

Biology 1020 Biodiversity Biology Lab
Spring Semester 2017
Biology Department, College of Arts and Sciences
Valdosta State University

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Midterm: March 2, 2017. This is the last day to drop this course and receive a withdrawal grade (W).

Credit Hours: 1

Course Description:

Bio 1020L Biodiversity Lab

Co-requisite: **Bio 1010.** This course cannot be taken for credit toward the major in biology. An introduction to the diversity of life on earth with a special emphasis on ecological and evolutionary processes and relationships.

Course Objectives: This course is designed to accompany Bio 1010 by presenting exercises that emphasize an introduction to the diversity of life on Earth with a special emphasis on ecological and evolutionary processes and relationships. Students will participate in the process of scientific inquiry by asking scientific questions, developing hypotheses, predicting outcomes of experiments, collecting and interpreting data and drawing conclusions from the results.

Learning Goal: Students will demonstrate understanding of the physical universe and the nature of science, and they will use scientific methods and/or mathematical reasoning and concepts to solve problems.

Materials: The lab manual and text are mandatory.

Lab Manual: Biology 1020L Biodiversity Lab: The Evolution and Diversity of Life by Teresa H. Doscher

It can be purchased at the VSU Bookstore. It is a loose leaf, 3 hole punched manual so you will need to put it in a small 3 ring binder along with some extra loose leaf paper for taking notes.

This class will also use the following text. The text is available free online, in a variety of formats, and a print version or mobile app are available to purchase.

Textbook: Concepts of Biology from OpenStax College, ISBN 1-938168-11-9,
<https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/concepts-of-biology>

Attendance: Attendance in lab is mandatory. **If you do not attend your regular lab section, you must arrange to make-up the lab before the end of the week. This must be in the week the lab is scheduled. 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) If you are 10 minutes late to lab, you will be turned away from the lab. It will be your responsibility to contact me after class to arrange your attendance in another lab.**

Lab Make-up Policy: The privilege of making up a lab is not guaranteed. A lab exercise **MAY ONLY BE MADE UP DURING THE WEEK IT IS SCHEDULED.** Students with lab scheduled late in the week must be especially cautious since the number of subsequent labs for the week may be few. Prior to attending another lab, **the student is responsible for obtaining written permission from BOTH his/her instructor and the other lab instructor. It is possible that the other instructor's lab is full and you will not be able to attend that lab.** If this procedure is not followed, the student will be turned away from the other lab. The student should remind the other lab instructor to give a note to his/her instructor verifying the student's attendance. The instructor will determine validity of excuses. **ONLY ONE (1) MAKE UP WILL BE ALLOWED PER SEMESTER.**

Grading: Your final grade will be determined by laboratory quizzes, homework/classwork assignments and daily participation grades. You will be told at the end of each lab what you will be responsible for the next lab period; whether it be a quiz or homework to turn in. **Quizzes are given at the beginning of each lab (FIRST 10 MIN). If you are late to class or miss the class, you will not be able to make up the quiz.**

MAKE UP QUIZZES ARE NOT GIVEN SO DON'T ASK.

The lowest quiz or assignment grade will be dropped when calculating the student's final grade. If you miss the class completely, you are responsible for the material covered that class period and you must be prepared for the quiz the following class period.

I will not accept assignments or a lab report from a class that you did not attend. I will not accept any late assignments either. You will receive a daily participation grade. Therefore, if you are not present you will receive a zero grade for the day.

****To track the progress of your grades, I will upload them via Blazeview. I DO NOT RETURN WORK TO YOU. If you want to discuss your work and/or grade you can come to my office to discuss.**

Final Grades: Final grades are based on the following cumulative point totals:

90 – 100% = A 80 – 89.99% = B 70– 79.99% = C 60 – 69.99% = D Below 60% = F

Cheating and Plagiarism: Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students. Faculty members should promote academic integrity by including clear instruction on the components of academic integrity and clearly defining the penalties for cheating and plagiarism in their course syllabi. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Academic Integrity Policy as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and the faculty members' syllabi. All students are expected to do their own work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics. A student caught cheating on a quiz, lab report, or assignment will receive a grade of zero and may receive a failing grade (F) in the course.

Each student will be required to complete his/her own lab report or assignment for certain lab experiments. Many of the experiments will be conducted as groups; however, group lab reports or lab reports identical to others in the class are not acceptable. **If two or more students turn in identical or similar lab reports or assignments, those students will receive a grade of zero on the assignment.**

Disruptive Behavior: The academic community is under a strong obligation to protect the campus community from disorderly, disruptive, or obstructive actions which interfere with academic pursuits of teaching, learning and other campus activities. Therefore, 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 the Undergraduate Catalog for more information.

TEXTING OR USING YOUR PHONE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED DURING CLASS! YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASS IF THIS POLICY IS BROKEN!

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.**

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.

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Strategies Used to Support Learning : 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 Regents' Test Preparation, 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 above the Tech shop. Help is available to all VSU students. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: www.valdosta.edu/ssc.

Spring 2017 Biol 1020L Biodiversity Lab Schedule

*This is a tentative schedule subject to change at the instructors discretion.

Week	Date	Lab Exercise	Pages
1	Jan. 9 - 12	Syllabi / Laboratory Safety Guidelines	
2	Jan. 16 - 19	Martin Luther King Holiday - No labs this week	
3	Jan. 23 - 26	Exercise 1: Taxonomy	1 - 8
4	Jan. 30 - Feb. 2	Exercise 2: Microscopy Exercise 3: Prokaryotes (Set up plates)	9 - 12 17
5	Feb. 6 - 9	Exercise 3: Prokaryotes	13 - 20
6	Feb. 13 - 16	Exercise 4: Protists	21 - 28
7	Feb. 20 - 23	Exercise 5: Fungi	29 - 36
8	Feb. 27 - March 2	Exercise 6: Diversity of Plants	37 - 45
9	March 6 - 9	Exercise 6: Diversity of Plants <i>continued</i>	45 - 50
10	March 13 - 17	Spring Break - No labs this week	
11	March 20 - 23	Exercise 7: Biodiversity of Invertebrates	51 - 61
12	March 27 - 30	Exercise 7: Biodiversity of Invertebrates <i>continued</i>	63 - 72
13	April 3 - 6	Exercise 9: Variations Among Mammals We will meet in the lab next door to our lab, BC 1046	75 - 78
14	April 10 - 13	Exercise 11: Biomes We will meet in the lab next door to our lab, BC 1046	85 - 89
15	April 17 - 20	Exercise 8: Community Ecology MEET BEHIND THE REC CENTER/ WEAR LONG PANTS AND STURDY SHOES	73 - 74

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM				SGCEP Fiifi A. Dadzie 8 - 9:50	
10:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Bio 1020 Lab A Doscher 10 - 11:50	Bio 1020 G Doscher 10 - 11:50	Bio 1020 L Doscher 10 - 11:50		
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4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM		Bio 1020 Lab J Binns 4 - 5:50	Bio 1020 Lab O KC, Pramir 4 - 5:50	Lab Meeting Lab Meeting Lab Meeting Lab Meeting	

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*****FYI: PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL ME VIA BLAZEVIEW! USE THE STANDARD OUTLOOK EMAIL.**
I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO DO THE SAME FOR EMAILING OTHER INSTRUCTORS.