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Pre- and/or Co- Requisites:

BIOL 1100 is required as a co-requisite for all incoming freshmen biology majors before or during enrollment in BIOL 1107.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Students will learn the following:

- 1) Biology major requirements, general advising, strategies for success, and related career paths from biological research to professional programs. These topics will be covered as indicated on the schedule;
- 2) The basics of the scientific method and scientific writing.

These learning outcomes correspond to the biology educational outcome #1 and the VSU General Educational Outcomes 3, 5, 7 and 8.

Required Course Materials: None

<u>Assessments:</u>	Your Score		<u>Course Grade</u>
Attendance	50 %	_____	90 – 100 % = A
Study Habit Guide	5 %	_____	80 – 89.9 % = B
Scientific Writing	10 %	_____	70 – 79.9 % = C
Career Plan	10 %	_____	60 – 69.9 % = D
Career Slide	10 %	_____	<59.9 % = F
ePortfolio	<u>15 %</u>	_____	
Total	100 %		

All assignments must be typed or they will not be accepted.

Attendance:

Attendance in this course is absolutely required. Each student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. **1) Students who miss 20% of lecture time will receive an automatic failing grade for the course. This equates to four absences.**

Dates

Week	Topic	<u>M</u>
Section: A		
1	Introduction to the Department/College/VSU	1/8
2	Student Success Center Seminar Study Habit Guide	1/22
3	ePortfolio	1/29
4	Library Tour	2/5
5 - 6	Scientific Writing	2/12, 2/19
7	eCore Talk	2/26
8	Advising, BA/BS worksheet, tracks	3/5
9-11	Careers in Biology/Slide Presentations	3/19, 3/26, 4/2
12	Discussion, 4 year and 10 year plan	4/9
13	ePortfolio	4/16
14	VSU Clubs, BBB, AED	4/23
15	Directed Study, Lab Research, Study Abroad	4/30
16	Discussion	Wednesday, 5/2 at 12:30 pm