



Honors Biology Extra Credit Policies

Honors biology instructors make extra-credit opportunities available to those students who wish to go further with their studies. They may be individual projects or class wide activities. Instructors must give permission and guidance to any student wishing to earn extra-credit through individual projects of interest.

Students are limited to earning up to 2% towards their semester grade per semester. This value is added to the semester grade only after the exam has been taken and the true semester grade has been calculated.

When different projects involving 1% and 2% levels of credit are offered, students are welcome to attempt any of the projects, to whichever degree of difficulty they wish to pursue. However, mixing and matching between projects is not recommended. For example, Project 1, 2, and 3 all have 1% and 2% levels. A student may choose to do Project 1 - both parts, or Project 3 - both parts, but it is NOT recommended to do Project 1- Part A and also Project 2- Part B. Obviously, the second level is designed to compliment and extend the learning accomplished in the first level. It is possible for a student to choose to select two different first level projects to combine for up to 2%. (However, this may involve a bit more work - depending on the project requirements.)

Students must adhere to whatever requirements or due dates are established by their instructors. Accuracy and quality are important in evaluating a student's extra credit project. It is common for students to earn less than the maximum amount of credit possible - so simple completion does not guarantee full credit.

Class-wide opportunities will be uniform throughout sections and instructors. However, individual instructors reserve the right to offer individual projects or credit depending on the interest of their students. Students interested in such projects should discuss this with their instructors in setting guidelines and expectations.