

**Introductory Genetics**  
**BIOL 3200(5200), Section A (3 credit hours)**  
**Spring Semester 2013**

**Lecture (BC 1023): Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

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**Office hours:**  
Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-5 pm  
Or by appointment (please send me an email to my valdosta.edu account with “appointment” in the subject line).

**Pre-Requisites:** MATH 1112 or MATH 1113, BIOL 1107 and BIOL 1108 with a grade of C or better or permission of instructor.

**Course Description (as stated in Undergraduate Catalogue 2012-13):**

A survey of modern genetics, including Mendelian modes of heredity, extensions and variations on Mendelian genetics,

If you arrive late for an exam you will be allowed to take the exam. However, you must turn in the exam paper at the regular scheduled end of the class. You will not be allowed extra time unless a documentable emergency has occurred.

The final exam grade (exam 4) can replace the lowest grade of exams 1, 2 or 3. This applies only to exam 4; no other exam can replace the lowest grade. If exam 4 is used to replace a lower grade for test 1, 2, or 3, the grade for exam 4 will count twice in the final grade calculation. Exam 4 cannot be used to replace a missed test.

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After each exam, students are strongly encouraged to review it. You can review an exam during office hours.

## Grading

Test 1	100 points
Test 2	100 points
Test 3	100 points
Test 4	100 points
In-class activities	100 points
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Total	500 points
Extra-credit	up to 10 points

Grade Distribution	
Letter	Percentage
A	90 - 100%
B	80 - 89%
C	70 - 79%
D	60 - 69%
F	≤ 60%

**Final grade: (Test points + Extra-credit points)/500**

**NOTE:** Graduate students enrolled in BIOL 5200 will have additional assignments and adjusted grading scale in a supplementary syllabus.

## Classroom Accommodations

Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (V/VP) and 219-1348 (TTY). For VSU's Access Office please see <http://www.valdosta.edu/access/facresources.shtml>

## 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. **Cell phones must be turned off or set to silent mode in the classroom.**

## 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/academic/AcademicHonestyPoliciesandProcedures.shtml>. For VSU's Academic Honesty please see <http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/AcademicHonestyatVSU.shtml>.

## Learning Support

**The Student Success Center:** The Student Success Center (SSC) provides free peer tutoring in core courses, the top four of which are math, writing, Spanish, and biology/chemistry. It also offers time management and study skills workshops as well as provides free professional academic advising and on-campus job information in one location: Langdale Residence Hall. Help is available to all VSU students. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: [www.valdosta.edu/ssc](http://www.valdosta.edu/ssc).

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

**TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE:**

**Lecture**