MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY (BIOL 310L) SCHEDULE

Spring 2017

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Required:
(1) Leboffe & Pierce, Microbiology Laboratory & Theory Application, Brief, 3rd edition.
(2) Coursepack for BIOL310 and BIOL310L
(3) Sharpie marker, Safety Glasses, Lab Coat; Ms. Hirsch also requires a bound composition notebook.

“Pack” pages refer to the laboratory portion of BIOL 310 coursepack from SAS-E-Ink.
The Leboffe & Pierce manual pages are listed as “Leboffe.”
Everything that is listed must be read before coming to class.

I January 23-January 26 INTRODUCTION; SAFETY; ASEPTIC Technique; USE OF MICROSCOPES; OBSERVATION OF PREPARED SLIDES; ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLE; EPIDEMIC

Leboffe pages 1–8; Pack pages L7-24 Safety & Laboratory Guidelines
(Read thoroughly, understand and apply throughout the semester)

Leboffe Ex. 1-4 Common Aseptic Transfers & Inoculation Methods
Leboffe pages 59-60 Microbial Growth, Ubiquity & Diversity (read)
Leboffe Ex 2-1 Ubiquity of Microorganisms
& Pack pages L29-30 Distribution of Microorganisms in the Environment
Leboffe pages 141-142 Microscopy & Staining (read)
Leboffe Ex 3-1 Introduction to the Light Microscope
Pack pages L25-28 Observation of Prepared Slides of Bacteria (3 bacterial morphologies at 3 magnifications each)
Leboffe Ex. 7-4 Epidemic Simulation (time permitting)

Notes:
• + indicates exercise for which follow-up will be necessary. The time in brackets [ ] indicates the approximate time
span at which follow-up should be done.
• “Pack” pages refer to the BIOL 310 coursepack from SAS-E-Ink. Leboffe refers to the manual by Leboffe & Pierce.
• Appendix = an appendix in the lab manual. You should familiarize yourself with it, but do NOT memorize it. It is for
reference only.
• **NOTE:** In addition to the questions for exercises which you do, you are also responsible (on tests and in your
notebooks) for questions in exercises requiring only reading and for results and questions for exercises done as
demonstration. You are also responsible for all parts of the exercises done from the coursepack or handouts, as
well as from the lab book.
• Important Note: If the schedule needs to be shifted because of class cancellation for a hurricane, influenza, or other
emergency during the term, the date of the lab final and/or other activities may change.

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announced OR unannounced. You should come to class at all times with your lab book(s) organized, complete and up-to-date.

II January 30-February 2 ASEPTIC Technique, ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLE & CULTURE
CHARACTERISTICS (continued); PREPARATION OF SLIDES & OBSERVATION OF SIMPLE STAINS & NEGATIVE
STAINS; STREAK PLATES; PREPARATION OF CULTURE MEDIA; THE AUTOCLAVE

Leboffe Ex. 1-5 & Pack L36-37 Streak Plate Methods of isolation
Leboffe Ex. 1-4 Review Common Aseptic Transfers & Inoculation Methods

Leboffe pages 173-176 Bacterial Structure & Simple Stains (read)
Leboffe Ex 3-4 Simple Stains (includes making a bacterial smear)
Leboffe Ex 3-5 Negative Stains

Listing for this day continued on next page
II January 30-February 2 (continued)

Leboffe page 87 (Top)  Environmental Factors Affecting Microbial Growth
Leboffe Ex 2-1  Continue: Ubiquity of Microorganisms
& Pack L29-30  Continue: Distribution of Microorganisms in the Environment
Leboffe Ex 2-2  Colony Morphology
Leboffe Ex 2-3  Growth Patterns on Slants
Leboffe Ex 2-4  Growth Patterns in Broth

Leboffe Ex 1-3  Nutrient Broth & Nutrient Agar Preparation [read & understand; we will not be able to
carry this out because our temporary lab is not adequately equipped.]
& Pack L31-33  Evaluation of Media (read only)
Leboffe Ex 2-5  Evaluation of Media (read only)
Leboffe Ex 2-11  Steam Sterilization (read only)

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III February 6-9  PATHOGEN POSTER PROJECT SIGN-UP;  BEGIN IDENTIFICATION OF “UNKNOWN” BACTERIAL
CULTURE;  GRAM STAIN; USE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MEDIA (SELECTIVE & DIFFERENTIAL);  ISOLATION OF PURE
CULTURES

