

Hello! Welcome to the halfway point of the quarter!!! It's gone by quickly!!! A few things that I want to make you aware of.

1. My website is now up!!! You can find me at [www.deanza.edu/faculty/bramjason/](http://www.deanza.edu/faculty/bramjason/)
2. Extra credit – some of you need it! You can earn up to 50 points in 2 ways.  
Much of this is described in my greensheet as well.
  - a. Come to class – those of you who haven't missed more than 3 lectures get 25 points extra credit. If you miss 4 lectures, you'll receive 20 points extra credit. If you miss more than that, you are not eligible for this extra credit.
  - b. Go exploring!!! Either come on my field trip on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> or go out on your own. If you go on my field trip, that's all you need to do. No written work is necessary. Just make sure I write your name down during the trip! If you're not coming on the field trip, you can go somewhere biologically related (i.e. aquarium, zoo, etc.) on your own and write me a 1.5 - 2 page report (double spaced) telling me about your experience. You also must include a picture of yourself at the place you go. If you can't go anywhere biologically related, an alternative assignment will be given to you. Please let me know if you have any concerns/questions.
3. Remember that you have a quiz on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – it's open note!
4. Remember that you have an assignment due by 10/31. Some of you have already e-mailed it to me. The assignment is posted on my website.
5. Your study guide for the next lecture exam is coming. It is high on my priority list to get this to you ASAP! Your next lecture exam is Thursday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. If you ever want to go over how you are doing, drop by my office hours. They are listed on your greensheet, and on the website! Remember that I don't have a straight 80% B, 70%C, etc. Look at your greensheet for the more generous scale that I have for this course.
7. Remember that the drop deadline is November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you drop, you will receive a W, but a W is MUCH better than a D or F. Your 2<sup>nd</sup> lecture exam is right before the drop deadline. I will HAPPILY go over with you your grade and discuss where you are after that exam or at anytime before then so you can make an informed decision on whether or not you should drop the course!