



## Southern Arkansas University Tech

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## ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

**Course Number:** BIOL1013

**Course Title:** The Biological Sciences

**Course Description:** A morphological, physiological, and taxonomic survey of the plant and animal kingdoms with emphasis on basic biological principles.

**Instructor:** Susan Johnson, Laura Camp

**Instructor Bio:** Laura Camp lives in Magnolia, AR. She holds a B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University and an M.S. degree from Louisiana State University.

**Prerequisite:** Students must have completed both Reading courses or have a score of 19+ on the ACT or a 41+ on the ASSET.

**Textbook Information:** Simon. Biology: the core. Pearson. 2015.

### Learning Outcomes:

Students will achieve a minimum 70% proficiency on the following course outcomes:  
The student will demonstrate an understanding of basic biological concepts.

### On-Campus Requirement:

The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site.

**Modes of Interaction:** Discussion Board, Online Assignments, Email

**Methods of Assessment:** Chapter exams and a proctored comprehensive final. All exams are delivered via Blackboard. This course requires access to the textbook companion website "[Mastering Biology](#)" to do your homework assignments and read or watch material necessary to do your discussion postings. You will receive an access code with your textbook if purchased from the SAU Tech bookstore. If you choose to purchase your textbook from another source, you must be sure to purchase one with an access code. If you already have a textbook and need an access code only, you can purchase one online on the [Mastering Biology](#) site.

### Enrollment Procedures:

SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:

- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.
- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A \$10 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

**Admissions Office Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx>

**Course Registration Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>

**Technical Requirements and Resources:** Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

**Library Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/lrc/index.aspx>

**Bookstore Website:** <http://sautech.textbooktech.com>

**Adult Learner Resources:** Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

**Student Support and Learning Resources:** Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

**Other Considerations:**

Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class. Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:

- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use Microsoft Word skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s). The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech. To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things. Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).

- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
  - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
  - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
  - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at <http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976>
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from [http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1\\_Prod\\_Version=ShockwaveFlash](http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash)
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?>
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files
  - Cost: Free
  - Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- Java – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.**)
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://javashoplm.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre->