



MBIO19012 Microbiology

Term 1 - 2019

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General Information

Overview

On successful completion of this unit, you will have a sound understanding of the fundamentals of microbiology. You will be able to explain the principles by which microbes are classified, the relationship between form and function, the mechanisms by which genetic change occurs and the dynamics of growth and multiplication. Mixed mode and Rockhampton students must attend a compulsory residential school or on-campus laboratory classes in order to achieve the learning outcomes.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

BIOL11099 Living Systems or BIOL 11100 Functional Biology or SCIE11022 Introductory Science or BIOH11005 Introductory Anatomy and Physiology or BMSC11001 Human Body Systems 1

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2019

- Mixed Mode
- Rockhampton

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Residential Schools

This unit has a Compulsory Residential School for distance mode students and the details are:

Click here to see your [Residential School Timetable](#).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 25%

2. **Practical and Written Assessment**

Weighting: 25%

3. **Examination**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Moodle unit evaluation

Feedback

A few students were concerned about mixed messages from the unit coordinator and other members of staff during residential school.

Recommendation

We will ensure that all members of staff are aware of the information required by students in the residential school, and are more familiar with the activities.

Feedback from Moodle unit evaluation

Feedback

Students loved the residential school and overall unit organisation.

Recommendation

There will be some minor improvements made but the basis of the unit and residential school will remain the same.

Feedback from Moodle unit evaluation and reflection

Feedback

A couple of students suggested that the coursework assessments should be worth more.

Recommendation

I will be changing the assessment weightings, decreasing the exam to 50% and increasing the coursework assessment.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Explain the principles by which microbes are classified, using traditional and molecular approaches
2. Describe the relationship between form and function in the major groups of microbes
3. Describe the mechanisms by which genetic exchange occurs in bacteria, fungi and viruses
4. Explain the dynamics of growth and multiplication of the major types of microbes, and the methods by which these can be investigated in the laboratory
5. Demonstrate basic practical microbiological procedures in the laboratory in a safe and efficient manner
6. Interpret the results of laboratory experiments in the context of the underlying microbiological principles.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 - Written Assessment - 25%	•	•				
2 - Practical and Written Assessment - 25%					•	•

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

MBIO19012

Prescribed

Microbiology

Edition: 1st (2013)

Authors: Wessner, Dupont & Charles

Wiley

Hoboken , NJ , USA

ISBN: 978-0-471-69434-2

Binding: Other

Additional Textbook Information

Students may alternatively wish to purchase the second edition, but this is only available as an e-text from

<http://www.wileydirect.com.au/buy/microbiology-2nd-edition/>

Print copies of the first edition can be purchased at the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code)

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 11 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction, laboratory safety, laboratory techniques.	Wessner, ch 1.	

Week 2 - 18 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Microbial diversity, form and function.	Wessner, ch 2-5.	

Week 3 - 25 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Microbial diversity, form and function.	Wessner, ch 2-5.	

Week 4 - 01 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Viruses. Wessner, ch 5, 8.

Week 5 - 08 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Microbial culture and metabolism.	Wessner, ch 6, 13.	

Vacation Week - 15 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 22 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Microbial growth and control of growth.	Wessner, ch 6.	

Week 7 - 29 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Microbial genetics and identification.	Wessner, ch 7, 9.	

Week 8 - 06 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Residential School (option 1): 7-9th May.		Microorganism Design Due: Week 8 Tuesday (7 May 2019) 9:00 am AEST

Week 9 - 13 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Human and microbial ecology.	Wessner, ch 16, 18.	

Week 10 - 20 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Residential School (option 2): 22-24th May. Module A or Module B or Module C. (see Term Specific Information)	Specific readings for each module will be provided on the Moodle site.	

Week 11 - 27 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module A or Module B or Module C. (see Term Specific Information)	Specific readings for each module will be provided on the Moodle site.	

Week 12 - 03 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module A or Module B or Module C. (see Term Specific Information)	Specific readings for each module will be provided on the Moodle site.	

