

## Principles of Biology I - BIOL 1107L (Fall, 2019) Section E, G, I, and J

### 1. Course Information

- Course number and section: BIOL 1107L Section: E (83335), G (83337), I (83339), J (83340)
- Course name: Principles of Biology I Lab
- Hours of credit: 1
- Lab location and room number (Bailey Science Center 1083)
  - Section E: Friday 12:00 pm - 2:50 pm
  - Section G: Wednesday 2:00 pm - 4:50 pm
  - Section I: Thursday 2:00 pm - 4:50 pm
  - Section J: Friday 9:00 pm - 11:50 am

### 2. Instructor Information

- Instructor name: Dr. Jonghoon Kang
- Instructor contact: BC 2217, 229-333-7140, jkang@valdosta.edu
- Instructor office hours: M & T, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

### 3. Course Description

#### Required materials

- Lab Manual: Goddard, R.H. 2013. Methods and Investigations in Basic Biology. 6th edition.
- Calculator
- Lab notebook

### 4. Lab Conduct (Policies)

- Arrive on time. Students who miss **two labs** without an excuse or **three labs total** cannot receive a lab grade above a "D" (60%). Attendance will be recorded using the lab quiz, which will be given the **first 10 minutes** of the lab. So, do not be late to lab. 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. Excused absences are usually given for medical emergencies and documentation must be provided; the professor determines whether or not an absence is "excused" or not. Students are still responsible for all lab content even if they received an excused absence. If you are more than 5 minutes late, you may not be allowed to enter the lab, so **please be on time.**

- It is strongly advised to maintain a laboratory notebook with drawings, descriptions, data etc. of the laboratory exercises. **A dedicated notebook is required.** The notebook will help you study for the quizzes. **Your lab notebook will be checked** and it will be included in your lab score.

- No eating or drinking in 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. After lab the professor will check each scope to make sure that it was put away properly. Failure to do so will result in one point being subtracted from the student's final lab points. Notify the professor if your microscope is not functioning properly.

- Cell phones are not allowed to be used in lab with the exception of using them as timers or cameras to take pictures of data when necessary.

- Email: Please email me only from a VSU email account. I am unable to respond to emails from non-VSU accounts.

-Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Academic Integrity Policy as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and the syllabus. All students are expected to do their own work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics. **Cheating** (including plagiarism) will not be tolerated. The instructor reserves the right to dismiss you from the course without credit if you are caught cheating. You will be respectful of your instructor and your fellow students at all times, or you will be dismissed from the class and potentially the course.

- **Print out this syllabus and keep it in your lab notebook.**

### **5. Lab Assignments:**

Throughout the semester lab assignments will be given. Due dates of these assignments are shown in the lab schedule table in this syllabus.

### 6. Assessment or Evaluation Policy

**11 quizzes (110) + A1 (10) + A2 (10) + R (10) + N (10) = 150.**

**Lab quizzes. There will be a 10 point quiz at the beginning of each lab session, so do not be late for lab!** The quizzes will be based on material from the previous labs. If there is an error with your quiz grade you must contact me on the week the quiz is given, as grades will become final by the following week.

**Lab Assignments.** There will be two assignments. Each assignment is worth 10 points. Questions regarding assignment grades must be made during the week the grade has been given to you, as grades will become final by the following week. Assignments are due at the start of class unless otherwise directed. Late assignments may be accepted but with a deduction of scores at a rate of 1 point per day.

### **Lab Notebook Guidelines**

- Try to keep your lab notebook legible.
- You should be thorough in keeping your notes; the entire purpose for a lab notebook is to keep a record of your activities and results so that either you or others reading your lab notebook will be able to replicate your activities. In other words, details are important! If you add 10mL of 0.1 M HCl to 200mL of water, don't write down "added HCl to water", because it would be unclear what concentration the HCl was, how much you added, and how much water you added it to. Your notes should be a full and complete record of your activities in lab.
- You will often be working in groups, but each individual's lab notebook should be a stand-alone record of the experiment.
- Every entry begins with the date in MM/DD/YYYY format and the time of day.
- Keep a table of contents in the front of your lab notebook that is updated every week.
- If you make a mistake, just cross it out; don't remove pages.
- Begin each lab on a new sheet of paper.

**Lab Notebook Format:** Follow this format, you will be graded on having an entry for each numbered item in the following guidelines. Some labs may require additional information and sections, but all labs will have the following items unless you are told otherwise.

1. Title and Date

2. Introduction

Theory, hypothesis, and questions (purpose)

3. Materials and Methods

4. Results

Record the results of your experiment, including every pertinent detail. Always transfer your group's results to your lab notebook. This includes recreating any tables or graphs from your lab manual in your lab notebook.

5. Discussion

Answers to the questions you asked in Introduction

7. Additional Statements

#### **Accommodations Statement**

Students with documented 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. For more information, please visit VSU's Access Office or email: [access@valdosta.edu](mailto:access@valdosta.edu).

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## 8. TENTATIVE LAB SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

Week of	Topic	Assignments
Aug 19	General Lab Introduction <b>Exercise 1:</b> Introduction to the Use of the Scientific Method	
Aug 26	<b>Exercise 2:</b> Basic Light Microscopy	Quiz 1
Sept 2	<i>Labor Day Week-NO LABS</i>	
Sept 9	<b>Exercise 3:</b> Observation of Living Cells with Light Microscopy. <b>Exercise 4:</b> Independent Group Microscopy Project (Plan); Read Appendix A; Assigning A1	Quiz 2
Sept 16	<b>Special Topic:</b> Basic Mathematics for Biology <b>Exercise 4:</b> Independent Group Microscopy Project (Data collection); Read Appendix B; Assigning A2	Quiz 3 <b>A1 due (Proposal)</b>
Sept 23	<b>Exercise 5:</b> Cellular Water Relations	Quiz 4 <b>A2 due (Group Research Paper)</b>
Sept 30	<b>Exercise 6:</b> Protein Extraction and Quantification from Living Tissues	Quiz 5
Oct 7	<i>Fall Break-NO LABS; Oct. 10-Midterm</i>	
Oct 14	<b>Exercise 7:</b> Enzymology: alpha amylase activity	Quiz 6
Oct 21	<b>Exercise 8:</b> Enzyme Regulation:	Quiz 7
Oct 28	<b>Exercise 9:</b> Photosynthesis	Quiz 8
Nov 4	<b>Exercise 10:</b> Cellular Reproduction	Quiz 9
Nov 11	<b>Handout:</b> Crime Scene, RFLP & Gel Electrophoresis	Quiz 10
Nov 18	<b>Exercise 14:</b> Transformation of pGLO plasmid ( <b>R</b> )	Quiz 11
Nov 25	<i>Thanksgiving Break-NO LABS</i>	
Dec 2	<b>Finish Ex. 14</b> - Analyze Transformations <b>Notebook Checks; Lab Assessment Exam</b>	<b>R; N</b>

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	A1	A2	R	N	Sum	Final

Final (%) = Sum/1.5

### Grading criteria

- A, if your Final  $\geq 90$
- B, if your Final  $\geq 80$
- C, if your Final  $\geq 70$
- D, if your Final  $\geq 60$
- F, if your Final  $< 60$