MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

Faculty members are required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Academic Affairs and Standards Council.

DEPT. Biology COURSE NUMBE: 2240

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3 Lecture: 2 Lab: 1

Course Title:
Genetics

Catalog Description:
Covers the fundamentals of plant and animal genetics and includes the study of modes of inheritance, mechanisms of gene action, human genetics, and the behavior of genes in populations. Lecture and lab included. Prerequisite: BIOL 1110.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Goal 1: Communication: ___ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 2: Critical Thinking: ___ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 3: Natural Sciences: X by meeting the following competencies:
- Demonstrate understanding of scientific theories.
- Formulate and test hypotheses by performing laboratory, simulation, or field experiments in at least two of the natural science disciplines. One of these experimental components should develop, in greater depth, students' laboratory experience in the collection of data, its statistical and graphical analysis, and an appreciation of its sources of error and uncertainty.
- Communicate their experimental findings, analyses, and interpretations both orally and in writing.
- Evaluate societal issues from a natural science perspective, ask questions about the evidence presented, and make informed judgments about science-related topics and policies.

Goal 4: Mathematics/Logical Reasoning: ___ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: ___ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts: ___ by meeting the following competencies:
Goal 7: Human Diversity: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 8: Global Perspective: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Goal 10: People and the Environment: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:
BIOL 1110, Principles of Biology I

Topics to be Covered (General)
Topics covered include:
- basic principles of genetics and problem solving skills
- genetic linkage and gene mapping
- current methodologies in genetics, gene expression, gene regulation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes
- genetic basis of diseases common to organisms
- human genetics and evolutionary genetics.

Student Learning Outcomes
- Demonstrate an introductory level of genetic knowledge.
- Demonstrate and understand how genetics developments play important roles in society.
- Demonstrate problem solving skills in lab and lecture as well as out of class settings.
- Effectively summarize experimental findings and interpretations of laboratory investigations.
- Describe techniques of modern genetic technology and apply to solve practical genetic problems. Identify interactions among genes, environmental factors, and behaviors and their roles in health and disease.

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes [ ] No [x] [x]

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