



We will be using personal response system in class. Each student should have their own individual ResponseCard clicker in order to actively participate in class.

Learning is not a passive activity in which you simply absorb and repeat back facts given by an instructor. Rather, learning requires you to take an active role. In fact, to truly understand science you must construct your own personal interpretation of the concepts and store them away in a form that is meaningful to you.

Students will be assigned reading material. Facts and vocabulary are important to any discipline, though I ask you to go beyond simple memorization of details and interconnect those facts to concepts, applications and problems; to ask meaningful questions; to test well developed hypotheses; to develop a range of intellectual abilities, including critical thinking, logical argument, appropriate uses of evidence and interpretation of varied kinds of information; and to communicate your understanding in writing and orally to multiple audiences.

Email is the simplest way to contact me outside of class and is the quickest way for me to contact you as well. You are required to check and maintain your Valdosta State University email account. I will only communicate with you through this official email account.

We will be using Blazeview throughout the course as a tool for sharing information. I will post course notes after each class to the website, as well as provide additional resources, readings, and homework assignments. All official course information is located on Blazeview and students are expected to regularly access the Blazeview website.

In order to get a timely reply to your emails you must do the following in your email communication:

Include your course number and section in the subject line of any email.

Communicate as you would at work and in a professional manner. This includes using proper grammar and spelling, a greeting and salutation, and be sure to include your full name at the end of all emails.

You are expected to attend all scheduled course activities, and participate in class discussions and activities. Because of the nature and structure of the class, attendance is vital to your success in the course. Attendance will be monitored based on daily quizzes and scheduled exams.

We will strictly adhere to VSU's policy on attendance which states: "A student who misses more than 20% of the scheduled classes (3 days of class) of a course will be subject to receiving a failing grade in the course" (Undergraduate Catalog 2011-2012, p. 89).



A classroom policy will be developed by the course during the first class meeting and will be the standard for behavior in the class. The policy will be posted to Blazeview and enforced during class sessions. Violations with the policy will result in removal from the class session, and repeated occurrences may result in grade reduction or permanent removal from the course.

Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disab