

Assessment Outline

Course Assessment	50%
Final Exam	50%

Course Assessment

1. Introductory paragraph 2%

The first assessment for your bioscience 1 course involves the use of e-mail. This exercise ensures that you can send and receive e-mails. However, your answers also help us to begin getting to know you and understand what your academic goals are.

Write a paragraph that answers the following questions.

1. Write ONE (1) sentence outlining your main reason for choosing this programme of study.
2. How many hours per week are available for you to allocate to study for this programme, including attendance at block courses/lectures and research for your assessments?
3. Other than studying from the course materials supplied to you, all of the following will be required to ensure you successfully complete your chosen programme. Which of the following do you think will present a challenge for you?
 - a. Library research
 - b. Internet research
 - c. Sending and receiving emails
 - d. Use of WORD (or similar computer word processing programme)
 - e. Using Eluminate for distance students with tutors and peers
 - f. Attendance at compulsory block courses (distance students) or lectures (full-time students) for tutorials and practical assessments
 - g. Handing in assessments on time
 - h. Completion of practical work
4. Briefly add any other information that might be useful to us or questions you might have regarding your programme of study:

You will receive 1 mark for sending in your e-mail answering the above questions, and 1 mark for responding to our e-mailed reply.

Send your e-mail to certhealth@tekotago.ac.nz

You could get this first assessment done well before the course starts if you want to. Anytime after the 26th of January should be fine. We will be back in the office by then, and can talk to you by phone, if you have any difficulties logging on to blackboard. Of course to log on to blackboard you need to have your username and password (this is on the top of your invoice).

Please answer the questions honestly. This programme is open entry and you will not be excluded from any course on the basis of your answers. However we may be able to help you. If we think we can, we will contact you to discuss your situation further, especially if we think we can put some support in place for you that may make it easier for you to reach your academic goals.

2. Blackboard quizzes 9%

During the semester you need to complete 6 online blackboard quizzes, each worth 1.5% of your final grade.

3. Tests 30%

There will be 2 tests, each worth 15% of your final grade. Test 1 covers material from Unit 1 and 2. Test 2 covers material from unit 3 and 4. Test 1 will occur in week 15, on Thursday the 9th April, 12-1pm. Test 2 will occur on week 22, on Friday the 29th May, 12-1pm. Each test will be 50 minutes long.

4. Laboratory reports 5%

You need to complete 2 laboratory reports, each worth 2.5% of your final mark. There will be one laboratory report from Unit 1, one from Units 2 and 3, and a third one from Units 4, 5 and 6. Only 2 of these 3 need to be handed in for marking.

5. Online discussion 4%

You need to participate in 2 types of online discussion, each worth 2% of your final mark.

For the first one, we will be looking to see if you are using the discussion board to interact with other students and/or the tutors. You will need to have posted **at least** one question, or point of interest, in one of the **Academic** forums, and **at least** one answer or response to someone else. You can look at last years postings to see what sort of discussion people get involved in. People post useful sites they have found, or share resources they make, they ask questions, and they answer each other's questions. Responses like "cool, thanks", while polite, will not count for assessment. You need to engage with the topic – did you find the info useful? Why/not?

For the second one, the class will be broken up into small tutorial groups, with about 6 students in each. These groups are in a separate space to the usual discussion board. In your tutorial group, there will be questions, images or articles that require discussion. To receive the 2 % you will need to post a response (a short paragraph) to 1 of the discussion pieces. You will also need to make a short response to at least 1 other student's posting. You will need to demonstrate that you understand what the issue is about. Information about this online discussion will be posted in the announcements section of blackboard. When that occurs you will go to the discussion board to see the discussion pieces and you can then post your responses. You will get to practise using the discussion board during the first week.

Final Exam 50%

The final exam is worth 50% of your final mark. It is 2 hours long and will be held during exam week (week 26). It covers Units 5 and 6, but will also contain some questions relating to Units 1 to 4.