Department of Biology
Guidelines: Senior Comprehensive Examination

DATE OF EXAMINATION – October 27, 2012, 9 AM - 12 PM

(Please arrive at the E.E. Just Auditorium by 8:30 AM. You must have a valid Howard University ID Card to be admitted to the examination)

1. The Fall 2012 Senior Comprehensive Examination will contain the following sections:

A. Core Requirements (60%): Sixty (60) multiple choice questions from the Biology Core Courses:
   i) Twenty (20) multiple choice questions from Biology 101,
   ii) Twenty (20) multiple choice questions from Biology 102, and
   iii) Twenty (20) multiple choice questions from Genetics (Biology 200).

These sixty (60) multiple choice questions from the Biology Core Courses will constitute 60% of your examination score.

B. Core Electives (40%): The Core Electives may be answered by writing four essays (10% each which may be up to two pages long).

Note: Only two (2) of the possible essay questions listed for the various core elective courses will appear on the Senior Comprehensive Examination. You may answer up to two essay questions in any particular core elective area.

2. The maximum score on the examination is 100%. The minimum passing score is 60%.

3. The time allotted for the examination is 3 hours. The examination will begin promptly at 9 AM and end at 12 PM (noon). You should arrive at the examination site, the E.E. Just Hall Auditorium, at 8:30 AM to fill out the data card that, along with your Student ID, is required for you to receive an examination.

4. Students are not permitted to enter the examination area with cell phones [digital/electronic devices], papers, purses, bags, or books. Individuals found to have such items within the examination area shall be given a grade of zero percent (0%) for the examination.

5. Students are permitted to leave the room during the course of the examination only for cases of dire emergency! Take care of biological needs PRIOR to entering the room.

6. All essay questions on the examinations are to be written in ink. Multiple choice questions are to be recorded on the answer forms with a #2 lead pencil. You are required to bring your own ink pen and pencil.

7. Upon entry, each student will be asked to register for the examination and will receive a numbered examination corresponding to the registration number. The number will represent your name for this examination. Hence, you must not write your name or ID number on any part of the examination. This will maintain anonymity during the correction process.
8. Think through your answer before you begin writing. All responses must be restricted to the space provided. **You may write on both sides of a page but you must answer only one question per page.** Points will be deducted otherwise! Be certain that the question being answered is placed on the properly designated answer sheets.

9. Test results are given out from the Office of the Dean. Based upon the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the University has requested that students grades may not be posted in any manner. Therefore, the Department of Biology cannot post the results of the Senior Comprehensive Examination as it had done in the past.

10. Students who wish to review their scored examinations should make arrangements to do so with their departmental adviser **within a 2 day period following receipt of the score.**