

**BIO 63 Course Outline as of Fall 2018****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: BIO 63 Title: STEM CAREERS

Full Title: Introduction to STEM Careers

Last Reviewed: 10/9/2023

| Units   |      | Course Hours per Week |      | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total |       |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| Maximum | 1.00 | Lecture Scheduled     | 1.00 | 17.5         | Lecture Scheduled  | 17.50 |
| Minimum | 1.00 | Lab Scheduled         | 0    | 6            | Lab Scheduled      | 0     |
|         |      | Contact DHR           | 0    |              | Contact DHR        | 0     |
|         |      | Contact Total         | 1.00 |              | Contact Total      | 17.50 |
|         |      | Non-contact DHR       | 0    |              | Non-contact DHR    | 0     |

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 52.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Course Completion of BIO 10 OR CHEM 42 OR ENGR 10 OR MATH 58 OR MATH 25; OR MATH 27 or higher(VF)

**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

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| <b>AS Degree:</b> | <b>Area</b>          | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |
| <b>CSU GE:</b>    | <b>Transfer Area</b> | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |

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| <b>IGETC:</b> | <b>Transfer Area</b> | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |
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| <b>CSU Transfer:</b> | Transferable | <b>Effective:</b> | Fall 2018 | <b>Inactive:</b> |
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| <b>UC Transfer:</b> | Transferable | <b>Effective:</b> | Fall 2019 | <b>Inactive:</b> |
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**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Not Certificate/Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

During the course, students will:

1. Identify skills necessary in their field of STEM
2. Create a plan for acquiring these skills either through their coursework or extracurricular work
3. Investigate career and research pathways in their field of STEM
4. Plan implementation of career pathway
5. Identify communication skills necessary for their chosen STEM career and research interests
6. Practice creating examples of communication skills pertinent to their chosen STEM career and research interests

### **Topics and Scope:**

#### **I. Education and Job Skills**

##### **A. Scientific fields and career options**

1. Research
2. Applied science
3. Careers outside of science for STEM students

##### **B. Skills necessary for success in**

1. Applied vs. research careers
2. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Mathematics

##### **C. How to build desired skill set from**

1. Coursework and education
2. Extracurricular internships, volunteering, work, and independent study

#### **II. Occupational Information**

- A. Pathways to successful chosen STEM field
    - 1. In research
    - 2. In applied science careers
    - 3. In careers outside of science for STEM students
  - B. Role of internships
  - C. Role of undergraduate research
  - D. Role of networking
- III. Scientific Communication
- A. Professional
    - 1. Communicating with professors
    - 2. Applying for internships
    - 3. Job applications
  - B. Research
    - 1. Scientific papers
    - 2. Poster presentations
    - 3. Grant proposals

### Assignment:

- 1. Weekly reading in text and other sources (5-10 pages)
- 2. Written and oral assignments (4-8), which may include:
  - a. Analysis of education and transfer plan
  - b. Career goals
  - c. Research and applied career options for chosen STEM field and optimal skill sets
  - d. Letters of introduction
  - e. Implement small scale career network
  - f. Analyze or write scientific paper or presentation
- 3. Outside activities (2-4), which may include
  - a. Job shadow
  - b. Informational interview
  - c. Club officer

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written assignments

Writing  
50 - 75%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving  
0 - 0%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

None

Exams  
0 - 0%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Oral assignments and outside activities

Other Category  
25 - 50%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

What Color is Your Parachute? Bolles, Richard. Ten Speed Press. 2017

The Art of Work. Goin, Jeff. Thomas Nelson. 2015

Guide to Life Science Careers. Peterson, Karen. NPG Education. 2010 (classic)