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(Note: I do not respond to Blazeview email)



Hours -

Office: Wednesday 4:00 PM-5:00 PM or by appointment.

Course: Lab – Section B (85529) – Wednesday 9:00 AM- 11:50AM, BSC 1073

Blazeview: [Principles of Biology Lab II Section B Fall 2021 CO](#)

Lab – Section C (85537) – Wednesday 2:00 PM- 4:50PM, BSC 1073

Blazeview: [Principles of Biology Lab II Section C Fall 2021 CO](#)

Laboratory Manual – Grove, T.J. Biology Lab Manual. Great River Learning, ISBN 9781680750201, available from the bookstore or publisher at [Great River Learning \(GRL\)](#).

Note: You must register for the online lab manual using the access code from the bookstore or directly with publisher on their website.

Course Goals: The primary goal of this course is to introduce structure-function relationships and physiological processes of plants and animals. This is the second introductory course, and it is expected that you are familiar with topics covered in BIOL1107 so that you can build on your foundational knowledge of biology. At the end of the semester you will be able to successfully complete higher-level courses as a science major.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

- Increase your understanding of structure-function relationships in biology
- Increase your understanding of the physiology of the major systems in plants and animals including:
 - o Structure/function relationships
 - o Nutrition
 - o Transport
 - o Movement
 - o Reproduction
 - o Development
 - o Sensory systems
- Strengthen your ability to critically analyze scientific data and test scientific hypotheses
- Cultivate the linkage of biology with math, physics, and chemistry

Pre-Requisite: BIOL 1107 Unifying Principles of Biology I & Lab or permission of the instructor. Note a grade of C or higher is required in both these lectures and labs along with all science & math courses in the Science major.

Attendance: MANDATORY! Please note: 1) I keep track of attendance: missing classes will affect your grade. 2) **NO** cheating or plagiarism will be tolerated. No warning will be given and can result in failure or expulsion. 3) Students missing 20% of the material will receive a grade of “F” **regardless** of standing.

Students with Documented Disabilities: I would like to teach everyone; Students needing reasonable accommodations should contact me and the Access Office for Students with Disabilities at the beginning of the semester. (Access office; Farber Hall, 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).

Assessment:

Lab Practicals: Two lab practicals are given during the course covering what you have learned on animals and plants. Each counts 100 points to your final lab grade (see schedule below). Note: For many of you a lab practical is a new form of examination. Practicals test what you have learned across the labs by asking you questions requiring your prior observations, descriptions, and interpretation of materials explored in the lab. So use the time in lab wisely to expand upon the information and assignments given to you in the lab manual. Then go back and study prior to the in lab practical.

Miscellaneous Assignments: During the course, students will be required to complete the online pre- and post- quizzes available in the online laboratory manual adopted by the biology department for this course. These grades, as well as lab attendance, in-lab quiz grades, and various homework assignments are summed and a percentage grade is calculated on a 100% scale. These combined assignments will count as 1/3rd of your laboratory grade. I will post the three categories of grades on BlazeVIEW, but the individual miscellaneous assignments may be maintained separately from BlazeVIEW. However, these assignments can simply be totaled up and divided by the total possible points to find your overall percent for this category.

Final grades are based on a percentage of your cumulative points relative to the total points possible:

Practical 1 (Animals):	100 pts
Practical 2 (Plants):	100 pts
Misc. Assignments:	100 pts
Total:	300 pts

Privacy Act: The FERPA Privacy Act does not allow me to discuss grades over the phone, sent to non-VSU email addresses, or be given to friends or relatives.

Ethics: Refer to the Student Code of Ethics in the Valdosta State University Student Handbook. A student caught cheating will be penalized ranging from receiving a zero for that assignment or test to failing the class. **No first warning will be given.** Title IX: VSU is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work and learning environment free from discrimination and harassment regardless of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status Office of Social Equity, titleix@valdosta.edu, 229-333-5463.

Biology Tutoring: The Academic Success Center (ASC) at Valdosta State University is located in the Odum Library and is available to all students. The ASC provides free peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, including biology, chemistry, math, writing, and foreign languages. The SSC also provides free professional academic advising and on-campus job information in one location. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: www.valdosta.edu/asc.

Access Office: Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in the Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (V/VP) and 219-1348 (TTY) or visit the website or email access@valdosta.edu.

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SOI Statement: At the end of the term, all students will be expected to complete an online Student Opinion of Instruction survey (SOI) that will be available through SmartEvals. Students will receive an email notification through their VSU email address when the SOI is available (generally at least one week before the end of the term). SOI responses are anonymous to instructors/administrators, and they will be able to access results only after they have submitted final grades. Before final grade submission, instructors will not be able to see any responses, but they can see the percentage of students who have or have not completed their SOIs. While instructors will not be able to see student names, an automated system will send a reminder email to those who have yet to complete their SOIs. Students who withdraw or drop a course will also be sent invitations to complete the Dropped Course Survey. Complete information about the SOIs, including how to access the survey, is available on the SOI Procedures webpage.

Important Dates:

Sept 5 – Labor Day,

Oct 6 - Semester midpoint,

Oct 10 - 11 – Fall Break,

Nov 24-25 – Thanksgiving Break,

Dec 5 – Last day of classes,

Dec 6-9 – Scheduled final exams.

While this lab has NO scheduled final exam, the academic calendar can be found [here](#).

