



# FOUNDATIONS of BIOLOGY 2



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**Monday · 3–4 pm** · Clapp 102

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textbook

**Life: The Science of Biology, 11th ed., Sadava et. al.**

Recitation material

**Story of Life by Sean Carroll**



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**“Dr. D’s Foundations of Bio 2 Fall 2019”**



tophat

**app.tophat.com/e/165084**



**Exam Dates**

- Exam 1: **Monday, September** \_\_\_\_\_
- Exam 2: **Monday, October** \_\_\_\_\_
- Exam 3: **Monday, November** \_\_\_\_\_
- Exam 4: **Monday, December** \_\_\_\_\_
- Final exam: **Monday December** \_\_\_\_, **10:00–10:50 am**

Exam dates will not change unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances that affect the professor or the entire class. Please plan accordingly—**there are no make-up exams.**



## How is my grade determined?

- **4 Midterm exams**, \_\_\_\_\_ points each
- **1 Final exam**, \_\_\_\_\_ points
- **Recitation activities**, scaled to \_\_\_\_\_ points
- **TopHat questions/homework assignments**, scaled to \_\_\_\_\_ points (10% buffer added)
- **Exam reworks**, \_\_\_\_\_ points

**Total course points:** \_\_\_\_\_

**62% Midterm exams**

**15% Final exam**

**9% Group exam reworks**

**7% Recitations**

**7% TopHat/Homework**



## What are keys to success?

**PREPARE** for class with pre-class readings and assignments

**ACTIVELY** engage with the material

**ATTEND** UTA discussion hours and Dr. D’s office hours

**ASK** for help when you need it

**DAILY** spend time with the material

**DRAW** figures in a sketch pad



## What should I bring to class everyday?

A pen and/or a pencil.

Blank paper for drawings, notes, & activities.

A charged smart device enabled for Pitt WiFi and TopHat access.

## What if I miss...



**A class?** Attendance is strongly recommended but does not count directly towards your grade. There are no make-up assignments offered for missed in-class activities.

**A recitation assignment?** One recitation score will be dropped.

**An exam?** Exam make-ups are not available. A missed exam counts as a zero. Your final grade will replace your lowest exam score. The final exam must be taken and cannot be replaced by another exam score.

**An exam rework?** No make-ups for group exam reworks will be available. Your initial score on the questions used on the exam rework may replace one exam rework if the absence is approved by Dr. D. Otherwise, your missed exam rework counts as a zero.