

## **“Biology First Year Experience” Biology 188** **Wednesday 2:30 – 3:20, Bailey 10C**

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Office hours = MWF 1:30 – 2:30, TTh 2:15- 3:15, and by appointment

The description for this course follows:

This course is intended for students considering a major in Biology or Biochemistry. It is meant to engage students in their academic program and the college. The goals of the course are to give students a sense of community, provide help with study skills and introduce students to potential resources available at the college. 1(1-0) (S/U)

Grading is pretty simple. I expect you to participate in some way that includes others. Every day I will begin with the question “What’s new?” I expect that you will be able to find something of biological importance in the news that has happened since our last meeting and be willing to share it. Following this discussion will be a discussion on the topic of the day.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic of the day</b>
8-28	Welcome, introductions, and overview
9-4	Expectations of the biology program and the college (bring your Bulletin)
9-11	Lecturing – how to do it, what to include, what to omit, expectations from the front to the back of the room
9-18	“Making up” exams – components (bring a biology textbook)
9-25	Study skills – note taking, studying, preparing for exams, study groups
10-2	College – what is it and why are you here?
10-9	College resources
10-16	Biology Dept. opportunities
10-23	What is science?
10-30	What is evolution?
11-6	Life after Geneseo
11-13	Assessing biological information
11-20	Writing skills
11-27	Thanksgiving Break
12-4	TBA
12-18	FINAL MEETING - 3:30 – 6:30