

Dear Lorraine Barry-Figueroa (of the past),

Cell biology has proved to be one of the most eye-opening classes I have ever taken. I say this because learning about how biology functions at a cellular level puts the full functionality of biological beings into perspective. It creates this sort of understanding behind common happenings such as taking an Advil. Add in the fact that there is so much more to learn and understand about cells and the world becomes full of the potential for discovery.

The class had an obvious focus on allowing individual curiosity rather than the structured learning that forces people to take everything at face value commonly found in college science courses. The packback weekly questions were so unstructured that they very much annoyed me at first. But after a while I saw the value in finding topics that I'm genuinely interested in and looking deep enough into those topics to find questions that might not have complete answers with our current understanding of the world. The classwork required a comprehension of the course that went deeper than pure memory.

This class always managed to connect what we were learning to present day research and discoveries. I felt really excited every time something I thought I knew previously was challenged by what I learned in class. I believe I could've gotten an A in this class had I studied for the quizzes better. This class is not hard by any means as long as you are dedicated to learning and actually care to do the required work. The research papers especially required a further understanding and allowed me to put the what I learned throughout the class to the test. I learned a lot and enjoyed the time I spent in class.

Honestly, I don't think I'll ever be able to forget that a kinase adds a phosphate group.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Barry-Figueroa (of the present)

