

HEY INCOMING AP BIO KID!

DO NOT SLACK. DO NOT SLACK! DO NOT SLACK! Especially if you are a senior! At that moment where senioritis is working its hardest, make sure that you pay attention to bio! In my opinion, the AP Bio test was harder than the calc test! Make sure that you take advantage of the test prep books. We don't use them in class + they aren't assigned.

You should still be utilizing them throughout the year. Also, make sure that you check with colleges to see if they'll accept AP Credit.

If you're planning on majoring in Bio, your school will make you RE-TAKE Bio 101. Be warned.

This is you
without AP Bio



with AP Bio.



yes, this
is a
good
thing!!

Watch BOZEMAN BIOLOGY VIDEOS!!!!

Mr. Anderson is epic.

... as is Mrs. Riedell.

Good Luck!

Nick French

Dear Future AP Bio Student,

If you want to do well in AP Bio, there are a few things that I think will help. First of all, study. There are a lot of things that simply must be memorized. The book is really dense and hard to comprehend at times, so use the Holtzclaw and Cliff Notes throughout the year. They condense and explain the material really well. If you want to know very specific details, read the Campbell book. For the AP¹ Test I studied the Holtzclaw and Cliff Note books, which I regret not doing more during the year.

Another thing I recommend is actually reading the book *Genome*. Mrs. Riedell handed it out to everyone in our class, but I doubt more than a handful of students read much of it. It's super interesting and puts biology, especially genetics, in to terms anyone can understand.

Of course, I would also recommend paying attention in class, staying caught up with work, etc. Have fun with the class, it's full of great people and is really interesting! I know AP Bio influenced my decisions as to what courses to take in college.

Good Luck!

Bruce Tappan

Pious
Patel

Dear Future AP Bio people,
Don't get discouraged. Whenever you do, think about how you were the fastest little sperm swimmer out of millions. And if that doesn't work, just remember, you are not Shamon! Pay attention to the lectures, you will have plenty of other in-class time to goof off. Pay attention to them, and try to understand the entire concept rather than simply memorizing and regurgitating information. Use this method and analyze the material when studying. You will be thankful when the AP test comes along.

Sincerely,
Pious

Dear Future AP Bio Students,

Hey! You are in for a really fun class, but I have a little advice for you before then. First of all **STUDY!!!** You may think you remember enough from Bio to pass the tests easily, but you're dead wrong. Thinking like this will prove fatal in this class. Second; Start reading the textbook right away and use the books she gives you. They will help make you prepared for the AP test. Third: **DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!!** (especially with the Human Body Systems Project.) Keep up and you won't get burned. If you wait to long to do it you can tell your sleep goodbye. Also I'll give you a heads up, next year the curriculum is changing. It will be much harder. Other than that I don't have much else to say besides **GOOD LUCK** and have fun. If you follow my advice the year will go much smoother; if not... then like I said before, good luck.

Alice Gengler

Dear future AP bio students,

This class is takes a lot of work.

Don't let yourself get behind; study hard from the get-go. Use the resources you are provided. Having friends in the class can be very helpful, but do not let them become a distraction. Get to know your class; you will feel much more comfortable if you do.

Things can get a little bit frustrating from time to time, but keep it cool and power through it. Let yourself enjoy the little things. You'll look back on the class and realize that there were a lot of memorable experiences. Also, AP bio made me feel like I truly learned something. I usually come out of a class thinking that it was mostly a waste of time. This was not true with AP bio.

Alex Wiemann

Dear Future AP Bio Students,

Just a few tips for being successful

- it probably helps to pay attention during class
- do all of the homework on time. most importantly, do it yourself!
- always take advantage of test corrections
- reading the textbook is actually helpful, especially if you don't understand something

Basically, you are responsible for how well you do.
So, try your best :)

Sincerely,

Alyssa Larson

New AP Bio Student

So maybe taking six AP tests isn't the smartest thing to do. The weeks leading up to exams are pretty intense, so try to get most of your studying done a few months before.

Your tests will be hard. Really hard if you don't study. You can do corrections and should.

You don't have to open your biology book much, but that little Holtzclaw book will be your best friend. Use the Cliff's notes when you start preparing for the exam, which should be January.

It's easy to put off the reading assignments, just not do them, but you will pay a price for it.

When Mrs. Riedell tells you to review something, do it. Things from bio-1 show up on the exam, it's really sad to get them wrong.

If you don't like dead things, try to sit towards the inside tables. The zoology kids have dead things set out on the side tables second semester.

You may well do dissections, but if you do, you won't do many. Taking Anatomy and/or Zoology really helps.

Oh, dress warmly. It's easier to take off layers if they ever turn on the heat than it is to shiver through class.

Sometimes the most memorable things aren't in the curriculum. This year, we learned a lot more about lab safety. Try not to.

Sam McVerry

Dear future AP Biology students.

Excellent selection on choosing to take this class. This is one of the best and most beneficial classes at the high school. This is a very difficult class to take. It covers large amounts of material very quickly. Even so, this class is well worth your time. Mrs. Riccilelli is one of the best teachers at this school.

There are a few things that will help this class go better for you. First of all, study for tests. These tests are hard because they use actual AP questions so make sure you study the chapters. Second, don't put off homework or projects, especially the human body system project. Just get your work done and handed in on time. Follow these few things and you'll be fine for this class.

Congratulations again on this class. Mrs. Riccilelli is a great teacher and you will have a great year. Enjoy the lab days, they're the best. Have a great year!



