

COURSE OUTLINE		
TERM: Fall 2026	COURSE NO: BIOL 200	
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE TITLE: Genetics I	
OFFICE: LOCAL: E-MAIL: @capilanou.ca	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3.0
OFFICE HOURS:		
COURSE WEBSITE:		

Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

COURSE FORMAT

Each week there are three hours of class time, and an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

BIOL 109 (C-) or BIOL 110 (C-); BIOL 111 (C-); and one of the following: Pre-calculus 11 (A), Pre-calculus 12 (C+), BMTH 044 (B), MATH 097 (C-), Math Placement Test (MPT), or MATH 105 (as a pre- or co-requisite)

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the principles and mechanisms of heredity. Emphasis will be placed on an analytical approach to transmission genetics, genetics of humans, introductory molecular genetics, quantitative genetics, and population genetics.

COURSE NOTES

BIOL 200 is an approved Numeracy course for Cap Core requirements.
 BIOL 200 is an approved Science and Technology course for Cap Core requirements.
 BIOL 200 is an approved Quantitative/Analytical course for baccalaureate degrees.
 BIOL 200 is an approved Science course.
 There is no laboratory for this course.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES

Textbook: Pierce, Benjamin. *Genetics Essentials*. 5th ed. New York: W.H. Freeman, 2021.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Use rules of probability to infer genotypes in pedigrees and experimental crosses.
- Use recombination frequencies to construct genetic linkage maps.
- Apply statistical tests to quantitative genetic data.
- Solve problems in mathematical population genetics.
- Provide detailed explanations of molecular genetic mechanisms.
- Understand and explain molecular genetic techniques and their applications.
- Apply ethical reasoning to the applications of genetic knowledge and technology.

Students who complete this Science and Technology course will be able to do the following:

- Apply numerical and computational strategies to solve problems.
- Assess the cultural, economic, and political effects of technology.
- Demonstrate how a problem, concept, or process can be modelled numerically, graphically, or algorithmically.
- Explain how scientific inquiry is based on investigation of evidence and evolves based on new findings.

COURSE CONTENT

Weeks	Topics	Chapters
1	Introduction	1
2	Chromosomes and Cell Division	2
3	Mendelian Genetics	3
4	Extensions of Mendelian Genetics	4
5	Linkage and Genetic Mapping in Eukaryotes	5
6	Quantitative Genetics	17
7	Population Genetics	18
8	Microbial Genetics	7
9	DNA Structure; Transcription	8, 10
10	RNA Processing; Translation	10-11
11	Control of Gene Expression	12
12	Molecular Analysis	14
13	Genomics	15
14-15	Final Exam Period	

EVALUATION PROFILE

Final grades for the course will be computed based on the following schedule:

Quizzes	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Assignments	25%
Comprehensive Final Exam	30%
TOTAL	100%

- A graded assessment will be returned to students prior to the withdrawal date.
- Specific dates and details regarding the Evaluation Component will be provided by the instructor.

GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed, or due the specified time on eLearn. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand. No late assignments will be accepted otherwise.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.

Make-up work is given at the discretion of the instructor. Normally, a score of zero will be given for a missed exam, test, quiz, lab, etc. In certain exceptional situations, the student will be permitted to write a make-up test, defer the lab to a later date or to replace the score by other marks (see below). The date and timing of any make-up option is at the discretion of the instructor. It may not be possible to reschedule certain labs, tests or other activities.

A score of zero may be avoided when the student meets all of the following conditions:

1. Circumstances are beyond the control of the student which resulted in the exam, test, quiz, lab, etc. to be missed. Such circumstances include serious illness or injury or severe personal crises. They do not include forgetting about the test, lack of preparation for the test, or work-related or social obligations.
2. The student has notified the instructor (or the School of STEM office staff, if the instructor is not available) about the missed exam, test, quiz, lab, etc. Such notification must occur in advance or, at the latest, on the day of the exam, test, quiz, lab, etc.

3. Evidence of the circumstances may be requested. Proper medical documentation of illness or injury may be required from a doctor.
4. The student has been fully participating in the course up until the circumstances that prevented the writing of the exam, test, quiz, lab, etc. Fully participating means regularly attending labs and lectures and turning in assignments in the course.

Accommodations may be made to honour community needs and traditional practices.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential in classes. If classes are missed, it is the student's responsibility to become aware of all information given in the lectures and laboratories, including times of examinations and assignment deadlines.

English Usage

Students are expected to use correct standard English in their written and oral assignments, exams, presentations and discussions. Failure to do so may result in reduced grades in any part of the Evaluation Profile.

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking, calculations and in-class research.

On-line Communication

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using their official Capilano University email, eLearn, WebEx, and/or Zoom; please check all platforms regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS

Tools for Success

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information:

<https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilano.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.

DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL DETAILS**Final Exam Date**

The final exam for this course will be held during the final exam period specified in the Capilano University Academic Schedule and Important Dates (<https://www.capilano.ca/admissions/course-registration/registration-dates/academic-schedule-and-important-dates/>) and the specific date will be made available during term when scheduled by Capilano University or your instructor. Individual exam times will not normally be rescheduled because of holidays, work, or other commitments.

Professionalism

Students should be able to demonstrate a professional attitude and behaviour: reliability, respect for and cooperation with colleagues, willingness to work calmly and courteously, respect for equipment and systems, and constructive response to criticism. The use of cellphones for non-academic purposes during lecture and lab sessions is prohibited. Students using cell phones inappropriately could be asked to leave the lecture hall or laboratory room by the instructor.

Academic Rigor

You may be asked on a date after an exam or assignment to explain any work that appears as though it is not your own. If you are unable to explain your answer, the result may be a reduced grade and/or academic integrity investigation.

Tools for success

For success in this course, students are expected to attend all lectures and laboratory sessions; come prepared to address topics presented; pre-read laboratory exercises; and complete assigned textbook readings. For every one hour of lecture material presented, students should expect to spend at least two hours reviewing material and engaging with the study tools provided.

Generative AI Tools

The use of generative artificial intelligence tools is strictly prohibited in all course assignments unless explicitly stated otherwise by the instructor in this course. This includes ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools and programs.