



## **BI-215 Cellular & Organismal Biology I Lab**

Henry Hall Lab 3 T 2:30P-5:20P

Credits: 1      Section: 1      Term: Spring 2026

### **Instructor Information**

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### **Communication**

Instructions and updates will be given verbally during lectures and may also be distributed using the “Announcement” feature in Canvas. Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor. Response to email can be expected within 24 hours but may take longer during the weekends or holidays. Online and in person meetings are available during my office hours.

### **School & Department Information**

#### **School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Office Location: Wesselkamper Science Center 115

Phone: (808) 440-4204

If you have questions regarding the Department of Biology, reach out to your Instructor or the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

### **Course Description & Materials**

#### **Catalog Course Description**

Laboratory section accompanying BI-215. Co-requisite: BI-215. Cross listed with BC 215

## Time Allocation

This is a one-credit lab lecture course requiring a *minimum* of 45 clock hours of student engagement per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Students enrolled in this course are anticipated to spend 42.5 hours in lab, 10 hours on the phylogenetic lab summary, 10 hours conducting and writing the final observation research project, 5 hours on the plant presentation and an additional 1 hour a week on studying for quizzes and/or completing any other homework assignments.

## Required Materials

There is no required text for this lab. All necessary protocols and reading will be provided to you either as handouts or will be posted on Canvas.

## Recommended Items

None

**Canvas** (<https://chaminade.instructure.com>)

Course website: <https://chaminade.instructure.com/courses/44991>

## Learning Outcomes

### Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Upon completion of the undergraduate B.S. program in Biology, the student will be able to:

1. Explain fundamental biological concepts and their interrelationships across various levels of biological organization, from molecules to ecosystems, including cell biology, genetics, evolution, physiology and ecology.
2. Perform laboratory field and computational techniques relevant to biological research, including accurate data collection, analysis and interpretation.
3. Design and conduct scientific investigations using advanced methodologies, technologies and resources and communicate results effectively to professional and lay audiences.
4. Make ethically informed decisions in biological research and practice, considering bioethics, environmental ethic informed by indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices.
5. Analyze societal challenges related to health and environment through the lens of biological science recognizing how biological knowledge and associated career paths can contribute to studying, addressing and solving these challenges.

## Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon completion of BI-215L the student will be able to:

Course Learning Outcomes	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5
1. Describe and apply the Scientific Method to observable phenomenon with an emphasis on being able make descriptive and thorough observations, as well as recognize proper scientific questions and hypotheses	X	X	X		
2. Identify representative flora and fauna, and whether it is endemic, invasive or indigenous of Hawaii	X				X
3. Perform dissections and observational analysis to compare and contrast representative plants, invertebrate and vertebrate anatomical organs/body systems	X	X	X		

## Marianist Values

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and development:

1. Education for formation in faith.
2. Provide an integral, quality education.
3. Educate in family spirit.
4. Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation.
5. Educate for adaptation and change.

## Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Olelo No'eau 364) May I live by God.

2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a kū'ono'ono ('Ōlelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep.
3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Ōlelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship.
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Ōlelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom.
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) 'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi ('Ōlelo No'eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same school

### **Alignment of Natural Science Courses with Marianist and Hawaiian Values of the University**

The Natural Sciences Division provides an *integral, quality education*: sophisticated integrative course content taught by experienced, dedicated, and well-educated instructors.

1. We *educate in family spirit* – every classroom is an *Ohana* and you can expect to be respected yet challenged in an environment that is supportive, inclusively by instructors who take the time to personally get to know and care for you.
2. We *educate for service, justice and peace*, since many of the most pressing global issues (climate change, health inequity, poverty, justice) are those which science and technology investigate, establish ethical parameters for, and offer solutions to.
3. We *educate for adaptation and change*. In science and technology, the only constant is change. Data, techniques, technologies, questions, interpretations and ethical landscapes are constantly evolving, and we teach students to thrive on this dynamic uncertainty.

The study of science and technology can be formative, exploring human creativity and potential in the development of technologies and scientific solutions, the opportunity to engage in the stewardship of the natural world, and the opportunity to promote social justice. We provide opportunities to engage with the problems that face Hawai'i and the Pacific region through the Natural Sciences curriculum, in particular, those centered around severe challenges in health, poverty, environmental resilience, and erosion of traditional culture. The Marianist Educational Values relate to Native Hawaiian ideas of *mana*, *na'auao*, *ohana*, *aloha* and *aina*. We intend for our Natural Sciences programs to be culturally-sustaining, rooted in our Hawaiian place, and centered on core values of *Maiau*, be neat, prepared, careful in all we do; *Makawalu*, demonstrate foresight and planning; *'Ai*, sustain mind and body; *Pa'a Na'au*, learn deeply.