Douglas Toley

Hey, New AP Bio people! If you can still switch to a class, take out one of your classes and put in Human Anatomy. AP Biology and Human Anatomy classes work really well together. My only regret is not reading the textbook. I wouldn't have failed as many tests. Mrs. Riedel lets you correct your tests, so I technically didn't fail anything. Read the book! I didn't think that it was necessary and that really hurt me. So don't get behind in reading. This class is one of the funnest classes that I've taken. I even got some pets to take home. You'll find out what. Mrs. Riedell is a great teacher, so listen to her. Have fun with the AP Test. There changing it for you. It's going to be much harder! Good luck and have fun!

Sincerely,
Marie Sawyer

Jesse Crosby

Dear Future AP Biology Student,

Salutations, comrade! AP Bio is a fun class; it'll make you smart. You'll learn a bunch. Some of the wicked sick info you'll acquire includes stuff about molecular biology, animal structures, and heredity. Be sure to keep up with your reading, because playing catch-up is the mother of failure. Study for tests, too, since they're very similar to the AP test. In the words of Sensei Marcella, "When life gives you lemons, make yourself a glass of lemonade." In other words, be confident and try hard, and AP Biology will be a swell learning experience.

Dear Future AP Bio Student,

Study hard and listen to slide shows. This is a very fun class but you have got to study and do the homework. Study groups would be good! Good Luck!

from,

John Donovan

future students

Nathan G - If you struggle 1st sem drop out, 2nd sem because it gets harder. Human Body System project is hard. Watch the Boze man Videos and read the Campbell + Reece test prep for each system. Do not just use Internet. Watching Videos online of upcoming chapters is best way to prepare. Learn to take notes on chapter after you finish it in class, best way to review.

Dear Future students,

My advice to you would be to read the text book and do your OWN homework. It may look better to hand good papers in but you will end up digging yourself into a deep deep hole for the tests. On the labs be sure to participate because if you don't analyzing will be much harder than it needs to be. Overall I loved Bio and I study. Hope that you will also.

Sincerely,

Laurelle Allison

Dear AP students,

Prepare to be amazed! You are going to learn incredible things in Mrs. Riedell's AP Biology Class. By the time you finish this class, you will be perfectly ready to take the AP Bio exam. However, you've got to be willing to put in a lot of work to make it through the class.

AP Bio is NOT an easy class. It gives out tons of homework, and you have to be a dedicated student to do well. Make sure you never fall behind on your homework because it will pile up very quickly. Keep up to date with your schoolwork, and study every night. You will learn so much stuff that you can't just cram the night before the test. Studying every night will help solidify the information in your head.

You've got a long way to go, but if you are determined and willing to work hard, you will be perfectly fine. Although AP Bio is a difficult class, it is also very interesting. You will enjoy this class as challenging as it is. So, AP students, have fun, work hard, and enjoy this amazing class!

Sincerely,
Albert Uta

To the next generation AP Biology students,

First off, **STUDY, STUDY, STUDY, STUDY, STUDY,**

not the night before but a few days before. Mrs. Riedul does a great job in class making subjects sound easy but when you get to the test this is not the case. There is so much information to know and your not going to be able to know it all but if you learn as much as you can along the way it makes studying for the AP test so much easier.

Over all, the class is so beneficial and is so much fun. Lab days are great. You will have fun, its impossible not too. Use the materials she gives you they are very helpful in mastering the material. But dont worry if you get a few bad test grades, it happens to the best of us. I warn you though, if you are taking multiple AP classes, manage your time.

- Andee Weisbeak

Dear Future AP Bio Students,

Congratulations on deciding to take AP Bio. Now the main thing you have to do is stick with it! Don't give up! Make sure you don't procrastinate and just get your self done on time. IF you ever have a question just ask I'm sure there are other people in the class that are wondering the same thing and Mrs. Riedell will be more than happy to answer it. Also when you ask questions you usually end up learning what you asked and a lot more that can be useful. Make sure you study for everything, don't try and cram the information in in one night, **ESPECIALLY FOR THE AP TEST!** If you pay attention in class and do your homework you will do alright!

Good Luck This Year,

Spencer Weimers

Dear Future AP Bio Student,

There are so many wonderful things to tell you about this class. But, that's for another time. I'm here to tell you what you need to do to succeed in this class. First off, don't come into this class expecting it to be as near as easy as regular biology. AP Bio is probably ten times harder. If you make this mistake, such as I did, you are in for a rude awakening. Also, make sure you pay attention to Mrs. Reidell as much as possible. She is very smart and knows her stuff. When it comes to studying for the AP test, make sure you study your Cliff Notes & Holtzclaw books as much as possible. These books are so helpful to you in so many ways it's crazy. With all that being said, good luck and have fun!!

Sincerely,
Nick Nagy

Dear future AP bio students,

When I first started this class I knew it would be a challenge, but I wasn't really prepared for the workload that came with taking this class. I think my best advice is read the chapters in your textbook, and study. Review your notes for a little each night instead of trying to cram right before a test. Have fun with the class and good luck!

-Katie Ust

Plameem Babu Mavella

Dear future students,

You're not going to pass this class without studying. This class can be difficult at times ~~times~~. The most fun thing you would do ~~do~~ in this class is having food days and the lab day. For the AP test review a lot it is not as easy as you might think.

Dear AP Bio Kinsmen,

A year may come when the courage of men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of fellowship, but it is not this year. An hour of wolves and shattered shields when the age of men comes crashing down, but it is not this year. This year we STUDY!!! For all that you hold dear on this good earth, I bid you rise Men of AP Biology!!

(and [↑]women)

Dear Future AP Bio Students

I'm going to be honest to you guys, AP Bio test is f***ing hard so study for it. I would recommend reading the book and listening to Mrs. Reedell's wonderful lectures. DO TEST CORRECTIONS! It really helps with boosting up your grade. I don't know what else to say. Just study and review, then you should be fine. I'm writing this sentence so my letter appears to be meaningful and longer.

Good luck! enjoy it

Sincerely,

Fatty acid