

**BIOL 1100****Biology Freshman Seminar****Fall 2011**

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**Pre- and/or Co- Requisites:**

BIOL 1100 is required as a co-requisite for all incoming freshmen biology majors before or during enrollment in BIOL 1107.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

Students will learn the following:

- 1) Biology major requirements, general advising, strategies for success, and related career paths from biological research to professional programs;
- 2) The basics of the scientific method and scientific writing.

These learning outcomes correspond to the biology educational outcome #1 and the VSU General Educational Outcomes 3, 5, 7 and 8.

**Required Course Materials:** None

**Assessments:****Course Grade**

Attendance	50 %	90 – 100 % = A
Scientific Writing	20 %	80 – 89.9 % = B
Career Plan	10 %	70 – 79.9 % = C
Career Slide	10 %	60 – 69.9 % = D
Scientific Method Quiz	<u>10 %</u>	< 59.9 % = F
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>	

**Attendance:**

Attendance in this course is absolutely required. Each student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. Note the University policy regarding attendance: **1) Students who miss 20% of lecture time will receive an automatic failing grade for the course. 2) Students who do not regularly attend lecture, as determined by taking class role, by the proof roll date may be automatically dropped from the class. (3) Students who neither drop nor attend class by the midterm date will receive an automatic F for the course.**

**Students who miss 20 % of lecture time on a given day will be counted as absent for that day.**

**Privacy Act (FERPA):** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibit the public posting of grades by social security number or in any manner personally identifiable to the individual student. No grades can be given by email or over the telephone, as positive identification can not be made by this manner.

**Disruptive behavior:** No disruptive behavior of any kind will be tolerated in this course. Students should restrict talking and discussion to pertinent questions related to course material and these questions should be directed toward the instructor. Entering a classroom late or early is discouraged. Any student disrupting lectures will be required to leave the classroom. Use of cellular telephones, pagers, or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during class time.

**Biology Tutoring/SSC.** The following statement was copied from the SSC Website: "The Student Success Center (SSC) at Valdosta State University is located in Langdale Residence Hall above the Tech Shop and is available to all students. The SSC provides free peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, including biology, chemistry, math, writing, and foreign languages. The SSC also provides free professional academic advising and on-campus job information in one location. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: [www.valdosta.edu/ssc](http://www.valdosta.edu/ssc)."

**Students with Disabilities:** Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in room Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (voice) and 219-1348 (tty).

## Dates

Week	Topic	Monday Class	Wednesday Class
1	Introduction to the Department/College/VSU	8/15	8/17
2	Student Success Center Seminar	8/22	8/24
3	Biology Exam, Assessment Plans	8/29	8/31
4	Library Tour	9/12	9/7
5 - 6	Scientific Writing	9/19 9/26	9/14 9/21
7	BlazeView, eCore Seminar	10/3	9/28
8	Advising, BA/BS worksheet, tracks	10/10	10/5
9-11	Careers in Biology/Slide Presentations	10/17 10/31 11/7	10/12 10/19 10/26
12	Discussion, 4 year and 10 year plan	11/14	11/2
13	Scientific Method and the Enterprise of Science	11/21	11/9
14	VSU Clubs, SIFE, BBB, AED	11/28	11/16
15	Directed Study, Lab Research, Study Abroad	12/5	11/30
16	Discussion	12/8 or 12/9 Time to be Announced	