

Valdosta State University
BIOL 1108 Principles of Biology II Laboratory, Sections B and C
Fall 2016 Syllabus

Location: BC 1073 (except for first lab in BC 3018)

Section B, Wednesday 9:00 am - 11:50 am

Section C, Wednesday 1:00 pm - 3:50 pm

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Tuesday 3:30 pm- 5:30 pm

Thursday 11:00 am- noon

or by appointment To make an appointment, send an email to my valdosta.edu account.

Required Textbook: Grove, T. 2015. Biology Pre Lab Manual (Access card only).
GreatRiverLearning.com.

Attendance Policy

- Arrive on time. Students arriving 15 minutes late will have points deducted from their assignments
- Attendance is mandatory. In the event that a student misses a lab with an excuse, s/he should email the instructor within 24 hours of the missed lab. If you miss a lab you must provide documented evidence (e.g. note from a doctor). It is the instructor's prerogative to accept the excuse or not.
- Students who miss three or more labs cannot receive a lab grade above a "D" (60%).
- Laboratories cannot be made up outside of the scheduled sessions. Students are still responsible to learn the lab content even if they received an excused absence.
- It is strongly advised to maintain a laboratory notebook with drawings, descriptions, data etc. because it will help you study for the practical exams.

Laboratory Conduct

- It is assumed that all students will act in a mature manner in the classroom, showing consideration for their peers and the instructor. Any student who consistently distracts other students or the instructor will be removed from the course.
- No eating or drinking during the lab.
- Students must take care of lab equipment. Notify the professor if something is not working properly or if something breaks during the course of the lab.
- Each student will be assigned a microscope. It is the student's responsibility to properly use the microscope. Failure to do so will result in the subtraction of one point per incident from the student's total lab points (not the final percentage).

- Cell phones cannot be used in the laboratory, with the exception of using them as timers when necessary.

Assignments

Assignments will consist of weekly quizzes, one take-home assignment, and two practical exams.

Each week there will be a Pre-lab and a Post-lab online quizzes. Pre-labs quizzes will open one week before each lab, on Thursday at 9 am, and will close before the beginning of next lab, on Tuesdays at 11:59 pm. There will be no pre-lab quiz for the first lab of the semester. The post-lab quizzes will open at the beginning of each lab and will close before the beginning of next lab, on Tuesdays at 11:59 pm.

Details about the take-home assignment will be presented in class.

There will be two practical exams, one covering the plants section and one covering the animals section. Questions may include microscope slides, whole specimens and written components. Lab practical exams can only be taken the day that they are scheduled.

Grading

Lab grade

50% pre-, post-labs and assignment

50% practical exams

The grade for the laboratory section will count as 30% of your final grade for the entire course (lecture +lab).

Grade Scale

A = 90 - 100 %

B = 80 - 89 %

C = 70 - 79 %

D = 60 - 69 %

F < 60 %

Cheating or Plagiarism

Incidents of cheating or plagiarism will result in **an automatic F for the course and referral to The Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action.** For VSU's Academic Integrity Code please see <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/student-affairs/student-conduct-office/>

For VSU's Academic Honesty policies and procedure please see

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/vp-office/academic-honesty-policies-and-procedures.php>

Learning Support

The Student Success Center: The Student Success Center (SSC) provides free peer tutoring in core courses, the top four of which are math, writing, Spanish, and biology/chemistry. It also offers time management and study skills workshops as well as provides free professional academic advising and on-campus job information in one location: Langdale Residence Hall. Help is available to all VSU students. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/student-success-center/>

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Access Statement: Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The Access Office is located in Farbar Hall. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871 (VP) and 229-219-1348 (TTY). For more information, please visit VSU's Access Office or email: access@valdosta.edu.

Tentative Laboratory Schedule, BIOL 1108, FALL 2016

LABORATORY EXERCISES:

Day:	Topic:
Aug 17	NO LAB
Aug 24	Ex. 1 Basic statistics via Excel
Aug 31	Ex. 2 Non-vascular plants
Sept 7	Ex. 3 Vascular plants (ferns, gymnosperms, angiosperms)
Sept 14	Ex. 4 Angiosperm anatomy and morphology
Sept 21	Ex. 5 Angiosperm development
Sept 28	Ex. 6 Angiosperm physiology
Oct 5	Practical Exam 1
Oct 12	Fall Break-NO LAB
Oct 19	Ex. 9-10 Vertebrate anatomy
Oct 26	Ex. 11 Vertebrate sensory systems
Nov 2	Ex. 12-13 Vertebrate circulatory, excretory, respiratory systems
Nov 9	Ex. 7 Animal diversity I (Porifera, Cnidaria, Platyhelminthes, Annelida)
Nov 16	Ex. 8 Animal diversity II (Nematoda, Mollusca, Arthropoda, Echinodermata, & Chordata)
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Holiday-NO LAB
Nov 30	Practical Exam 2