

Valdosta State University
BIOL 1108 Principles of Biology II Laboratory Syllabus
Spring 2019

Lab: (BC 1073): Section D, DD: Monday, 10:00 AM – 12:50 PM; Section E, EE: Tuesday: 2:00-4:50 PM
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Office hours: Tuesday and Thursdays @10:00-11:30 AM.

Required materials:

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

Course Overview: This lab is a companion to the lecture portion of BIOL 1108 and must be completed in order to receive full credit for the course. Lab exercises will provide you greater insight into the physiological processes of plants and animals. The lab will also introduce you to the diversity of life within the animal and plant Kingdoms as well as highlight evolutionary relationships among the phyla within these Kingdoms.

Educational outcomes: Listed at the end of syllabus

Course Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in BIOL 1107 or permission of instructor

How to Use the Lab Manual: The lab manual is an online manual. I will go over how to use this manual during the first week of class. But, briefly, each lab includes all the content necessary to understand and complete the lab. You are required to read the background information and complete the pre-lab assignment before coming to lab. The page after the pre-lab assignment contains pdfs of the exercises that you will complete during lab and another pdf with all the background information. You can either view these documents on your phone, tablet, laptop computer, etc. in lab, OR you can print them off. You will need to be able to view the background information during lab in order to complete each lab, but you do NOT need to print them off if you have an electronic method for looking at the information. There are no computers in the lab for you to use.

I will bring handouts for the first statistics lab, but I will not bring handouts for any of the later labs. If you have problems buying the manual because of slow financial aid see me. I will work with you until you are able to purchase the manual. If you are retaking the class do not buy another access code for the manual, simply email Great River Support and they will give you access. Let me know if you have issues.

Lab quizzes, assignments, and practical exams:

The lab will constitute 25% of your overall grade in BIOL 1108. Assignments will consist of weekly online assignments, periodic homework assignments, in class quizzes, and two practical exams.

Pre-lab and Post lab assignments

Each week there will be Pre-lab and Post-lab online assignments. Pre-lab online assignments must be completed by the start of the lab session. Pre-lab assignments will be worth 0 or 2 points (0 points if not completed and 2 points if completed). Online post-lab assignments through the lab manual will be due at the start of your next lab period. The online post-lab assignments will be

worth variable points. I will provide you with a schedule of due dates for pre-lab and post lab online assignments. No late assignments (unless I approve an exception). I am able to see when you complete the online assignments.

Homework assignments

Some labs will require you to perform statistical analysis of data and to prepare graphs or tables using Microsoft Excel software. Data analysis for a lab will be discussed during the lab you collect data and will be due at the start of the next lab period. These assignments will be worth variable points. **No late assignments** (unless I approve an exception) and **no emailed assignments** will be accepted. Do not assume that you will have time immediately before lab to print assignments or finish online assignments; nonfunctional printers, no paper, slow internet etc. are not acceptable reasons for why you did not complete an assignment. It is good practice to plan ahead and have assignments completed and/or printed the day before your lab.

Lab Quizzes: At the start of lab each week I will give you a quiz over the previous week's lab exercise. These will be timed PowerPoint quizzes (5 pts each). Unlike BIOL 1107 these quizzes **are not open-book**. The purpose of these quizzes is to help you prepare for the lab practical exams at the end of each lab unit. If you arrive late to lab or if you miss the lab for an unexcused reason you will not be able to take the quiz. All lab quiz grades will be figured into your final course grade (no quiz grades are dropped).

Lab Practical Exams

There will be two lab practical exams, each worth 50 points. One will cover the unit on plants and one will cover the unit on animal diversity and physiology. Questions are typically based upon PowerPoint images but they may include microscope slides and whole/partial organism specimens. Lab practical exams can only be taken the day that they are scheduled.

Lab grade

50% - pre-lab and post-lab online assignments and homework assignments

10% - in class PowerPoint quizzes

40% - Lab Practical Exams

Lab Conduct:

- **Arrive on time.** Assignments are due at the start of lab. Students arriving 15 minutes late will have points deducted from their assignments.
- A lab notebook is not required **but** it is strongly advised to maintain a laboratory notebook with drawings, descriptions, data etc. of the laboratory exercises. The notebook will help you study for the practical exams.
- No eating or drinking during the lab.
- Attendance to lab is mandatory. 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. If a student misses **three labs for any reason** the student cannot earn higher than a "D" for his/her final grade **in the course**. Labs cannot be made up outside of scheduled laboratory sessions (except under extenuating circumstances). Students are still responsible for all lab content even if they received an excused absence.
- 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 total lab points (not the final percentage) each week it is not put away properly. Notify the professor if your microscope is not functioning properly.
- Cell phones are not to be used in lab.

Academic conduct: Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and may result in a failing grade for the assignment, exam or the class.

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

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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3. Students will use computer and information technology when appropriate. They will demonstrate knowledge of computer concepts and terminology. They will possess basic working knowledge of a computer operating system. They will be able to use at least two software tools, such as word processors, spreadsheets, database management systems, or statistical packages. They will be able to find information using computer searching tools.

4. Students will express themselves clearly, logically and precisely in writing and in speaking, and they will demonstrate competence in reading and listening. They will display the ability to write coherently in standard English; to speak well; to read, to understand, and to interpret the content of written materials in various disciplines; and to listen effectively and to understand different modes of communication.

5. Students will demonstrate knowledge of scientific and mathematical principles and proficiency in laboratory practices. They will understand the basic concepts and principles underlying scientific methodology and be able to collect, analyze, and interpret data. They will learn a body of scientific knowledge and be able to judge the merits of arguments about scientific issues. They will be able to perform basic algebraic manipulations and to use fundamental algebraic concepts to solve word problems and equations. They will be able to use basic knowledge of statistics to interpret and to analyze data. They will be able to evaluate arguments based on quantitative data.

TENTATIVE LAB SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

Week of January 14	Lab 1 - Introduction to Basic Statistics (Room 3018)
Week of January 21	NO LAB
Week of January 28	Lab 7 - Animal Diversity I
Week of February 4	Lab 8 - Animal Diversity II
Week of February 11	Lab 9 - Introduction to Animal Tissues Lab 10 - External and Internal Anatomy of the Fetal Pig
Week of February 18	Lab 11 - Sensory Systems
Week of February 25	Lab 12 and 13 - Cardiovascular and Excretory System
Week of March 4	Lab Practical #1 - Animal Diversity and Physiology
Week of March 11	Lab 2 - Nonvascular, Seedless Plants
Week of March 18	Spring Break
Week of March 25	Lab 3 - Vascular Plants
Week of April 1	Lab 4 - Plant Cells, Organ Structures, and Growth
Week of April 8	Lab 5 - Angiosperm Development
Week of April 15	Lab 6 - Growth and Transpiration
Week of April 22	Lab Practical #2 - Plant Diversity and Physiology