

Michelson Biology Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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What can I do to get into your lecture (or lab) section?

Unfortunately the only thing you can do is to wait for someone else to drop and then quickly add yourself to the section. I absolutely cannot add students to a full section.

What will be on the exam? (i.e. what chapters will it cover)

All exams cover the material from where we left off at the last exam up to how ever far we get during the lecture day before the next exam. Since I cannot gauge exactly how fast the course will move, the only way to know for sure is to come to class the day before the exam. (Of course, if you value your grade you should come every class!)

What will be on the quiz?

Pretty much the same question as the one above. The material covered on any quiz will be from where we left off at the last exam up to where we are at the end of the last lecture before the quiz. Coming to class the day before is really

the only satisfactory way to find out, since I won't know until then either.

Do you have a "study guide"?

No.

Here's why. In my experience a "study guide" attempts to take all the information and shrink it down to the minimum amount of material needed to study for an exam. If I could shrink the material down by a significant amount and still feel like you are learning all the important information in the curriculum I would. I feel that *everything* we cover in class is important or I wouldn't cover it.

I can't access my grades. What should I do?

99% of the time the problem is that you are not putting your information in properly. It is important to notice that the form for Student Name and Student ID Code are *case-sensitive* and everything must match this capital format:

Student Name: MICHELSON, RHETT
Student ID Code: C000123456

Notice everything is capitalized, and there is a comma and space between the names. Do not use your middle initial. The "C" in the Student ID Code is also capitalized. Your information must be exactly like this or you will receive an error.

If you are still having difficulty it may be that your name is misspelled in my gradebook. [Contact me](#) for help.

When will we get the results of the exam/quiz?

I do all my grading on Fridays, so you will usually be able to see your grade updated by Friday afternoon. Saturday at the latest, on the rare occasion that I have a long meeting on Friday.

Can I makeup the exam/quiz?

As outlined in the syllabus, you are allowed to drop an exam and a quiz. That is your makeup. If for some extremely unfortunate reason you have to miss TWO exams or quizzes I will make arrangements for you to take a makeup (usually all-

essay). If you know you will be missing an exam/quiz for an *important* reason (e.g. military service, funeral, job interview, etc.) and you let me know at least a few days before the date I will make arrangements for you to take the exam/quiz early.

I can't access the lecture notes, can you help me?

Maybe. If you are having any type of difficulty with your computer at home, office, friend's computer, etc. my first suggestion will be to use the computers at the college. There are two reasons for this:

- 1) I troubleshoot this site using the computers there. I know documents on this site work on the PCs and Macs on campus
 - 2) There are staff available at the computer centers that are paid to help you.
- If you are still having trouble, then please [email me](#) and I will do my best to help you get it straightened out.
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I can't access the study area because it asks for a password. What should I use?

The password was given during class. Send me an email or ask after lecture.

I can't access the exam keys because it asks for a password. What should I use?

This password was given during class. Send me an email or ask after class.

Can you tell me how to study for your class?

On the first day of class I gave you the best advice I know of, but if you come by my office I will certainly try to help you. In the meantime make sure you check out the download on biology study habits, found [here](#) .

Can you tell me what I need to get on this exam to get a _____ grade?

I am sorry, but I do not have time to figure out your potential future grades for you. I spend a lot of time figuring out your current grades.

Can you please offer extra credit? Pretty please?

No. It is departmental policy that we cannot offer extra credit under any circumstances.



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