**Department of Biology Course Outline**

Biology 452 (3 or 6 credits)

Directed Studies in Biology

YEAR and TERM

**Calendar Description:**

BIOL 452 (3 -12) Directed Studies in Biology. Allows investigation on a specific topic as agreed upon by the faculty member and the student. Permission of the Biology Department Head required. No more than 6 credits with the same supervisor. No more than 9 credits per academic year.

**Instructor:**

Name:

Office:

Phone number:

Email Address:

**Course Description:**

Describe project (research focus, goals, methodology)

**Course Evaluation:**

Experiment-based directed studies projects may be evaluated based on some on some or all of the following criteria:

Proposal, literature search, research initiative, record keeping, poster or oral presentation, final report, supervisor’s evaluation

*Sample evaluation scheme:*

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| Element | % allocation | Date Due |
| Proposal | % |  |
| Presentation | % |  |
| Supervisor Evaluation | % |  |
| Final Report | % |  |
| Total | 100% |  |

**Required Materials:**

(List any required materials including, text books, research facilities, certificates, permits, special training, etc.)

**Special Circumstances:**

* *Late Reports:* Except in exceptional circumstances and pre-arranged cases, late reports are subject to a penalty as determined by the supervisor.
* *Attendance:* Students are expected to regularly meet with their primary supervisor.

**(Please provide written guidelines regarding missed deadlines, missed meetings, and late submission. Include agreed upon penalties etc.)**

**Academic Integrity:**

The academic enterprise is founded on honesty, civility, and integrity. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. This also means you should not cheat, copy, or mislead others about what is your work. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., misconduct) lead to the break down of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or exam and more serious consequences may apply if the matter is referred to the President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Careful records are kept in order to monitor and prevent recurrences.

A more detailed description of academic integrity, including the policies and procedures, may be found at: <http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,0>

If you have any questions about how academic integrity applies to this course, please consult with your professor.

**Disability Assistance:**

If you require disability-related accommodations to meet the course objectives, please contact the Coordinator of Disability Resources located in the Student Development and Advising area in the University Centre building. For more information about Disability Resources or academic accommodations, please visit the website at: <https://students.ok.ubc.ca/academic-success/disability-resources/>

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