

## BTEC 1100: Applied Molecular Biology

*This course teaches students practical aspects of DNA technology that includes restriction digestion, properties of plasmids, recombinant DNA cloning, gel electrophoresis, and the polymerase chain reaction. Calculations commonly used in the lab are also covered.*

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PREREQUISITES: Students are required to have completed BTEC 1000 with a grade of B or better, and MATH 1010 with a grade of C or better.

COURSE MATERIALS: Students need access to the Canvas online course management system ([slcc.instructure.com](http://slcc.instructure.com)) for instructional material. A lab coat and lab notebook will be provided.

COURSE FORMAT and OBJECTIVES: The course uses a hybrid, competency-based format in which online instruction and activities are reinforced by select laboratory experiences. Students may conduct experiments during the open lab hours whenever it suits their own schedule.

This course has three primary learning objectives (referred to as competencies):

1. The student completes basic calculations and measurements used in biotechnology.
2. The student completes basic microbiology processes.
3. The student conducts a series of reactions to manipulate DNA.

LEARNING LAB: The standard hours for the learning lab are Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Semester breaks and college holidays are observed. Unless otherwise noted, there will always be a faculty member in the learning lab during open lab hours. All students who work in the lab must clean up after themselves, participate in community chores, and maintain an environment conducive to experimentation and learning for all who use the learning lab.

GRADING: Because this course is competency-based, grades are given solely on the assessments associated with this course (1 multiple-choice test and 9 lab experiments). Grades will be assigned based on the percentage scale below. **Students must achieve a B or better on all aspects of each assignment to proceed to the next biotechnology course.**

Performance Assessments	
Calculations and Measurements	10%
Microbiology	10%
Bioinformatics	10%
Genomic DNA	10%
PCR	10%
Plasmid DNA	10%
Restriction Digest	10%
Ligation	10%
Transformation	10%
Screening	10%

TOTAL	100%
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Final %	Grade
93–100	A
90–92	A-
87–89	B+
83–86	B
80–82	B-
77–79	C+
73–76	C
70–72	C-
67–69	D+

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If going to a CBE model and a B is a minimum grade requirement to prove proficiency, I recommend putting that in the syllabus. Especially if it is a pre-req to another class.

63-66	D
60-62	D-

Below 60	E
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1. Plagiarism/cheating will result in zero credit for the applicable assignment.
2. Students are expected to follow the SLCC Code of Conduct found at [http://www.slcc.edu/policies/docs/Student\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf](http://www.slcc.edu/policies/docs/Student_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)
3. As outlined in the SLCC Policy and Procedures Manual, the instructor will “monitor and promote safe, effective and supportive learning environments and exercise defined prerogative when dealing with student behavior that distracts students from learning.” [http://www.slcc.edu/policies/docs/c4s01-03\\_.pdf](http://www.slcc.edu/policies/docs/c4s01-03_.pdf)
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5. SLCC is committed to fostering and assessing the following student learning outcomes in its courses:
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  - \*Developing quantitative literacies
  - \*Developing the knowledge and skills to be civically engaged
  - \*Thinking critically
  - \*Communicating effectively
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7. The syllabus is not a binding legal contract. It may be modified by the instructor when the student is given reasonable notice of the modification.

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The **Tutoring and Learning Centers** provide free assistance in Math, Science, Accounting, CSIS and Allied Health Classes at 6 campus locations. <https://www.slcc.edu/tutoring>

The **Student Writing Center** provides in-person and online feedback on all writing assignments. <http://www.slcc.edu/swc>

The **Academic Literacy Center** provides tutoring in reading and conversation. <https://www.slcc.edu/english/academic-literacy-center.aspx>

**Library Services** provides research help, print and online resources, computers and study space. <libweb.slcc.edu>

The **ePortfolio Lab** provides drop-in assistance for all ePortfolio questions. <http://eportresource.weebly.com/>

**eLearning Support** provides support for navigating online and hybrid classes. <https://slcc.instructure.com/courses/297606>

The **Business Resource and Innovation Center** provides tutors and a study space for students in Business and CSIS courses. Located in BB 226 on Taylorsville-Redwood Campus.

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