

# BIOL 3920 Herpetology

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Herpetology: An Introductory Biology of Amphibians and  
Reptiles. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. By L.J. Vitt, and J. P. Caldwell (2014,  
Academic Press).

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## **\*Tentative BIOL 3920 Herpetology Summer 2022 Course Schedule \***

| <b><u>Week of</u></b> | <b><u>Lecture Topic(s)</u></b>   | <b><u>Lab Topics</u></b>       |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Jun 6                 | Lecture 1 Intro and Lecture 2 Evolution and Taxonomy Overview            | No Lab                         |
| Jun 13                | Lecture 3 Amphibian Evolution and Characteristics                        | Intro/SREL site-Fieldtrips TBA |
| Jun 20                | Lecture 4 Amphibian Diversity and Classification                         | GA Amphibians/Fieldtrips TBA   |
| Jun 27                | Lecture 5 Amphibian Anatomy and Physiology (A&P)                         | GA Amphibians/Fieldtrips TBA   |
| Jul 4                 | Lecture 6 Reptile Evolution and Characteristics                          | GA Amphibians/Fieldtrips TBA   |
| Jul 11                | Lectures 7 & 8: Diversity and Classification of Turtles and Crocodylians | GA Reptiles/Fieldtrips TBA     |
| Jul 18                | Lectures 9 & 10: Diversity of Tuataras and Squamates; Reptile A&P        | GA Reptiles/Fieldtrips TBA     |
| Jul 25                | Lecture 10 Reptile Anatomy and Physiology (A&P)                          | GA Reptiles/Fieldtrips TBA     |

### **Test Dates**

21-Jun: Test 1 (Lectures 1-3)

7-Jul: Test 2 (Lectures 4-5)

19-Jul: Test 3 (Lectures 6-8)

26-Jul: Test 4 (Lectures 9-10)

### **Lab Practical Dates**

12-Jul: Lab Practical 1 (GA Amphibians)

25-Jul: Lab Practical 2 (GA Reptiles)

***\*The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary\****