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Pre- and/or Co- Requisites:

BIOL 1100 is required as a co-requisite for all incoming freshmen biology majors before or during enrollment in BIOL 1107.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Students will learn the following:

- 1) Biology major requirements, general advising, strategies for success, and related career paths from biological research to professional programs.
- 2) The basics of scientific writing.

These learning outcomes correspond to the biology educational outcome #1 and the VSU General Educational Outcomes 3, 5, 7 and 8.

Required Course Materials: None

<u>Assessments:</u>	<u>Your Score</u>	<u>Course Grade</u>
Attendance (16 days @ 3.125%)	50 %	90 – 100 % = A
Study Habit Guide	5 %	80 – 89.9 % = B
Scientific Writing	10 %	70 – 79.9 % = C
Career Plan	10 %	60 – 69.9 % = D
Career Slide	10 %	<59.9 % = F
ePortfolio	<u>15 %</u>	4 absences = F
Total	100 %	

All assignments are turned in electronically.

ePortfolio assignments must be placed in the assigned location in order to be graded.

“Uploading” an assignment means that you type it in another program such as MS Word and then import that document into your ePortfolio. Only do this when directed.

Attendance:

Attendance in this course is absolutely required. Each student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. Absences are not excused until confirmed by Dr. Gannon and almost always will be limited to medical reasons with documentation (doctor's note or note from the Student Health Center). Also, as all assignments are turned in electronically, excused absences do not impact due dates for assignments (you may be excused from attending class, but the assignment is still due).

Students who miss 20 % of lecture time will receive an "F" for the course. This equates to four absences.

Students must arrive within the first ten minutes of each class to be given credit for that day.

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

Disruptive behavior: No disruptive behavior of any kind will be tolerated in this course. Students should restrict talking and discussion to pertinent questions related to course material and these questions should be directed toward the instructor. Entering a classroom late or early is discouraged. Any student disrupting lectures will be required to leave the classroom. Use of cellular telephones or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during class time.

Students with Disabilities: 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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Due dates are NOT indicated on this schedule

Wednesday

1	Introduction	8/18
2	ePortfolio	8/25
3	Academic Support Center/ Study Habit Guide	9/1
4	Scientific Writing/Plagiarism	9/8
5	Library Session (go to Odum room 3270)	9/15
6	Scientific Writing	9/22
7	eCore & online courses	9/29
8	BA/BS Degrees in Biology	10/6
9	Careers in Biology Presentations	10/13
10	Careers in Biology Presentations	10/20
11	Careers in Biology Presentations	10/27
12	Career Plans	11/3
13	ePortfolio Presentations	11/10
14	Biology Clubs	11/17
15	Study Abroad	12/1
16	Final Discussion	TBA