Tentative Laboratory Schedule Outline
– This is the order in which we will cover topics –

	Week of	Lab Material		Online Pre-lab		Online Post-lab	
				Open	Close	Open	Close
1	15-Aug	No lab	<i>No labs first week</i>	<i>No Lab this week</i>			
2	22-Aug	Lab #1	Introduction to Basic Statistics	none	none	none	none
3	29-Aug	Lab #2	Nonvascular Seedless Plants	15-Aug	31-Aug	31-Aug	26-Sep
4	5-Sep	Lab #3	Vascular Plants	15-Aug	7-Sep	7-Sep	26-Sep
5	12-Sep	Lab #4	Plant Cells, Organs, & Growth	15-Aug	14-Sep	14-Sep	26-Sep
6	19-Sep	Lab #5 & 6	Angiosperm Dev & Plant Growth	15-Aug	21-Sep	21-Sep	26-Sep
7	26-Sep	Test 1	LAB PRACTICAL 1: Plant Dvrs & Phys	<i>Lab Exam this week</i>			
8	3-Oct	Lab #7	Animal Diversity I	28-Sep	5-Oct	5-Oct	28-Nov
9	10-Oct	No lab	<i>Fall Break week</i>	<i>No Lab this week</i>			
10	17-Oct	Lab #8	Animal Diversity II	28-Sep	19-Oct	19-Oct	28-Nov
11	24-Oct	Lab #9	Introduction to Animal Tissues	28-Sep	26-Oct	26-Oct	28-Nov
12	31-Oct	Lab #10	Ext & Int Anatomy of the Fetal Pig	28-Sep	2-Nov	2-Nov	28-Nov
13	7-Nov	Lab #11	Sensory Systems	28-Sep	9-Nov	9-Nov	28-Nov
14	14-Nov	Lab #12	Cardiovascular System	28-Sep	16-Nov	16-Nov	28-Nov
15	21-Nov	No lab	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	<i>No Lab this week</i>			
16	28-Nov	Test 2	LAB PRACTICAL 2: Animal Dvrs & Phy	<i>Lab Exam this week</i>			

Note: All online GRL Pre- and Post lab quizzes will always Open and Close at 8:00 AM on the date indicated.

<i>Special days in the semester</i>	
5-Sep	Labor Day
6-Oct	Middle of term
10-Oct	Fall break
23-Nov	Thanksgiving

Some additional important points to remember:

- **If you miss a class/exam, it is up to you contact me to see what can be done within a week. Otherwise you will get a zero for that grade.**
- **Please print out the introductory material for each lab and bring it to the lab. You will use this material to work through the class. (Failure to bring this material will result in a poor grade)**
- **Remember: I don't check my Blazevue email. Please use alokdarshi@valdosta.edu.**
- Small bits of frequent review has been shown to be more effective than cramming before the lab practicals. Don't let the material snowball!

Learning contract – Dr. A. Lokdarshi

- 1) *I care* – I teach because I want to contribute to your successful career. You must also promise to make the effort to rise to expectations worthy of your own future goals.
- 2) *Knowledge ownership* – “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink”. I try really hard do three things to lead students to knowledge. A) I select only the most important topics. B) I organize the topics so each lecture builds on previous ones. C) I include current and personal details to make the class relevant, interesting, and cutting edge. This effort is lost on students who expect proficiency to come from little more than simply listening to lectures and last-minute cramming. Your success is proportional to your amount of effort and review.
- 3) *Self-motivation* – College is not an extension of a kid’s legally-required high-school education. It is an adult’s entry into the job market. The distinction is important because your future career job application will hinge on your college transcript. Your peer competition understands this and is doing all he or she can to out-perform you. I try hard to motivate you, but ultimately, good grades only go to students with high internal drive.
- 4) *Synthetic thinking* – A fancy way of saying “make connections”. I will give you new conceptual “tools”, so become a tool user. Own your newfound knowledge and use it to understand your world. If you come across something that’s peripherally related to class material, ask questions about it. You can’t help but become motivated when you’re mentally engaged.
- 5) *Honesty and integrity* – Do not cheat. People who care about you, including me, expect more from you than that. I punish cheaters to the fullest extent allowed by the Student Code and in the future, it is tough explaining why you should be given the job or admitted to grad school when your transcript has an F because you got caught plagiarizing or palming a crib note.
- 6) *Participate!* – Have a question? Ask it! Here is a universal truth: if you have a question, chances are good that someone else is wondering the same thing. You’re not alone and I will never, ever belittle you for trying to learn. It makes for engaged learning and who knows, maybe your question unlocks a fundamental concept that half of the final exam questions are about. My deal for shy people: I won’t pick on you if you promise not to keep questions bottled up.
- 7) ***Email etiquette* – Emails lack non-verbal cues and often lead to unintended consequences. As such, I require you to email me using standard formal etiquette: A) Include a salutation, (e.g. Dear Dr. X or Hello Prof. X, not Hey), B) follow this by a complete description of your question/message, and C) always sign off using a complementary closing and your name/ID number. I do not respond to emails that do not have all these components. Use your VSU email address; others are often blocked by our inbox system.**
- 8) *Start early* – This class is fast moving, and builds on itself; there is no time later to catch up.
- 9) *Priorities* – In signing this, you have made the commitment to learn. It is a priority that is similar to that of a paying job. To teach you effectively, I require you to show up on time, to be mindful of the above points and be respectful to me and your fellow students.

I have read and understand these crucial tips for success: _____
Name Date