# Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus Spring 2013 Dr. Andrew Chien

Course Title General Zoology I- Biol 120

CRN 20335

Lecture Hours 2 Lab Course 6

Credit Hours 4

Class Days, Time, Room Lec. & Lab TR 0730-1145am Room 2713

## **Course Descriptions:**

Introduction to basic principles of animal biology with references to structure, functions, classification, heredity, behavior and adaptations to the environment of animals in general; with special emphasis on the vertebrates. (CSU, UC)

### **Required Materials:**

Text Book: Hickman, C.P. et al., **Integrated Principles of Zoology**, 15 th edition, McGraw-Hills, 2012.ISBN: 007040509

Lab Book: Hickman, C.P. el al., Laboratory Studies in Integrated Principles of Zoology, 15 th edition, McGraw-Hill, 2012.

#### **Instructor's Information:**

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Office hours: M: 440-510pm, 840-910pm; T: 7-730am,115-145pm; W: 1-130pm,440-510pm; TR:7-730am,1145-1215pm

#### **Attendance Policy:**

- 1. Class attendance and tardy policy follows regulation in the IVC catalog.
- 2. Students may be automatically dropped after a total of 8 classes of absence in lecture or lab, unless a petition to justify absence is approved by instructor. We are required by federal regulations to report drops to the veteran and financial aid office.
- 3. Explanations and any reasons for supporting reversal of absence must be presented to me by the next meeting time.

4. It is your responsibility (not mine) to drop before any deadline. The last day to drop full-time classes with a "W" is April 13. 2012

#### **Other Policies:**

- 1. No food or beverages in the classroom or lab.
- 2. No children or pets in classroom or lab.
- 3. All electronic devices (not limited to cell phones, walkman etc.) need to be turned off.
- 4. Any student with documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify instructor or Disabled Student Program and Services (DSP&S) as soon as possible. DS&S is at room 2117, Health Science Building. 355-6312.

## **SLO: Student Learning Outcome:**

Zoology I has incorporated four of the five Institutional Outcomes for IVC into this course. These are Communication skills, Critical thinking, Information literacy and Global Awareness.

You shall be evaluated based upon what a student is expected to learn as a result of academic activities or experiences at Imperial Valley College. This SLO will focus on the above four skills knowledge gained or demonstrated. The assessment method is the general assessment approach used to measure whether students have achieved these outcomes, such as exams, lab practical's and research papers.

### **Exams and Grading:**

- 1. A detailed journal of each lab session must be maintained. The journal, together with the Lab exercise and drawings must be combined into a binder and turned in **one week before finals.** Late reports will have points taken off. .If a field trip is arranged, then a field trip report should be included. 100 points. Field trip report add 35 points.
- 2. Two hour exams each worth 100 points.
- 3. One research paper on subject to be approved by the instructor. 100 points. Research paper due **one week before** finals. Late turn ins will have points taken off.

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4. Final exam is cumulative and comprehensive, total 100 points..

Total points 535

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A. 481.5 or above (90%)
B: 428-481 (80-89%)
C: 374.5 -427 (70-79%)
D: 321-373 (60-69%)
F: below 320 (59% or lower)
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