



McNair Research
BIOL 4102 Summer 2024
Online, 7/8 - 8/14

SYLLABUS

Faculty Information

Dr. Julianna M. Dean, PhD, MS, CSCS

- **Email is the best way to get in contact with me:** julianna.dean@sulross.edu
 - **Please make sure you put KINE 3305 somewhere in the subject line of the email.**
 - **Please address me as “Dr. Dean”, NOT Ms. Dean**
 - **Please use your SRSU email address. I cannot answer emails from non-SRSU accounts.**
 - Please be professional in your communications, especially when communicating by email. Please address me as Dr. Dean. For a review on how to write a professional email, please see <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/professional-email-in-english/>.
- **Office Phone:** 432-837-8556
- **Office Hours:**
 - **Tuesday:** 10-11am, 2-4pm
 - **Wednesday:** 10am-12pm, 2-4pm
 - **Thursday:** 10-11am, 2-4pm
 - *or by appointment*

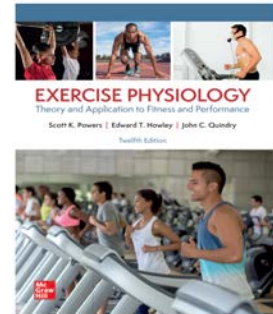
Required Textbook

None.

Course Description

Purpose of the Course

Student Learning Outcomes



MY COURSE POLICIES

Communication is key.

I expect you to attend class (by physically attending and by logging in to Blackboard), engage, and complete your work by the deadlines assigned. However, I understand that extenuating circumstances can occur. Therefore, I expect you to inform me as soon as possible if you are having complications completing your work in a timely manner. **With communication, we can work out a plan for your success.** If you do not meet my expectations, and you do not communicate with me, there is nothing I can do to help you succeed. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to communicate with me.

After 4 undocumented absences, your final grade is reduced by an entire letter grade.

Studies show that students have better grades when they attend class! So, please attend class. If you miss more than 4 classes without a documentation provided to the professor, your final grade in the class will be reduced by an entire letter grade. For example, if you have an A in the class but miss 5 classes without telling the professor, your final grade will be reduced to a B. Please make sure to communicate often and early with your professor, especially concerning absences.

I do not accept late work.

If you do not turn in an assignment on time, you will receive a zero for that assignment. I understand extenuating circumstances can occur. **Therefore, any extensions must be requested at least 24 hours in advance of the due date.**

I have zero tolerance for cheating, academic dishonesty, and plagiarism.

For any student who cheats, is suspected of cheating, or who unintentionally or intentionally plagiarizes, I immediately contact the Dean of Student Affairs, and the student receives a zero for the work. *There are no exceptions.* Please use anti-plagiarism software before turning in any assignment to avoid any consequences. If you need a review on how to avoid plagiarism and cite sources correctly, please visit the Lobo Den: <https://www.sulross.edu/student-advising/lobo-den/> ****The use of AI to complete work in this class is prohibited.****

This is not a self-paced course. Deadlines are hard deadlines.

Please be vigilant of the course schedule and deadlines. You are responsible for your participation and work. If you expect to miss any deadline, you must contact me at least 24 hours in advance to work out a plan for your success. If you contact me after a deadline, there is nothing I can do; you will receive a 0.

I do not calculate grades before the end of the semester.

All point totals are listed in this syllabus which will aid you in calculating your own grade. All of your grades will be on Blackboard.

Do not email me with questions until you check Blackboard announcements, your email, and you re-read this syllabus. Many questions can be answered by checking Blackboard announcements, your email, and reviewing this syllabus. If you still have questions after reviewing

these three things, please email me using your Sul Ross email. I cannot answer email from non-Sul Ross accounts. Please address me as Dr. Dean in your communications. Please see the next course policy on how to write a professional email.

I value good grammar and professional communication.

In all of your work, please use good grammar. I require complete sentences in all of your assignments. If you write in phrases or without correct punctuation, you will receive point deductions. If you need a review on good grammar and acceptable writing practices, please make an appointment with the writing center.

Please be professional in your communications, especially when communicating by email. Please address me as Dr. Dean. For a review on how to write a professional email, please see <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/professional-email-in-english/>.

Please be respectful both to your peers and professors in all communications both during and outside of class. In this class we may discuss topics that are debatable in nature. I ask that you share your experiences and opinions as you are willing; all opinions are welcomed and encouraged. Therefore, as we embrace differing opinions, students should be prepared to experience and participate in respectful conflict. If at any time a student engages in a disrespectful manner to peers or the professor, the student will be asked to leave the class and not return.

I value mental health.

I believe mental health is just as important as physical health. Free and confidential counseling services are available to all Sul Ross students. This course may feature discussions that can be reflective in nature. If at any time you feel the need to speak with somebody, you can make an appointment: <https://www.sulross.edu/counseling-and-accessibility-services/>

24-Hour National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 988

Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare, an online mental health support platform and all SR students will have access to nine free Counseling sessions by visiting <https://timelycare.com/SRSU/>. SRSU also continues to offer counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 in Alpine, and telehealth Zoom session for our Rio Grande, Uvalde, Eagle Pass, and remote students.

Note: Students, you are also eligible to receive **nine** free sessions with Timely Care. After the nine free sessions, additional sessions cost is \$79 per session.

The advertisement features the TimelyCare logo at the top left, followed by the Sul Ross State University logo and the text "24/7 Virtual Health Care". A central image shows a woman in a yellow cardigan looking at her phone. To the right, a smartphone displays the app's interface with a "Scan to Download" QR code and buttons for the App Store and Google Play. A speech bubble above the woman says "First-Year Student Tip #1: Download the TimelyCare app!". The bottom of the ad includes the website "timelycare.com/srsu" and a copyright notice.

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UNIVERSITY POLICIES

ADA Statement

SRSU Accessibility Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mrs. Mary Schwartz Grisham, LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Director at 432-837-8203 or email mschwartz@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall, room 112, and our mailing address is P.O. Box C122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

SRSU Distance Education Statement

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website.

Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires a secure login. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website. Directions for filing a student complaint are located in the student handbook.

Libraries

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu/. Off-campus access requires logging in with your LoboID and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or by phone (432-837-8123).

No matter where you are based, public libraries and many academic and special libraries welcome the general public into their spaces for study. SRSU TexShare Cardholders can access additional services and resources at various libraries across Texas. Learn more about the TexShare program by visiting library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/ or ask a librarian by emailing srsulibrary@sulross.edu.

New for Fall 2023: Mike Fernandez, SRSU Librarian, is based in Eagle Pass (Building D-129) to offer specialized library services to students, faculty, and staff. Utilize free services such as InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and ScanIt to get materials delivered to you at home or via email.

Academic Integrity

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. Students should submit work that is their own and avoid the temptation to engage in behaviors that violate academic integrity, such as turning in work as original that was used

in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden. Students should also avoid using open AI sources *unless permission is expressly given* for an assignment or course. Violations of academic integrity can result in failing assignments, failing a class, and/or more serious university consequences. These behaviors also erode the value of college degrees and higher education overall.

Classroom Climate of Respect

Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still, we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

Supportive Statement

I am to create a learning environment for my students that supports various perspectives and experiences. I understand that the recent pandemic, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events may impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create a supportive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you.

Finally, ***PLEASE*** complete the course evaluation at the end of class. This helps me keep my job here!
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Course Schedule