Pack L57-62  Sign up & begin pathogen poster project ---Organize teams of 4 students; select pathogen &
area of body for normal microbiota

Leboffe Ex. 1-5 & Pack pp. L36-37  Streak Plate Methods of Isolation (use for Unknown culture)

Leboffe page 545  Identification of Unknowns (read)
Pack L38-L50  Identification of Unknown Bacterial Cultures
Leboffe Ex 3-12  Morphological Unknown (read)

Leboffe page 187 (top)  Differential & Structural Stains (read)
Leboffe Ex. 3-6  Gram Stain

Leboffe pp. 227-229  Selective Media & Differential Media
Leboffe Ex. 4-1  β-phenylethylalcohol Agar
Leboffe Ex. 4-2  Columbia CNA Agar  (read only, pay particular attention to figure)
Leboffe Ex. 4-3  Mannitol Salts Agar
Leboffe Ex. 4-4  MacConkey Agar
Pack L60  CLED Agar

Pack L34-35, L44  Dichotomous key practice—begin today (& continue in subsequent weeks)
IV February 13-16  DETERMINATION OF OXYGEN REQUIREMENT; METHODS FOR GROWING ANAEROBES; BIOCHEMICAL TESTS; HYDROLYTIC ENZYMES; CATALASE; NITRATE TEST; SPORE STAIN

DEADLINE: for pure working cultures of your unknown; reserve & working culture slants of unknown

Leboffe page 95 (top)  Aerotolerance (read) & Oxygen Requirements
Pack  pages ________  Determination of Atmospheric Oxygen Requirements (using Agar Deep Stabs)
Leboffe Ex 2-6  Fluid Thioglycollate Medium for culturing anaerobes [Read]
Leboffe Ex 2-7  Anaerobic Jar for culturing anaerobes [Read]

Leboffe pages 267-270  Differential Tests (Read)
Leboffe Ex. 5-4  Catalase Test
Leboffe page 331  Tests Detecting Hydrolytic Enzymes (read)
Leboffe Ex. 5-10  Starch Hydrolysis (Amylase Test)
Leboffe Ex. 5-13  Casein Hydrolysis (Caseinase or Casease Test)
Leboffe Ex. 5-6  Nitrate Reduction Test [24-48 hr] (Biochemical Test)

Continue or complete ongoing exercises & identification of unknown cultures
Pack L34-35, 44  Continue Dichotomous Key practice
Pack L57-62  Continue group work on Pathogen Poster & Normal Microbiota

V February 20-23  BIOCHEMICAL TESTS—SUGAR FERMENTATIONS; OTHER BIOCHEMICAL TESTS (IMViC); SULFIDE; MOTILITY (using a SEMI-SOLID AGAR); CONTROL OF MICROBIAL GROWTH---with ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT

Leboffe pages 267-270  Differential Tests (Review)
Leboffe page 279 (Top)  Fermentation Tests
Leboffe Ex. 5-2  Carbohydrate Fermentation using Phenol Red Fermentation Broth [24hr]
Leboffe Ex. 5-19  Carbohydrate Fermentation using Triple Sugar Iron Agar **[18-24hr]**
IMViC Test Battery
Leboffe Ex. 5-3  Methyl Red Test
Leboffe Ex. 5-7  Citrate Test
Leboffe Ex. 5-18  SIM Medium: Motility, Indole and Hydrogen Sulfide Test
Leboffe Ex. 2-12  The Lethal Effect of Ultraviolet Radiation on Microbes

Pack L34-35, 44  Continue Dichotomous Key practice
Continue or complete ongoing exercises & identification of unknown cultures
Pack L57-62  Pathogen Poster/Normal Microbiota Project continued

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE NOTE: You may need to return to the lab the next day (ideal) or the day after to read these test results. If reading of the results is delayed and they can’t be properly stored, they won’t be accurate. Your lab instructor will give you directions.
VI February 27-March 2 ACID-FAST STAIN; ENDOSPORE STAIN; BIOCHEMICAL TESTS; MOTILITY (using WET MOUNTS); BIOCHEMICAL I.D. SYSTEMS

Leboffe Ex. 3-7 Acid Fast Stain (a differential stain)
Leboffe Ex. 3-9 Endospore Stain (a structural stain)
Leboffe Ex. 3-10 Wet Mount & Hanging Drop Preparations
Leboffe Ex. 9-5 Identification of Enteric Microorganisms Using Computer-Assisted Multi-Test Microsystems (demonstration)

