

CLASS INFORMATION

Materials needed:

- 3-ring binder for notes and assignments
- loose-leaf paper
- Review Book (details will be provided later)
- Textbook (on loan, but may be purchased) and Lab Manual (distributed in pieces)

Course Summary:

The A.P. Biology course is designed to be the equivalent of a college introductory biology course usually taken by biology majors during their first year. This course is designed to be taken by students *after successful completion of a first course in both biology and chemistry*. It aims to provide students with the conceptual framework, factual knowledge and analytical skills necessary to deal critically with the rapidly changing science of biology.

There are twelve mandatory laboratory experiences designed for this course. All students are required to successfully complete each lab or an approved alternative before taking the A.P. exam.

The A.P. exam will determine whether or not you are eligible to receive college credit for this course. Results will be mailed to you in July, so this will not be factored into your course grade. Before the A.P. exam you will take a two-day exam in class that will count as your final exam.

Grades:

- For each marking period, your grade will be based on an accumulation of points:
 - Each test will be worth 150 points, however 75 points is an average score!
(On each test, you will be given an approximate A.P. equivalent score.)
 - Assignments and projects will be given point values ranging from 5 - 50 points.

Any student who has not completed a lab for a marking period will receive an incomplete, and then have ten days to make up the lab or receive an F.

A.P. Exam:

- May 8, 2006; 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Cost - **\$82?** (checks made out to L-P High School Activity Fund)
- Format: 100 Multiple Choice and 4 Free Response questions
- Exam grades will be mailed in July, on a scale of 1 - 5;
 - Most colleges accept scores of 3 or over for course credit
 - (Check with individual colleges for details)

***Class Website:** <http://www.lewport.wnyric.org/jwanamaker/> -Bookmark it!

Information on the website includes class schedules, copies of handouts, animated reviews, Internet links, class notes, and practice quizzes!