

### **Course Description**

This course, College Genetics, is designed as a half-year science elective with the opportunity to earn college credits from St. John's University College Advantage Program. The course title is Human Biology – BIO 1050. Successful completion of the Living Environment is required as a prerequisite to take this course. Genetics is recommended for all students who are interested in pursuing a career within the biomedical sciences or other sciences. Some of the topics we will be learning about include:

Reproduction and meiosis	Mendelian genetics
Genetic disorders	Inheritance patterns
Pedigree analysis	DNA and RNA
Protein synthesis	Genetic testing and counseling
Genetic technology	

### **Course Assessment and Grading**

Final Course Grade Determination: 40.5% for each of the two quarter averages and 19% for the final exam

Points System: Quarter average is determined by dividing total points earned by total points possible

Exams	~ 40 - 80 points each	(approximately 30% of average)
Quizzes	~ 10 - 30 points each	(approximately 20% of average)
Homework	~ 2 - 10 points each	(approximately 15% of average)
Classwork	~ 5 - 10 points each	(approximately 10% of average)
Effort	~ 20 points per quarter	(approximately 10% of average)
Special projects	varies by assignment	(approximately 15% of average)

#### *Special Assignments/Projects*

- Meiosis modeling - stop motion video
- Mutagens Doctor's Office Advertisement
- Genetic Disease Research Brochure
- Family Pedigree Poster, inheritance patterns
- Assisted Reproductive Technology Slides Presentation

### **Suggested Materials**

- Notebook or binder with loose-leaf
- Pens and pencils
- Folder for handouts
- Colored pencils

Textbook - Human Genetics, sixth edition, by Ricki Lewis

The book may be kept at home as a study tool as well as for use for homework assignments.

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