### **Alignment of BI215L with Marianist and Hawaiian Values of the University**

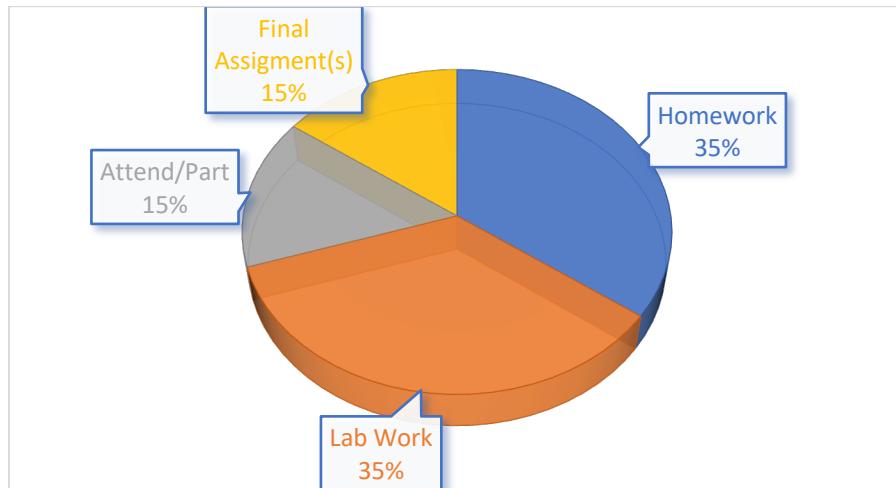
1. BI215 Cellular and Organismal Biology I laboratory provides an *integral quality education* as it is an introductory science course which provides students a foundation that will be necessary to be successful in several upper division science courses, including but not limited to BI216/L BI320/L, BI321/L, BI411L and BI471/L. As each new topic is introduced

throughout the semester, a point is made to link the current subject matter with those future biology courses. Additionally, it is highlighted how the subject matter may be integrated with other sciences like chemistry and physics so that students understand that this BI215L course, as well as biology in general, is not a standalone course. To be successful and understand biology one needs to understand how it relates to the bigger scientific community.

2. This course also focuses on *educating in the family spirit*. This is done by emphasizing that science is not done in a vacuum. Throughout the semester there are several small group projects/presentations both within the lecture and the lab. These are designed to not only assist students in learning the subject matter but to encourage them to build relationships within the peer groups. To foster collaborative learning homework assignments are given such that students are instructed to answer in their own words; however, students are strongly encouraged to work with their peers to find and discuss the answers to these questions.

## Course Activities

The required reading assignments are listed in the course outline. A description of all course activities can be found in the BI 215L Canvas.



Participation may include the following:

- Weekly/Biweekly Reflections
- Attendance
- Discussion – peer posts
- Attendance

Homework may include the following:

- Discussion posts
- Worksheets
- Presentations
- Quizzes

## Course Policies

### Attendance

Presence in class is mandatory & necessary in order for a student to fully grasp concepts. Students are expected to attend regularly all courses for which they are registered. Students should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially **withdrawing** may receive a failing grade.

If you miss a class, it is **YOUR** responsibility to ask the instructor or your classmates for the information that you missed and to pick up any handouts that may have been distributed.

Missed work and quizzes are not accepted/given unless a student has contacted the instructor within 24 hours of the missed class period to discuss the circumstances surrounding the absence. If absence is due to illness and doctor's written excuse may be required.

### Late Work

Any missed work that is turned in late and graded may receive up to a one grade deduction. So, if the assignment was graded as A work, due to being late it may be decreased to a B.

Any missed work that is turned in late without any prior discussion with the instructor will not be accepted and will be given a score of zero.

### Changes to the Syllabus

While the provisions of this syllabus are as accurate and complete as possible, your instructor reserves the right to change any provision herein at any time. Every effort will be made to keep you advised of such changes, and information about such changes will be available from your instructor.

### Grades of Incomplete

Students and instructors may negotiate an incomplete grade when there are specific justifying circumstances. When submitting a grade the "I" will be accompanied by the alternative grade that will automatically be assigned after 30 days. These include IB, IC, ID, and IF. If only an "I" is submitted the default grade is F. The completion of the work, evaluation, and reporting of the final grade is due within 30 days after the end of the semester or term. This limit may not be extended.

## Final Grades

Final grades are submitted to [Self-Service](#):

A = 90% and above

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 59% and below

## Important Information

### Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, and plagiarism, in addition to more obvious dishonesty.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of Academic Division and may include an “F” grade for the work in question, an “F” grade for the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University.

For the most up to date information, please refer to the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) on the Chaminade University Catalog website.

### TITLE IX AND NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes the dignity of all people, inclusivity and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. As a member of the University faculty, I am required to immediately report any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator. For pregnant and parenting students, I am also obligated to provide you with similar resources for support and

protections available to you. My goal is to make sure that you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources and support you need.

