

Environmental Science
BIOL 3350
Syllabus

GRADING SCALE:

3 Exams	300	A 100-90%	450-500 points
Class participation & Assignments	100	B 80-89%	400-449 points
Presentation	100	C 70-79%	350-399 points
Total	500	D 60-69%	300-349 points
		F %	299 points

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Copying or allowing someone to copy on exams, quizzes, in class assignments, papers or presentations

attribution is plagiarism. Such misconduct is punishable at least by failure of the assignment in question and in severe cases failure of the course may be in order. See the VSU catalog under the same heading.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance in this course is highly recommended, unless you are sick. Students should be seated at the beginning of class. If you are late, your attendance may not be acknowledged. The student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. It is the instructor's decision to accept an excuse or not.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION: Students should have in their possession at all times their VSU student identification card. In order to verify the identification of students officially enrolled in the course, it is required that students have their student photo identification cards at any time during lecture. During examinations, students will routinely be asked to display their VSU student identification cards visibly on the desk top and to make them available for inspection by their instructor and/or assistants.

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 by email or over the telephone, as positive identification cannot 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, pagers, or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during scheduled lectures, laboratories, or examinations. If students bring cellular telephones or similar devices to lecture, it is their responsibility to switch them off prior to the beginning of the lecture period.

BIOLOGY TUTORING: The Student Success Center (SSC) at Valdosta State University is located in Langdale Residence Hall above the Tech Shop and is available to all students. The SSC 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/ssc.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in room 1115 Nevins Hall. The phone number is (229) 245-2498.

19 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Date	Day	Chapter/Topic
12-May	Thurs	1; 2-4: Introduction; Ecosystems
13-May	Fri	2-4: Ecosystems; FL/GA Ecosystems
16-May	Mon	7; 9: Water; Food Distribution
17-May	Tues	10; 11: Biodiversity & Coral Reefs; Ecosystem Capital & Sustainability
18-May	Wed	12-14: Energy
19-May	Thurs	12-14: Energy; Review
20-May	Fri	EXAM 1