

**Objective 2.1: Knowledge of the Liberal Arts Environment**

**Course: BIOL 200, Humans and the**

Students will possess a broad understanding of how to think about the world, having studied the modes of inquiry characteristic of humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and social and behavioral sciences.

**Outcomes 2.1-D: Natural Scientific Mode of Inquiry (lecture course)**

<b>By graduation students will:</b>	<b>Not Proficient 1 Point</b>	<b>Developing Proficiency 2 Points</b>	<b>Proficient 3 Points</b>	<b>Exceeding Proficiency 4 Points</b>
D1: Identify essential characteristics of natural science questions (questions of empirical study and applications of scientific methodologies).	Student correctly identifies 0-60% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:1.	Student correctly identifies 61-69% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:1.	Student correctly identifies 70-89% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:1.	Student correctly identifies 90+% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:1.
D2: Evaluate the merits of examples of natural scientific research at the level of an informed citizen.	Student correctly identifies 0-60% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:2.	Student correctly identifies 61-69% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:2.	Student correctly identifies 70-89% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:2.	Student correctly identifies 90+% of the essential characteristics tested on the end of semester WCOSTM comprehensive quiz approved for outcome 2.1-D:2.

**Assignment meeting Outcome 1:** In the first part of the BIOL 200 course, students will learn about the scientific method and how it relates specifically to biology. The students will be assessed at the end of the semester by completing the Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics common assessment (attached) that has been approved by the General Education Committee.

**Assignment meeting Outcome 2:** Students in BIOL 200 learn about the fundamentals of biology as it relates to humans and the world around us. With this knowledge, students can better understand many important and relevant events and topics they encounter in their own lives (pandemics, nutrition, fitness fads, genetically modified organisms, ecosystem, climate change, pollution, etc.). This course will use the Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics common assessment (attached) that has been approved by the General Education Committee.