10 F	28	Arthropoda VIII: Mandibulata-5 Pancrustacea - Hexapoda	
Nov 13-15		<b>READING BREAK</b>	
Nov 17 F	29	Echinodermata I	S Ch20 pp.497-520 (497-520)
Nov 21 T	30	Echinodermata II	
Nov 22 W	31	Echinodermata III	
Nov 24 F	32	Urochordata I	S Ch23 pp.539-548 (539-548)
Nov 28 T	33	Urochordata II & Hemichordata	
Nov 29 W	34	Ctenophora	S Ch7 pp. 135-144 (137-146)
Dec 01 F	35	Review – Last day of course	

**S** - 'Suggested Reading'. This material will be examined only if it was also given in lecture.

**R** - 'Required Reading'. All material in these readings is examinable; this material will not be covered in lecture.

### Assessment of Learning:

Mastery of material given in the lecture section of this course will be assessed by a Midterm and Final Exam. Both exams will include a combination of multiple choice questions and questions requiring written, explanatory answers.

**Valid excuses for missed exams or late assignments.** The University of Victoria accepts three types of excuses for missed exams or late assignments:

- illness
- emotional trauma
- UVic-sponsored sporting activities

Requests for academic concession must be accompanied by valid documentation from a medical doctor, UVic Counseling services, or a member of the UVic coaching staff.

- **Penalty for late submission of animal profile & research focus: 10% deduction per day (including weekends)**
- **Final exams for the Faculty of Science, Fall term 2017, extend from Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, inclusive. Final exams will not be rescheduled for those who make travel plans that conflict with the final exam.**

### Final Grade: Distribution of Marks:

#### Lecture

Midterm Exam (Oct 06, 2017).....20%  
(lectures 1-13 inclusive + required readings)

Final Exam.....35%  
(lectures 1-35 + required readings;  
emphasis on material following Midterm)

#### Laboratory

Midterm Lab Exam..... 14%  
(week beginning Oct 09, 2017)

Final Lab Exam..... 15%  
(week beginning Nov 27, 2017)

Animal Profile..... 8%  
(week beginning Oct 16, 2017)

Research Focus..... 8%  
(week beginning Nov 06, 2017)

**Total**

**55%**

**45%**

**Course Grade and Academic Transcript:** Grades for all UVic courses are submitted as percentiles. A student's academic transcript will include the percentile grade and a letter grade plus the class average and the number of students registered in the course at the time of the final exam. Percentiles will be rounded to the nearest whole number; a grade of xx.5 will be rounded up. Percentile grades will be converted to letter grades on the student's academic transcript according to the table given below.

A+	90 – 100%	B+	77 – 79%	C+	65 – 69%
A	85 – 89%	B	73 – 76%	C	60 – 64%
A-	80 – 84%	B-	70 – 72%	D	50 – 59%

**F (Fail) is a grade less than 50%**  
**No supplemental exams will be offered for this course**