

BIOL 1010/1020L Syllabus  
 Introduction to Biology: The Evolution and Diversity of Life  
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**Textbook: *Biology: The Unity and Diversity of Life*, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition by Starr and Taggart**

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**Course Description**

This course is an introduction to the diversity of life on Earth with special emphasis on classification of life and ecological processes that affect life.

**Lecture Schedule**

The following is an optimistic schedule; any changes will be announced in class.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Lecture Reading</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
1	Evolution	Chapters 17, 18, 19 and 20	
2	Classification, Prokaryotes and Protists	Chapters 19.5, 21 and 22	Chapters 17, 18, 19 & 20 Test
3	Plants, Plant Tissue and Fungi	Chapters 23, 24 and 29	Chapters 19.5, 21 & 22 Test
4	Growth and Development of Plants	Chapters 31 & 32	Chapters 23, 24 & 29 Test
5	Animals	Chapters 25 & 26	Chapters 31 & 32 Test
6	Communities and Populations	Chapters 45 & 46	Chapters 25 & 26 Test
7	Ecosystems and Human Perspectives	Chapters 27, 47, 48, and 49	Chapters 45 & 46 Test
8	Final		Final

**Grading Policy:**

There will be 7 tests as indicated by the syllabus. Each test will be equal in weight. Your lowest test grade will be dropped and not used to determine your average.

Make-up test will **not** be given without a written doctor's excuse or with prior permission from the instructor. If you are absent for one test, this will be considered your drop grade.

The final will be a comprehensive test of all material covered, unless you have a lecture average of 85% or better. Students that have a lecture average of 85% or better will take a final on chapters 27, 47,48 and 49 only.

The 1020, laboratory grade will consist of class work and announced quizzes. A lab final will be given that will count 33% of your lab grade. Since labs are difficult to set up make-up quizzes will **not** be given, therefore, it is very important that you attend each lab class.

90-100 A  
80-89 B  
70-79 C  
60-69 D  
0-59 F

**Students that are present for all classes and not marked tardy for any class will have 3 points added to their final average.**

Students have 30 days after receiving a grade to appeal to the administration.

### **Absentee/Tardy Policy:**

Students are allowed one absence per eight-week term. A second absence requires proof of an emergency, sickness, or TAD orders. If a student misses more than two classes, a W or F will be assigned for the course. It is strongly recommended that students missing more than two classes withdraw from the course.

### **Policy on Cheating:**

No student shall give or receive assistance during any assignment. A grade of zero will be given for that assignment if a student is caught cheating in any way. If a student is caught cheating on the second occasion a grade of F will be given for the class, and the matter will be referred to the college administration. Students have the right to appeal the decision of the instructor.

### **Student Responsibilities:**

It is the student's responsibility to know the administrative procedures established by the University that will be observed in this class. This is especially important in regard to dropping or withdrawing from courses of instruction. Students must adhere to deadlines for drops and withdrawals in order to avoid academic and financial penalties.

### **ADA Statement:**

Valdosta State University complies fully with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you believe that you are covered under this act, and if you have need for special arrangements to allow you to meet the requirements of the course, please contact the personnel at the VSU Center at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay. These individuals will put you in contact with VSU's Special Services Offices. Also, please discuss this with the instructor at the time of the first class.

### **Food and Drinks:**

Food and drinks are allowed in class as long as you dispose of the trash properly. Any spills are to be cleaned up by the student. Violations will result in a prohibition of these materials.

### **Ball Caps etc.:**

Ball caps, chewing tobacco, snuff and smoking are prohibited in class. Smoking must be done in prescribed areas throughout the base.