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**Live Classes**

# Exploring Creation with Biology

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**Syllabus**

2026-2027



## Personal Note from Instructor:

My name is Ciera Proudfoot and my husband, Robert, and I live in Gainesville, FL. Go Gators! We recently had our first child, Robert III, and we love him very much! I graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors in Animal Science, specializing in Cattle Production. A passion of mine is educating the public on the science behind agriculture and food production. Another passion of mine is helping people come to know Jesus as their Savior and teaching them how to know Him and share the good news of the Gospel confidently to the people in their life. I have been a Collegiate Missionary with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at the University of Florida since graduation and love seeing student's lives change when they encounter the Gospel!

I had the privilege of using Apologia throughout my own middle and high school years and love helping others learn about God's creation with this curriculum. I have been an Apologia Biology Teaching Assistant for two years and am excited to begin my journey as an official Apologia Biology teacher this year! I look forward to seeing you in class.

## Recommended Grade Level:

This course is designed for 9-12th graders.

## Prerequisites:

None

## Live Lecture Date & Time:



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Wednesdays 10 am-11:30 am ET

*NOTE: The instructor does not require attendance of the live lectures but highly recommends students attend as many of the live lectures as possible to take advantage of live Q&A. Lectures are recorded and posted on the course Canvas page under the associated week and module. If you miss a lecture, please watch the recording. You can also use the recording for review as you prepare for the online exam.*

## Description:

In this course, you will learn about God's amazing Creation! God is by nature a revealer of Himself that He might be known. One of the ways that He has revealed Himself is through His Creation. So, it is our desire in this course, that in addition to all the technical aspects of science that we will learn, each student will encounter the glory of our Creator in His Creation.

## Required Class Materials:

- **Advantage Set:** Exploring Creation with Biology **3rd edition** (text), Solutions and Tests packet, and Spiral Bound Student Notebook
- **Lab Materials:** Dissection Kit and specimens- [apologia.com](http://apologia.com) or [homesciencetools.com](http://homesciencetools.com)
- **Microscope and Biology Slides** - Due to the cost of a microscope we do not insist on one for our Biology classes, however, viewing specimens on a microscopic level brings Biology to life for students, not to mention it being so very helpful in gaining an understanding of the design and beauty of creation! Though I do not require it, I would ask that you make every effort to obtain a microscope and slides, whether borrowing or buying used or new. Some helpful resources for used microscopes might be homeschool groups, neighbors, schools, community colleges, or even medical labs in your area who might be upgrading, eBay, Amazon (used), etc.

## Course Topics:

Following the Apologia Ministries text of the same name, the course is designed to be an upper level high-school Biology course. If completed as assigned, the student should receive 1 credit.

## Assignment Structure:

Each module will be covered in a 2-week time frame. All assignments due are listed in Canvas and include the reading of the module, answering the On Your Own and Study Guide questions, all labs, and all tests.

## Grading:

Parents/Guardians will be directed every 3-4 modules to complete a notebook check using their student's account. Tests/quizzes will be graded by the teacher and all else checked for completion by the parent/guardian.

35% tests/quizzes

30% lab reports

35% reading, OYO, SG

## Due Dates and Late Policy:

Students are expected to adhere to all due dates posted in Canvas. Approved extensions without late point deductions include sickness, natural disasters, and personal emergencies and must be communicated by the parent/guardian. Exceptions are made for those students involved in completing labs with other groups and must be communicated to the teacher after registering.

## Student Conduct:

**Academic Dishonesty**

Students are expected to maintain the highest integrity in all academic work including test taking and will be required to agree to a plagiarism covenant before classes begin.

### **Class Behavior**

Students are expected to adhere to classroom chat and video policies.

## **Instructor Availability for Questions:**

I am available Monday through Friday between 9 am-6 pm ET and will answer questions within 24 hours. Occasionally, I am available on weekends although emails may not be returned until the following Monday.