

Principles of Biology I - BIOL 1107L (Spring, 2020) Section C and E

1. Course Information

- Course number and section: BIOL 1107L Section: C and E
- Course name: Principles of Biology I Lab
- Hours of credit: 1
- Lab location and room number:
 - Section C: Tuesday 2:00 pm - 4:50 pm (Bailey Science Center 1083)
 - Section E: Wednesday 2:00 pm - 4:50 pm (Bailey Science Center 1083)

2. Instructor Information

- Instructor name: Dr. Jonghoon Kang
- Instructor contact: BC 2217, 229-333-7140, jkang@valdosta.edu
- Instructor office hours: M & R, 1:00 PM - 2:00 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. Absolutely no laboratories can be made up, and no work will be accepted late. 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.

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

5. Lab assignments and Lab Practical Exams:

Throughout the semester lab assignments will be given. Due dates of these assignments are shown in the lab schedule table in this syllabus. No late assignments will be accepted (see above).

6. Assessment or Evaluation Policy

10 quizzes (100) + A1 (10) + A2 (10) + R (10) + N (10) = 140.

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, and will not be accepted late.

Lab Notebook Guidelines

General:

- 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.
- Number every page.
- 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

Purpose, theory, hypothesis, and question

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. Classroom Policy

Accommodations 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 (Voice), 229-375-5871 (Video). For more information, please visit VSU's Access Office at <https://www.valdosta.edu/student/disability/>.

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- No arguments on the final grades. You can check any mistake in the calculation of your grade but no any other arguments.

8. TENTATIVE LAB SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

Week of	Topic	Assignments
Jan 13	General Lab Introduction	
Jan 20	Exercise 1: The Black Box	
Jan 27	Exercise 2: Basic Light Microscopy	Quiz 1
Feb 3	Exercise 3: Observation of Living Cells with Light Microscopy. Exercise 4: Independent Group Microscopy Project (Plan); Read Appendix A; Assigning A1	Quiz 2
Feb 10	Exercise 5: Cellular Water Relations	Quiz 3 A1 due (Proposal)
Feb 17	Exercise 4: Independent Group Microscopy Project (Data collection); Read Appendix B; Assigning A2	Quiz 4
Feb 24	Exercise 6: Protein Extraction and Quantification from Living Tissues	A2 due (Group Research Paper)
Mar 2	Exercise 7: Enzymology: alpha amylase activity	Quiz 5
Mar 9	Exercise 8: Enzyme Regulation: "Investigation of the effects of temperature and pH on enzyme activity"	Quiz 6
Mar 16	<i>NO LABS — SPRING BREAK</i>	
Mar 23	Exercise 9: Photosynthesis	Quiz 7
Mar 30	Exercise 10: Cellular Reproduction	Quiz 8
Apr 6	DNA Forensic RFLP Lab; Set up digestion reactions	Quiz 9
Apr 13	DNA Forensic RFLP Lab; run gel electrophoresis	
Apr 20	Exercise 14: Transformation of pGLO plasmid	Quiz 10
Apr 27	Exercise 14: Analyze Transformations Assessment	R; N

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

Final (%) = Sum/1.4