### **Nondiscrimination Policy & Notice of Nondiscrimination**

The university is committed to comply with all State and Federal statutes, rules, and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The university is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender identity and expression, age, religion, color, national origin (including shared ancestry and ethnic characteristics), ancestry, citizenship, disability, genetic information, marital status, breastfeeding, arrest and court record (except as permissible under State law), sexual orientation, or status as a covered veteran. Inquiries about Title IX or general Civil Rights concerns may be referred to the University's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both and contact information may be found [HERE](#). *On-campus Confidential Resources may also be found here at [CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES](#).*

The University's Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures can be located on the University webpage at: <https://chaminade.edu/compliance/title-ix-nondiscrimination-policies-procedures/>.

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to the [Campus Incident Report form](#). Chaminade University of Honolulu prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates.

The NOTICE of NONDISCRIMINATION can be found here: [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#).

### **Hazing Prevention Resources and Athlete Helpline:**

Assists athletes, parents, coaches, and any allies interested in ensuring physical and mental safety for sports communities by offering confidential emotional support, crisis intervention, informational athlete-focused resources, and guidance related to concerns about any type of abuse—*including hazing*.

Chaminade University's Hazing Policy:

<https://catalog.chaminade.edu/studenthandbook/codeofconduct>

<https://hazingpreventionnetwork.org/athlete-helpline/>

<https://hazingpreventionnetwork.org/how-to-report-hazing/>

**Basic Needs Resources:** <https://chaminade.edu/basic-needs/>

### **Campus Safety/ SafeSwords**

A program for students, faculty and staff, who may feel uncomfortable or unsafe walking alone on campus, at any time of the day. Call security, and a security professional will meet you at your location on campus. The security professional will escort you to your residence hall, car, etc. Students may utilize this when walking to and from night classes around campus or after late night events. [SafeSwords Webpage](#)

### **CUH Alert Emergency Notification**

To get the latest emergency communication from Chaminade University, students' cell numbers will be connected to Chaminade's emergency notification text system. When you log in to the Chaminade portal, you will be asked to provide some emergency contact information. If you provide a cellphone number, you will receive a text from our emergency notification system asking you to confirm your number. You must respond to that message to complete your registration and get emergency notifications on your phone.

### **Assessment for Student Work**

With the goal of continuing to improve the quality of educational services offered to students, Chaminade University conducts assessments of student achievement of course, program, and institutional learning outcomes. Student work is used anonymously as the basis of these assessments, and the work you do in this course may be used in these assessment efforts.

### **Student with Disabilities Statement**

Chaminade University of Honolulu offers accommodations for all actively enrolled students with disabilities in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the ADA Amendments Act (2008).

Students are responsible for contacting Kokua Ike: Center for Student Learning to schedule an appointment. Verification of their disability will be requested through appropriate documentation and once received it will take up to approximately 2–3 weeks to review them. Appropriate paperwork will be completed by the student before notification will be sent out to their instructors. Accommodation paperwork will not be automatically sent out to instructors each semester, as the student is responsible to notify Kokua Ike via email at [ada@chaminade.edu](mailto:ada@chaminade.edu) each semester if changes or notifications are needed.

### **Kōkua 'Ike: Tutoring & Learning Services**

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check [Kōkua 'Ike's](#) website for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. Tutor Me can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click on Account > TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at [tutoring@chaminade.edu](mailto:tutoring@chaminade.edu) or 808-739-8305.

## Course Schedule & Due Dates

Week	Date	Lab Topic	Assignments
1	Jan 13	Introduction, Course Overview & Lab Safety	See Canvas for due dates
2	Jan 20	The Culture of Science: Protocol & Tools – Kumu Kahoali'i Keahi	See Canvas for due dates
3	Jan 27	The Culture of Science: What is Culture & The Scientific Method – Dr. Jonathan Baker	See Canvas for due dates
4	Feb 3	The Power of Observation Pt I: Art and Science	See Canvas for due dates
5	Feb 10	The Power of Observation Pt II: Scientific Classification	See Canvas for due dates
6	Feb 17	The Power of Observation Pt II: Scientific Classification (continued)	See Canvas for due dates
7	Feb 24	The Power of Observation Pt III: Pick-A-Plant	See Canvas for due dates
8	Mar 3	Bento Lab PCR and DNA Analysis – INBRE Hawai'i INBRE Program	See Canvas for due dates
9	Mar 10	Dissections: Monocots vs Dicots Flowers and Leaves	See Canvas for due dates
10	Mar 17	<b>Spring Break – No Class</b>	See Canvas for due dates
11	Mar 24	Student Plant Presentations	See Canvas for due dates
12	Mar 31	Dissections: Invertebrates	See Canvas for due dates
13	Apr 7	Dissections: Invertebrates	See Canvas for due dates
14	Apr 14	Dissections: Vertebrates	See Canvas for due dates
15	Apr 21	Dissections: Vertebrates	See Canvas for due dates
16	Apr 28	<b>Final Project Due</b>	See Canvas for due dates