

Information for students wishing to test out of Biosc 106, to satisfy that prerequisite:

1. The Biosc 106 challenge exam can only be taken one time. If a passing grade is not obtained on the challenge exam, the student must enroll in the Biosc 106 course, and earn a “CR” in the course, to satisfy the prerequisite.
2. Those who have already attempted the course and received a non-passing grade may not take the challenge exam, but must instead repeat the Biosc 106 course and earn a “CR” in the course to satisfy the prerequisite.
3. Taking and passing the challenge exam will only provide a prerequisite waiver, but will not be credited as units.
4. Please have available a photo ID when you arrive to take the challenge exam.
5. The exam covers some basic math, metric conversions, graphing, and some beginning-level biology and chemistry. The course syllabus is available in the College Bookstore (for less than \$5) if you would like a more detailed description of what the exam will cover. Also use the course description as a guide, and note that the exam will emphasize analysis and interpretation of data:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course (which is intended to provide preparation for the successful completion of BIOSC 119, 134, 140, 141, 148, 155, and 156) introduces students to common experimental techniques and situations in biology, and offers practice in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data. Students who believe they are adequately prepared may challenge this course by examination.

6. Please be sure you can stay for the full 90 minutes allowed for completion of this exam. The answers will be short answer, fill-in, and essay format. Be sure to show all of your work on any calculations, to obtain full or partial credit for those questions. You do not need to memorize unit conversions; they will be provided on the exam.
7. You do not need to bring anything to the exam. We will provide the calculator, and can also provide pen/pencil/eraser if necessary. You do not need a scantron or blue book.
8. A passing score on this exam is 70% or higher. Sometimes the exam can be graded while you wait, but usually this is not possible. Plan to provide contact information so that your exam score can be reported to you (email address; phone number).
9. To schedule a time to take the challenge exam, please contact one of the following faculty/staff:

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It is usually easiest to arrange a time to take the test via email (not voicemail) because none of us have the time available to return numerous phone calls. But, if you're on-campus and want to take the test right now, feel free to try to reach us any way you can, and if we can accommodate you, we will.