Leboffe L71-74, Pack L57-L62 Pathogen Poster project continued
Pack L34-34, 44 Continue Dichotomous Key practice
Pack L38-50 Continue or complete ongoing exercises & identification of unknown cultures
----- Continue identification of unknowns [See message below about media requests.]
Review for next week’s test

***Friday March 3--noon; Monday, October 10-noon--Deadline for requesting supplemental media for unknown culture identification.*** You may request new media not previously used, and will be advised whether it can be provided. All requests must be in writing or by e-mail to your instructor using the subject line: Special Media Request. Please explain why this medium is of value for identification of your unknown. For previously used media, you should indicate why it is necessary for you to repeat the test now if you did not repeat a test immediately after first reading the results. It may take 3-4 days to get these media prepared. Forgetting to come in to read test results is NOT a valid reason to request more media. **HINT:** Request media sooner than this date to permit more time to apply those results.

VII March 6-9 Spring Break-Lab Will Not Meet

VIII March 13-16

****** **LABORATORY TEST (closed book)** [practical set-ups & written only sections]
****** **PRACTICAL TESTS IN ASEPTIC TECHNIQUE; PLATE STREAKING; MICROSCOPE FOCUSING**
----- Continue or complete ongoing exercises & identification of unknown cultures

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IX March 20-23 Work on Pathogen Poster Project; Dilutions; SENIORS HAVE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Assignment for Seniors

Posters L57-L62 Continue work on pathogen poster & normal microbiota project with your team
Leboffe Ex. 7-3 Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Assignment (use your pathogen poster microbe)

Pack pp. L63-72 Dilutions Tutorial [to prepare for Viable Count (Standard Plate Count) next week]
**X March 27-30**  UNKNOWN REPORTS DUE; DILUTIONS & PLATE COUNTS; WATER QUALITY TESTING (MPN); CONTROL OF MICROBIAL GROWTH--with ANTIBIOTICS, ANTISEPTICS & DISINFECTANTS

**Deadline For Submitting Unknown Reports**
Lab reports due at the beginning of your lab section; 10% penalty for each day late, including each weekend day; reports over 10 days late will not be accepted.

**Leboffe** pages 441-442  Medical, Environmental & Food Microbiology (read)
Leboffe Ex. 7-2  Antimicrobial Susceptibility Test: Disk Diffusion (Kirby-Bauer) Method
Leboffe Ex. 2-13  Effectiveness of Chemical Germicides: The Use-Dilution Test for Disinfectants & Antiseptics

**Leboffe** pages 405-406  Quantitative Techniques (read)
Leboffe Ex. 6-2  Standard Plate Count (Viable Count)
& Pack L63-72
**Leboffe** Ex. 7-6+  Multiple Tube Fermentation Method for Total Coliform Determination
  + A. Presumptive Test: Determination of the Most Probable Number (Demo);
  + B. Confirmed Test
  + C. Completed Test
**Pack** pages L63-72  Methods for Preparation of Dilutions & Dilution Problems (work)
**Handout**  Continue exercise on pathogenic bacteria and normal microbiota
-----  Continue or complete ongoing experiments

**XI April 3-6**  PATHOGEN POSTER PRESENTATIONS; MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY; NORMAL MICROBIOTA; EPIDEMIC; CHECKOUT & CLEANUP

**Student presentations**  PRESENTATION of Pathogen Posters
Assemble composite poster showing Normal Microbiota of human body
**Leboffe** page 441  Medical Microbiology-Introduction (read)
**Leboffe** Ex. 7-4  Epidemic Simulation (if not done earlier in the semester)
**Leboffe** Ex. 7-3  Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Assignment (about your pathogen poster microbe)
-----  Complete ongoing exercises
-----  Laboratory Checkout and Cleanup
**See Week XII**  Sign up for your Food Microbiology lab food selection

**XII April 10-13**  Food Microbiology (Demonstration & Presentation)

**Leboffe** page 491 (top)  Microbiology of Food
**Pack** L77-78  Microbial Production of Food Products
**Pack** 77-78  **Advance Assignment**  Sign up for the food item on sign-up sheets posted in the lab.
**Leboffe** Ex. 7-8  Making Yogurt

**XIII April 17-20**  ********Cumulative LABORATORY TEST #2  (closed book)**********