Review/Exam Week - 10 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 17 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Term Specific Information

You will notice in the Schedule that there are different module choices in weeks 10-12. Each module has different topics; this is done to make the unit more relevant to your discipline area. Later in the term, you will need to choose which module you want to do using a Choice activity on the Moodle site. Regarding the practical component of the unit: if you are enrolled internally you must attend the internal laboratory sessions. If you are a mixed mode student you must attend one of the residential schools.

In order to pass this unit, you must attain at least 50% overall, and meet the minimum mark specified for each assessment.

Assessment Tasks

1 Microorganism Design

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Keeping in mind your chosen field of study, you are required to design a microorganism which is best suited to a particular environment. Please choose one of the following:

1. An opportunistic pathogen of the human respiratory system, which causes bronchitis.
2. A blood-borne pathogen of humans, which is transmitted by ticks and causes flu-like symptoms.
3. A decomposer in grazing land, which degrades oils.
4. A pathogen of tomato plants, which is soil-borne and causes wilt.

Please note that you are designing a hypothetical organism.

In your paper, you will be required to:

- Name your microorganism, both genus and species.
- Decide on the type of organism (bacterium, fungus, virus, or protozoan).
- Select the features of your microorganism based on your knowledge of microbial form and function, physiology and ecology. These features should enable your microorganism to survive and be successful in its environment (in the case of a disease, you may also choose additional symptoms).
- Rationalise your choices based on relevant literature.

Suggested length: 2000 words.

Assessment Due Date

Week 8 Tuesday (7 May 2019) 9:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 10 Tuesday (21 May 2019)

Weighting

25%

Minimum mark or grade

40%

Assessment Criteria

The complete assessment rubrics will be available on the Moodle site, and will be on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of theory (30%)
- Selected features and rationalisation (40%)
- Presentation (10%)
- Clarity of expression (10%)
- Referencing (10%)

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Explain the principles by which microbes are classified, using traditional and molecular approaches
- Describe the relationship between form and function in the major groups of microbes

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence

2 Practical Competencies

Assessment Type

Practical and Written Assessment

Task Description

This assessment is in 3 parts:

Part 1 - pre-lab quizzes. You are required to do online quizzes based on the laboratory manual and provided instructional videos before coming to the laboratory. There are 5 quizzes in total, and all will be open from the start of term.

Rockhampton internal students will do these weekly. Mixed mode students will do them all before coming to residential school. Each quiz will consist of 5 questions and will be timed (15 min). You can have 2 attempts at each quiz.

Part 2 - practical competencies. You will be marked on 7 practical skills during either internal laboratories (Rockhampton internal students only) or residential school. These skills are: aseptic technique, pipetting, the four streak dilution method, microscope use, Gram staining, fungal slide preparation, and microbial identification. The marking will occur during the normal course of the practical sessions (it is not under exam conditions). Detailed descriptions and requirements for this task will be available on the Moodle site.

Part 3 - post-lab quiz. You are required to do an online quiz (short-answer questions) based on the results of the practical sessions. The quiz will open on the last day of your practical session (whether internal laboratories or residential school). The quiz will consist of 5 questions and will be timed (45 min). You have one attempt only.

Assessment Due Date

Part 1 - 8:00am AEST the day of your practical session. Part 3 - 11:55pm AEST 2 weeks after the last day of your practical session.

Return Date to Students

Part 1 - within half an hour. Part 3 - two weeks after the due date.

Weighting

25%

Minimum mark or grade

40%

Assessment Criteria

Part 1 is worth 5%, and will be marked as the total of all five quizzes (your highest mark of each).

Part 2 is worth 10%, and will be marked on how well you perform each competency and the result (final product). A detailed marks sheet will be available on the Moodle site.

Part 3 is worth 10%, and will be your quiz mark.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate basic practical microbiological procedures in the laboratory in a safe and efficient manner
- Interpret the results of laboratory experiments in the context of the underlying microbiological principles.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication

- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

Examination

Outline

Complete an invigilated examination.

Date

During the examination period at a CQUniversity examination centre.

Weighting

50%

Length

180 minutes

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Exam Conditions

Closed Book.

Materials

Dictionary - non-electronic, concise, direct translation only (dictionary must not contain any notes or comments).

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem