

Biology 1020-Biodiversity Lab
Fall Semester 2009
Tuesday 2-3:50pm

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Course Objectives: This course is designed to accompany BIOL 1010. This course is designed to give students a hands on approach to the material presented in 1010. We will focus on the diversity of life, specifically examining the Kingdoms and the organisms in them. *Education Objectives:* Students will demonstrate knowledge of scientific and mathematical principles and proficiency in laboratory practices as stated in VSU General Education Outcome #5.

Materials: Biol 1020L Lab Manual, 10e, "Biodiversity: The Evolution and diversity of life." Department of Biology, Valdosta State University.

Attendance: Attendance in lab is mandatory. As per University policy; a student who misses more than 20% of the scheduled classes of a course will be subject to receiving a **FAILING** grade in the course. **(3 missed labs) YOU CAN ONLY MISS 2 LABS!!!**

Tardiness: Students who are more than 10 minutes late to class will be counted absent.

Grading: Your final grade will be determined by class participation, laboratory exercises (in class and homework), and quizzes. At the beginning of each lab period a quiz will be given. Quizzes will cover the material from the previous lab. **There will be no make up quizzes.** (Don't be late to class or you will get a zero for the quiz)

The lowest quiz and laboratory exercise will be dropped when calculating your final grade.

Final grades are based on the following grade scale.

A- 90-100% B-80-89% C-70-79% D-60-69% F-below 60%

Cheating and Plagiarism: Refer to the VSU Student Code of Conduct. Appendix A in the VSU student handbook. <http://www.valdosta.peachnet.edu/activities/handbook.html>

A student caught cheating on a quiz, or assignment will receive a grade of zero and may receive a failing grade in the course. Each student will be required to complete his/her own lab report or assignment for certain lab experiments.

Disruptive behavior: Any disruptive behavior in the laboratory that interferes with the teaching of the laboratory exercises or disturbs other students or faculty will not be tolerated. Any student that disrupts the class will be removed from the class and possibly dropped from the course. This student will also forfeit any points toward his or her grade from that day and will not be able to make up the lab. Refer to page 42-44 of the Undergraduate Catalog 2002-2003 for more information.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974: It is illegal to release personal information about an individual to others. Grades, averages, and other information will not be released to anyone but that individual; therefore, no grades will be posted or given out over the phone or email.

American Disabilities Act: Students requiring classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability should discuss this need with the instructor at the beginning of the semester. Students not registered with the Special Services Program, should contact the Special Service Office, Nevins Hall 1115 (phone 245-2498).