



Course Specification

— (Bachelor)

Course Title: Animal Biology

Course Code: 2052101-3

Program: Bachelor in Biotechnology

Department: Biotechnology Department

College: College of Science

Institution: Taif University

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A. General information about the course:

1. Course Identification

1. Credit hours:

3 (2 Lecture, 1 Lab)

2. Course type

A. University College Department Track Others

B. Required Elective

3. Level/year at which this course is offered: (7th level/4th year)

4. Course General Description

This course deals with studying the basics of taxonomy, anatomy and physiology of animal kingdom. A special consideration will be given to the main biological processes by studying the structure and functions of organs and systems governing them. These include digestive processes; respiration; circulation; excretion; nervous system; locomotion system; endocrine gland system and reproduction. A brief topic about the applied significance of selected animal species will be also concerned.

5. Pre-requirements for this course (if any):

General Biology (201104-4)

6. Co-requirements for this course (if any):

NA

7. Course Main Objective(s):

By the end of this course the student should be able to:

- Realize the general features and taxonomy of animals.
- Identify the basic principles of anatomy, physiology, reproduction in animals (protozoa, invertebrates, and vertebrates).
- Apply techniques to study, develop and conserve animals in their natural habitats and reserves.
- Understand the clinical and economic significance of different animal species.

2. Teaching mode (mark all that apply)

No	Mode of Instruction	Contact Hours	Percentage
1	Traditional classroom	45	100%
2	E-learning		
3	Hybrid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional classroom • E-learning 		
4	Distance learning		





3. Contact Hours (based on the academic semester)

No	Activity	Contact Hours
1.	Lectures	30
2.	Laboratory/Studio	15
3.	Field	
4.	Tutorial	
5.	Others (specify)	
Total		45

B. Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs), Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Code of CLOs aligned with program	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.0	Knowledge and understanding			
1.1	Describe basics of general characters of animals.	K 1	Lecture	Written Exam
1.2	Outline the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates.	K 1	Lecture, Project	Written Exam
1.3	Memorize anatomy and its application in animal classification.	K 3	Lecture	Written Exam
2.0	Skills			
2.1	Evaluate the structural-functional relationships of animals	S 1	Discussion	Reports
2.2	Analyze the factors governing locomotion; digestive processes; respiration; circulation; excretion & homeostasis, and reproduction.	S 1	Project	Written Exam
3.0	Values, autonomy, and responsibility			
3.1	NA	NA	NA	NA

C. Course Content

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
1	General characters of animals and animal-related organisms (protozoa)	2
2	Animals: Taxonomy and Morphology Part 1: protozoa and invertebrates	2
3	Animals: Taxonomy and Morphology Part 2: vertebrates	4
4	Organization of animal's body: cells, tissues, organs, and systems	4





5	Digestive system, and digestion in different animals	2
6	Respiratory system, and respiration in different animals	2
7	Circulatory system, circulation, and blood in different animals	2
8	Excretory system, excretion, and homeostasis in different animals	2
9	Animal body control Part 1: Nervous system and neural control	2
10	Animal body control Part 2: Endocrine system and hormonal control	2
11	Locomotory system, and locomotion	2
	Integumentary system in different animals	2
12	Reproduction, and fertilization in different animals	2
Total		30

D. Students Assessment Activities

No	Assessment Activities *	Assessment timing (in week no)	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1.	Midterm Exam	Week 7	20%
2.	Periodical exam	Week 10	10%
3.	Report	Week 11	10%
4.	Practical Exam	Week 15	20%
5.	Final Exam	Week 16	40%

*Assessment Activities (i.e., Written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.).

E. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. References and Learning Resources

Essential References	1. Stephan A. Miller & John P. Harley (2015): Zoology 10th Ed: Comprehensive Guide to Animal Life, McGraw Hill
Supportive References	Richard Jurd (2003): Instant Notes in Animal Biology, Taylor & Francis.
Electronic Materials	https://animalia.bio/ ADW: Home (animaldiversity.org)
Other Learning Materials	Computer-based programs/CDs, educational videos

2. Required Facilities and equipment

Items	Resources
facilities (Classrooms, laboratories, exhibition rooms, simulation rooms, etc.)	1. One classroom for 3 hours a week and one laboratory for 3 hours a week with an internet facility.
Technology equipment (projector, smart board, software)	1. Data show and Smart board



Items	Resources
Other equipment (depending on the nature of the specialty)	1. Dissecting tools. 2. Microscopes. 3. Reagents and glassware for histology works.

F. Assessment of Course Quality

Assessment Areas/Issues	Assessor	Assessment Methods
Effectiveness of teaching	Peer Review, Students	Direct (Independent Reviewer), Indirect (survey)
Effectiveness of Students assessment	Faculty members	Direct (Random Correction)
Quality of learning resources	Students	Indirect (survey)
The extent to which CLOs have been achieved	Faculty members	Direct & Indirect
Other		

Assessors (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify))

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

G. Specification Approval

COUNCIL /COMMITTEE	Department council
REFERENCE NO.	6
DATE	5/11/2023

