

**GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE ASSESSMENT PLAN (CAP)**

**Life Sciences**

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**Course:**

**Course title:**

**Faculty member developing/revising the CAP:**

**Unit head name:**

**Date submitted/revised:**

**Please complete the following for each student learning outcome (goal):**

***1. Student Learning Outcome:*** *An introduction to science as a way of investigating and understanding the physical universe.*

**How will you TEACH (e.g., assign readings, discuss in class, use a handout, provide models, etc.) students about the student learning outcome? As appropriate, please describe the role of both the students and the instructor.**

**How will you ASSESS or measure how well individual students have learned this objective (e.g., assign a research paper, require group presentations, include a short-answer question on an exam, etc.)?**

***2. Student Learning Outcome:*** *The unifying concepts of the life sciences such as evolution and cellular organization of organisms.*

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**Choose one of the following - either 3a or 3b:**

***3a. Information Literacy is the process of locating, evaluating, and using multiple forms of information.*** *People with a general education work with many forms of information: text, data, images, and multimedia. Becoming information literate is a multi-step, iterative process that includes articulating the need for information, finding information efficiently, thinking critically about resources, managing the abundance of information available, using information ethically, synthesizing and incorporating information into one’s knowledge base, and creatively expressing and effectively communicating new knowledge.*

***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Develop a search plan that articulates the specific information needed****.***

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Execute a plan for accessing information using appropriate search tools.*

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Evaluate the quality, usefulness, and relevance of the information.*

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***Student Learning Outcome: C****ommunicate results ethically and appropriately.*

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***Or, select Student learning outcome 3b***

***3b. Quantitative Literacy******is a competency and comfort in working with numbers.***

*People with a general education apply mathematical and statistical methods to solving problems in everyday life. They understand and can create sophisticated arguments supported by quantitative evidence, and they can clearly communicate those arguments in a variety of formats (using words, tables, graphs, and mathematical equations as appropriate).*

***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Interpret information appearing in the form of graphs, tables, numerical summaries, equations, and text.*

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Evaluate underlying assumptions as necessary, recognizing that mathematical and statistical methods have limits****.***

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Solve problems using appropriate arithmetical, algebraic, geometric, or statistical techniques.*

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Draw valid conclusions based on data analysis and critically evaluate conclusions made by others.*

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**Choose one of the following - either 4a or 4b:**

***4a. Collaboration is the process of working together and sharing the workload equitably to progress toward shared objectives.*** *People with a general education work collaboratively with others on both small and large projects. Effective collaborators are interdependent, interactive, accountable, and reflective. That is, they work interdependently within a group, interact productively with group members, demonstrate accountability for their own contributions to the work of the group, and reflect on the success of the group, including their own contributions and the contributions of others.*

***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Contribute to the development of shared goals within the group.*

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *contribute their own knowledge and expertise to the group*.

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Participate actively and responsibly in all group activities****.***

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Honestly assess their own contributions and the contributions of others.*

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***Or, select Student learning outcome 4b***

***4b. Problem Solving is the process of designing and evaluating strategies to answer open-ended questions or achieve desired goals.*** *People with a general education define and solve problems by seeking and identifying relevant contextual information, formulating strategies, and proposing and evaluating potential solution****.***

***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Construct clear and insightful problem statements that prioritize relevant contextual factors*.

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Identify multiple approaches for solving the problem within the given context.*

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Design and fully explain proposed solutions that demonstrate deep comprehension of the problem.*

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***Student Learning Outcome:*** *Evaluate the feasibility of solutions considering aspects such as the historical context and ethical, legal, or practical impact of potential solutions.*

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