COURSE: BIOL 257 L1  
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There are many benefits of online courses at MCCC:
- Less restrictive scheduling
- Convenience
- Intensive self-study
- Course materials are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Some students struggle in an online format while other students excel. Students who excel in an online format are:
- Highly self-motivated
- Have strong computer skills
- Possess good time management skills
- Know how to study independently
- Possess good communication skills

Online classes at MCCC are NOT self-paced. Instruction is delivered in an entirely web-based format. Students must complete exams, assignments, etc. by specified due dates. Some exams and assignments may be required to be completed at an authorized location as established by the instructor.

When taking an online class students are responsible for:
- A reliable computer with Internet access and Microsoft Word; course specific software will be described below
- Knowing how to email attachments
- Maintaining his or her own computer and Internet connection; technical issues are NOT acceptable excuses for not keeping up with due dates
- Having access to a printer if needed for personal use of online materials

It is the student’s responsibility to log into Brightspace multiple times each week to keep up with communication, assignments and other coursework.

Brightspace
Online courses use Brightspace course management system as the means of communication between the students and the instructor.

It is the student’s responsibility to be able to log into Brightspace and maintain his or her computer setup to work properly with Brightspace.

The Brightspace Login can be found on the College’s webpage, www.monroeccc.edu.

**Brightspace courses are made available to students on the day the course begins. Please see the Start Date below.**

MCCC Student Email
It is essential that online students use their MCCC student email account. This will be the primary means of email communication between you and your instructor. For more information about activating your MCCC student email account, visit the college’s webpage at www.monroeccc.edu.

**NEED HELP?**

**BRIGHTSPACE HELP DESK:** 734.384.4328  
or elearning@monroeccc.edu

**COLLEGE EMAIL:** 734-384-4328

**WEBPAL:** 734-384-4333
| COURSE DESCRIPTION | Fundamental concepts of cellular structure and human body organization. Emphasis on tissue organization, structure, and function; and anatomy and physiology of the following human organ systems: integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous and special senses. Integrated principles of chemistry, biology, and embryology are covered. This course is required for all students in the Health Sciences curriculum. Course requires laboratory work. Dissection of preserved animal specimens is required.

The Course Outcome Summary can be found at [https://www.monroecc.edu/course-outcomes](https://www.monroecc.edu/course-outcomes). |
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| REGISTRATION PROCESS | Students must register for the course through the College’s regular registration process.

If you are a first-time online student at MCCC you must complete an online orientation course (ONL-001). You will be automatically enrolled into the online orientation course, which will provide you with critical information on the technical, study, reading and writing skills necessary to be a successful online student. This course will be listed in your MyCourses module in Brightspace and there will be 4 modules to complete. Please note that all four modules will NOT be visible when you first login, but will become visible once you complete the requirements for each module. Please complete **WI2024-ONL-001-L1 by January 3, 2024**. Failure to complete the online orientation by the above date may result in de-registration from your Winter 2024 online course. |
| EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS | All exams will be online on the same days. Lecture exams are posted on Brightspace Quizzes, and Practice exams (lab) will be posted on Visiblebody assignments. The student must check the course schedule and take both exams on the posted date.

This course uses three different platforms, Brightspace, Visiblebody and, Labster. The student must check the course schedule and complete all the assignments. |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS | Some online classes require students to take exams at authorized, proctored locations. Test proctoring centers are authorized testing locations where a staff person administers a test or assignment. If students are not able to arrange transportation to MCCC’s main campus for testing, a proctored test site must be arranged. Students near the MCCC campus can take the test in the Testing Center. Additional information on the Testing Center can be found at [https://www.monroecc.edu/testing](https://www.monroecc.edu/testing). It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements for proctoring with his or her instructor. Students should also be aware that some testing sites have service fees, which are the responsibility of the student.

MCCC students completing online quizzes/tests or other assessment activities from home or other remote locations may be required to |
### Course Materials and Textbook Information

Complete a room scan before the assessment activity. Students seeking an alternative to the pre-assessment room scan should contact MCCC Student Services at 734.384.4255 for more information regarding on-campus assessment options.

All required textbooks and/or access codes are available for purchase by the student at the MCCC/eCampus Online Bookstore website: [https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/](https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/). Sign in using your MCCC student email and password.

All required course supplies are available for purchase by the student at the Campus Store or on the Campus Store website: [https://bookstore.monroeccc.edu/](https://bookstore.monroeccc.edu/).

Textbook information is available for viewing approximately one month prior to the beginning of the semester at [https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/](https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/). **IMPORTANT:** Please ensure you are logging in and using the “Shop by Schedule” option to view and purchase only those materials assigned to your specific course(s).

Please contact the MCCC Campus Store for additional information, 734.384.4140.

### Course Expectations

To evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the organization of the body on a chemical, cellular and tissue level
2. Observe and describe differences in basic tissue types to be able to predict tissue and organ function based on the structure
3. List the eleven organ systems, the organs they include, and their basic function, in order to carry out a systematic study of the human body
4. Describe the homeostatic condition and control systems for important variables
5. Relate structure to the function of cells, tissues, and selected organs in order to demonstrate an understanding of the physiology of the systems of the human body
6. Identify and describe the structure and function of the skin
7. Identify and describe structures of the skeletal system and their relationships and interactions with other structures
8. Describe the basic structure and function of skeletal muscle tissues
9. Identify and describe the major muscles including attachment sites and the action of the muscles
10. Identify and describe the major structures of the nervous system and explain their function
11. Describe the organs involved in mediating the general and special senses, including the structure and function of each organ

For this course, the student is expected to be an active participant, and contribute to each class session. This includes asking questions and adding relevant information through chat, discussion boards, or office hours.

Research suggests that students should spend approximately 3 hours outside of regular in-class or online instruction, per credit hour, per week (e.g., 3 credit hour course + 9 hours studying per week outside of class time = 12 total hours per week), studying in order to be successful in their college courses.
Browser Requirements:

Desktop Support

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For the most current Brightspace operating system and browser requirements, please go to [https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm?Highlight=browser](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm?Highlight=browser) and access the Desktop support section.

Software Requirements

Download/access web-based Microsoft Office applications:
1. Go to [www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu) and click CURRENT STUDENTS
2. Next click on EMAIL from the list of links on the left, it will open another window
3. Click EMAIL LOGIN, then log in with your entire MCCC email address (e.g., tperson23456@my.monroeccc.edu) and your email password, which initially is your seven-digit student ID#.
4. Click on the 9-dot square in the upper left corner next to the word “Outlook”, some Office Suite icons appear
5. Click on the Office 365 with an arrow link, more Office Suite icons appear
6. Finally, click on the Install Office link and follow the instructions

*NOTE there are links in the instructions if you have difficulties installing the software. Please use those links to resolve any possible installation issues.

FYI - You will not be able to download Microsoft Office until the first day of the semester.

Other System Recommendations
- Broadband internet connection
- Webcam

PC or Mac computer systems with Windows 10 (or Mac equivalent OS) is required.

**Chromebook Use Limitations:** Chromebooks cannot be used for courses requiring Microsoft Office applications (e.g., CIS 130, CIS 109, etc.).
Additionally, Chromebooks do not work when taking quizzes requiring *Respondus Lockdown browser in Brightspace*.  
**Mac Computer Use Limitations**: The Microsoft Access application does not work on a Mac.

| COURSE SPECIFIC SOFTWARE | VisibleBody  
|                         | Labster (license available to purchase at the bookstore) |

| WHERE DO STUDENTS START | The course starts at the tissue Level of organization. |

| OTHER INFORMATION | All sessions will be asynchronous, Office hours available by appointment, makeup exams will only be allowed with prior permission or for serious injuries and illnesses. Written documentation must be provided. If you miss an exam you must inform the instructor as soon as possible to arrange a makeup exam. Lab assignments and quizzes must be completed in order to obtain credit. No extra credit will be given at any time for any reason. |

| STUDENT LOGIN INFORMATION | To login to **Brightspace, E-mail, or WebPal**, go to [www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu) and click on CURRENT STUDENTS on the menu bar, then click on Brightspace, email, or WebPal from the links that appear on the left side of the screen.  

**Brightspace** - Login to Brightspace using your unique MCCC Webpal username (i.e., the first part of your MCCC email address) and 7-digit student ID number for your password (or whatever password you use for your MCCC college email account). You should be able to access Brightspace 24 hours after registering for a course. Courses are not available in Brightspace until the first day of the semester.  

**E-mail** - Your email address is your MyWebPal user name followed by @my.monroeccc.edu (i.e. jsmith12345@my.monroeccc.edu). Your password is your seven-digit student ID number (including leading zeros).  

**WebPal** - You need a WebPAL user ID and a password to access WebPAL. Your WebPAL user ID is usually your first initial and last name (i.e. Mary Smith = msmith). To find your user ID, click on "What’s My User ID?" on the WebPAL home page. Your initial password is your six-digit birthdate (i.e. January 1, 1970 = 010170). After logging on the first time, WebPAL will ask you to change your password. If you are a returning student and can’t remember your password, click on "What’s My Password?" on the WebPAL home page, then choose "Reset my password." If you have an e-mail address on file, WebPAL will send you a new password. |
