

BIO 600 - EFFECTIVE TEACHING I

Section 001

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Textbook: McKeachie's Teaching Tips. 2006. Twelfth edition.
W.J. McKeachie and M. Svinicki. Houghton Mifflin.

Attendance: Students will sign an attendance sheet for each class. Although class attendance is not required, attendance is expected of all students. Class participation is an essential element of this course. Attendance sheets will be kept on file and used if needed as an indicator of class participation.

Grading: Grades will be based on classroom presentations and homework assignments. The course grade will be computed as follows:

Course organizer	5%
Sample syllabus	5%
Course website	10%
Unit organizer	5%
Sample lecture	10%
Powerpoint presentation	10%
In-class presentation	15%
Sample lab activity	20%
Sample test	10%
Teaching philosophy	10%

Course Objectives:

Students are expected to:

Explore teaching at the university level;

Critically examine teaching approaches;

Be able to assess student learning styles and make recommendations for appropriate individualized learning practices;

Prepare sample materials for class development and implementation;

Demonstrate proficiency in use of classroom technology.

Class policy:

All students are bound by the JMU Honor Code. All students are expected to make an effort to be in class on time and ready for class to start. All students are expected to be respectful of others in the classroom and help create a classroom atmosphere conducive to learning.

Students are responsible for registering for classes and for verifying their class schedules on e-campus. The deadline for adding a Fall Semester class without instructor and academic unit head signatures is Tue, Sept 2, 2008. After Tue, Sept 2, 2008 instructor and department head signatures are required to add a class for Fall Semester 2008. No student will be allowed to register for a Fall Semester class after Thurs, Sept 11, 2008 - no appeals.

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations to fully participate in course activities and/or meet course requirements must register with the Office of Disability Services (ODS) and contact me to discuss access issues. ODS will provide you with an Access Plan Letter that will verify your need for services and make recommendations for accommodations to be used in my classroom. ODS is located in the Wilson Learning Center, Room 107; Phone: 568-6705.