

# BSC 2011 - 02

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## Developmental Biology

## Patterns of Inheritance

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## Evolution

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## Ecology

# Some Important Definitions

**Science** - the investigation of rational concepts that can be evaluated by observations and experimentation.

**Hypothesis** - a proposed explanation for an observed phenomenon

**Theory** - a hypothesis that is consistent with all available evidence

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# **Outline of Lecture 1**

## **I. THE CENTRAL DOGMA**

**A. DNA structure**

**B. DNA Replication**

**C. Chromosomes**

**1. Prokaryotic**

**2. Eukaryotic**

**D. RNA Structure**

**E. Transcription**

**1. Summary**

**2. Prokaryotes**

**3. Eukaryotes**

**F. Translation**

**1. The genetic code**

**2. Summary of translation**

## **DNA structure**

A linear sequence  
of nucleotides

## **Nucleotide**

Phosphate

5-C sugar

Nitrogenous base

**Thymine**

**Cytosine**

**Guanine**

**Adenine**

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Fig. 16.5

## **DNA Structure - the double helix**

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Fig. 16.7

## DNA Replication

Catalyzed by DNA-polymerase

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# Chromosome numbers in Eukaryotes

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Humans - 46

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Onion - 8

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## Transcription

**Template strand** - the single strand of DNA that is transcribed

**RNA polymerase** - the enzyme that catalyzes the synthesis of RNA using DNA as the template

**Promoter** - the segment of the DNA template strand where RNA polymerase binds and initiates transcription

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## RNA processing

Poly-A- tail

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## RNA splicing

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Fig. 17.4

## The Genetic Code

**Codon** - 3 base sequence that codes for one amino acid or is a signal.

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Fig. 17.13

## Transfer RNA (tRNA)

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Fig. 17.12

## **Translation** of mRNA into protein

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Fig. 17.25

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