## BIOL 346 MICROBIOLOGY LAB Winter 2001

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**Labs:** WF 1-3pm *or* 4-6pm @ BI 454

**Website:** http://fire.biol.wwu.edu/cmoyer/cmoyer.courses.html

## **Required Manuals:**

(1) Peele, E.R., and C.L. Moyer. 2000. *Microbiology Lab Manual*. Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. (Available online at class Website) Note: *You are required to have your copies of the lab(s) before each lab starts!* 

(2) Leboffe, M. J., and B. E. Pierce. 1999. *A Photographic Atlas for the Microbiology Laboratory*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Morton Publishing Co. (Available at the Western's Bookstore)

## **Evaluation of Coursework:**

Dilution Problems	30
Unknown #1	20
Unknown #2	40
Lab Notebooks	90
Two Lab Exams @ 50 pts each	100
Final Lab Exam	<u>120</u>

Total Points: 400

**Please note:** Attendance is mandatory for all labs and at most only 1 excused absence will be allowed. In order for any absence to be considered excused, you will have to make prior arrangements with you lab TA *AND* your lab partner to make sure no work is missed. You will also be responsible for several outside of class time trips into the lab to pull culture plates from their respective incubators, to read various microbiological reactions that are time critical, and to use the epifluorescence microscope. These trips into the lab are especially critical during the latter class exercises.

## MICROBIOLOGY "TENTATIVE" LABORATORY SCHEDULE

WEEK	LAB DATE	EXERCISES
Week 1	Jan 10	Introduction; Lab Safety; Intro to Microscopy
	Jan 12	Microscopy; Simple Stains; Wet Mounts & Hanging Drop Slides
Week 2	Jan 17	Differential Stains, Part I - Gram Stain
	Jan 19	Differential Stains, Part II - Spore Stain & Capsule Stain
Week 3	Jan 24	Dilutions; Aseptic Technique; Media Prep
	Jan 26	Isolation of Pure Cultures; Unknown #1
		<b>Due Date: Dilution Problems</b>
Week 4	Jan 31	Bacterial Enumeration
		Due Date: Unknown #1
Feb 01	Feb 01	Bacterial Enumeration, continued
	Feb 07	Effect of Environmental Factors on Bacterial Growth
		Lab Exam I
	Feb 09	Isolation of Streptomyces
Week 6	Feb 14	Selective and Differential Media
	Feb 16	Biochemical Tools for Identification of Gram+ Bacteria
Week 7	Feb 21	Biochemical Tools for Identification of Gram- Bacteria
	Feb 23	Rapid ID Test Strips; Unknown #2
Week 8	Feb 28	Bacterial Genetics
		Lab Exam II
	Mar 02	UV Radiation; Ames Test
Week 9 Mar 07 Mar 09	Mar 07	Disinfectants & Antiseptics; Kirby-Bauer Test
	Mar 09	Water Analysis; Food Microbiology; Snyder Test
		Due Date: Unknown #2
Week 10	Mar 14	Complete Water & Food Analyses; Clean-up & Check-out
	Mar 16	Lab Final