

BIOL 1107 Laboratory, Sections G Spring Semester 2021

Laboratory (BC 1083): **Thursday 2:00 pm- 4:50 pm**

Social Distancing Requirement:

Group 1 attendance: 2:00 pm-3:20 pm

Group 2 attendance: 3:30 pm- 4:50 pm

(see email on Blazeview to know which Group you have been assigned to (based on last name alphabetic order))

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Office hours through Collaborate Ultra only:

Tue 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Thu 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Or by appointment (please send me an email to my valdosta.edu account with “appointment” in the subject line).

Pre- or Corequisite: BIOL 1107 Principles of Biology I.

Course Description: A laboratory course to accompany BIOL 1107 lecture, with exercises dealing with the cellular nature of life.

Educational Outcomes:

This course supports the Department of Biology Educational Outcomes # 1-5 and the University General Educational Outcomes # 5 as listed in the VSU Undergraduate Catalogue.

Required Text

R.H. Goddard. 2013. *Methods and Investigations in Basic Biology*. Sixth Edition. Hayden-McNeil Publishing, Plymouth, MI.

ASSESSMENTS

Lab quizzes. Every week there will be two lab quizzes. A first quiz will be taken during the first 15 minutes of each lab session (except for the first day of class). The first quiz will be based on material from the previous lab and introductory material for the new lab, which will be from the manual and/or material provided in advance by the Instructor on Blazeview. A second quiz will be taken during the lab session. Both quizzes might involve the practical demonstration by the student of a laboratory skill (e.g., use of microscope, pipetting etc.) and/or written questions (multiple choice, short answers, matching, true/false).

Lab Notebook. Students are required to keep a lab notebook in a ½” 3-ring binder. The lab notebook will be turned-in the last day of lab to be graded. Guidelines on how to compile a notebook will be provided by the Instructor. Your notebook grade will be based on completeness, accuracy, and order.

GRADES

Quizzes (10 pts each): 280 pts

Lab Notebook: 70 pts

Total laboratory points: 350

Extra-credits: 10 points max.

Laboratory grade calculation: (Quizzes + Lab notebook + Extra-Credits)/350

Attendance Policy: Laboratory attendance is mandatory. Students who **miss four or more labs, with or without a documented excuse, cannot receive a lab grade above a 60% (D) for the course.** Attendance will be recorded using the quizzes taken in lab.

If students must be absent due to a **quarantine or isolation requirement for COVID-19**, they must report this situation via the COVID Self Reporting Link in MyVSU and through the [Dean of Students Office](#). Report any other type of absence as well to the Dean of Student Office, which will send an absentee notice by email to all your Instructors.

There are no make-ups for the laboratories.

Only make-up quizzes will be administered at any time during the semester but you must provide documented evidence (e.g. note from a doctor without personal information, except for your name) that circumstances beyond your control prevented you from coming to the lab. It is the instructor's prerogative to accept the excuse or not. Failure to provide reasonable evidence will result in a grade of 0 for the quiz.

Behavior in the Classroom

It is assumed that all students will act in a mature manner in the classroom, showing consideration for their peers and the instructor. Any student who consistently distracts other students or the instructor will be removed from the course. **The use of cell phones is not allowed during the laboratory sessions** unless approved by the instructor for purposes related to the laboratory activities (e.g. as a timer or a calculator).

CORONAVIRUS policy:

As the Blazer Creed articulates, members of the VSU community are expected to live by the high standards of civility, integrity, and citizenship and embrace their responsibility as a member of the Blazer community. In recognition of this responsibility, and in response to the best available science and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Georgia Department of Public Health, **every student must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth at all times while in any campus building, including in this classroom.** This requirement is intended to protect the health and safety of all VSU students, the instructor, and the entire university community. Anyone attending class without a face covering will be asked to put one on or leave. Students should also be sure they maintain a distance of at least six feet away from their fellow students and instructor and are seated in a seat that is designated to ensure that distance. Students who refuse to wear face coverings appropriately or adhere to other stated requirements may face disciplinary action for Code of Conduct violations.

Cheating or Plagiarism

Incidents of cheating or plagiarism will result in **an automatic F for the course and referral to The Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action.** For VSU's Academic Integrity Code please

see <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/student-affairs/student-conduct-office/>

For VSU's Academic Honesty policies and procedure please see

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/vp-office/academic-honesty-policies-and-procedures.php>

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.

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

VSU cares about student success both on and offline, and a variety of resources are available to help students academically and personally during the Spring 2021 semester.

One of the best resources is VSU's Coronavirus FAQ page located at <https://www.valdosta.edu/health-advisory/faq.php>. Information is available there about a variety of topics in VSU's return-to-campus plan. A website devoted to the health and wellness of VSU students can be seen at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/campus-wellness/student-resources.php>.

Learning Support

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.

The Academic Support Center: The Academic Support Center provides free peer tutoring for most core courses and some upper-division courses. It also offers time management and study skills workshops as well as other learning support services.

Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: <https://www.valdosta.edu/asc/>

Odum Library provides a variety of services to assist classroom instruction, including library instruction, course reserves, and interlibrary loan. Please see <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/library/> for further information.

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