

ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY SYLLABUS - BIOL 1030 - Super Section A – Fall 2019

Lecture: CRN 81945-Section A- (3 Cr)

Labs -

test for any reason, this will automatically be the lowest score and will not be included in your final grade. The final test is scheduled at the time and date formally assigned by the registrar.

TITLE IX STATEMENT: Valdosta State University (VSU) is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work and learning environment free from discrimination and harassment. VSU is dedicated to creating an environment where all campus community members feel valued, respected, and included. Valdosta State University prohibits discrimination on the

November

Friday 8 – Test 3 *****TEST 3 *****

16 Body's Systems

18 Animal Reproduction

17 Diseases

Open topics

December

Monday 9 – Last class lecture

Friday 13 – Final test – 8:00 – 10:00 AM – Room 1011

UNDERSTANDING CLASS RULES, EXPECTATIONS AND GRADING FOR BIOLOGY 1030 SECTION B

- I. Disruptive behavior:** No disruptive behavior of any kind will be tolerated in this course.
- Students should restrict talking, questions and discussion to pertinent questions related to course material.
 - Entering a classroom late is discouraged.
 - Any student disrupting lectures will be required to leave the classroom.
 - Any disruptive student who refuses to leave on request will be removed by campus police.
 - I like a relaxed atmosphere, but respect for fellow students and instructors is required.
- II. Electronics:** Use of cellular telephones, pagers, or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during scheduled lectures, quizzes, or examinations.
- If it is essential to take an emergency, incoming call, then quietly step outside and conduct your business like an adult. Otherwise, students who bring cellular telephones or similar devices to lecture must switch them off prior to the beginning of the lecture period.
 - Phones may not be used as calculators on exams.
 - Lecture notes may not be photographed or recorded with phone or computer cameras.
 - The penalty for using a phone to record lecture notes or during an exam is failure of the course.
 - No electronic devices (including cell phones), books, or notebooks will be allowed during exams. Students using such items will be asked to leave and will receive a zero for the exam.
 - Laptop computers can be used for note taking during lecture; however, students using them must sit in the first four rows of the classroom. Anyone caught cruising the net instead of taking notes will receive a failing grade for the course.
- III. Cheating:** Students caught cheating will receive a grade of "F" for the assignment in question and possibly for the course. Cheating will be reported to the Dean of Students. See your Student handbook for what constitutes catalogue cheating and plagiarism.
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Academic Integrity Response along with a letter to the Dean of Students.
(<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/AcademicHonestyPoliciesandProcedures.shtml>).

V. **Procedure for exams and quizzes:**

- a. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and properly license, register the required response "clicker" in a timely manner. No quiz makeups will be allowed. Students who do not bring a clicker to class will receive a zero for any given quiz. No paper responses to quizzes will be accepted.
- b. You must be on time. Students arriving more than 10 minute late may not take the exam and will receive a grade of zero.
- c. No talking will be allowed during the exam, however students are welcome to come to the instructor's desk to ask questions about clarification of questions on the exam.
- d. Each student will be given an exam to be completed and handed back to the instructor.
- e. You must bring a #2 pencil and will take the exam during the stated lecture time only.
- f. No electronic devices or aids are allowed during exams. Use constitutes cheating and will result in dismissal and failure of the course.
- g. A student with more than a single clicker in their possession during any lecture class or exam constitutes cheating by the owners of the clickers and the person in possession of the clickers. This also constitutes cheating and will result in dismissal and failure of the course.
- h. No makeup exams are given except in documented emergency situations. Do not miss exams.
- i. Every student should bring their University ID.
- j. You will have the class time only to complete each lecture exam.
- k. During examinations, students may 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.

VI. **Understanding General Class Policies:**

- a. I understand that this is a science class and that my enrollment is voluntary. I am here to learn the science and I am free to drop the course if I do not wish to learn the material.
- b. I understand that my grades are based solely upon my level of performance, not on what I may want or think I need.
- c. I understand that the final grade I receive in this course is the grade I "EARNED". The instructor does not "GIVE" me a grade.
- d. I understand that it is the instructor's responsibility to evaluate my performance and to assign a grade that certifies the level at which I KNOW and UNDERSTAND the course material.
- e. I understand that earn my grade by demonstrating on assigned tests, quizzes and assignments that I KNOW and UNDERSTAND the course material.
- f. I understand that it is my responsibility to master ALL course material to the level necessary to achieve the grade I want in this class.
- g. I understand that the grade I receive is NOT based on the amount of work or effort I do. Effort is my responsibility.
- h. I understand that late assignments will not be accepted and will summarily receive a grade of zero.
- i. I understand that incomplete work will not be accepted and will summarily receive a grade of zero.
- j. I understand that work that does not follow instructions in all respects will not be accepted and will summarily receive a grade of zero.
- k. I understand that in the event of a personal emergency resulting in missed assignments it is my responsibility to contact the instructor as soon as possible. I also understand that any possible make up work is strictly at the instructor's discretion on a case by case basis.
- l. I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure I understand all assignment instructions and due dates. It is not the instructors fault if I fail to meet these expectations.
- m. I understand that my grades are based only upon the assignments given. There are no opportunities for "extra credit" or "additional assignments".

- n. I understand that it is my responsibility to seek additional help from the instructor or campus tutorial services when needed.
- o. I understand that the time to worry about my grades is all during the term. Grades are final after the class is over.
- p. I understand that no late or additional assignments will be accepted for any reason after the course closes.
- q. I understand that grades are not negotiable. Complaining or begging extra points after the fact are not appropriate behaviors.
- r. I understand that my grade will be based on the criteria detailed earlier in this syllabus and that it is my responsibility to seek clarification if it is needed.
- s. I understand that this course will assign grades on a 10 point scale and no curve is to be used in assigning those grades.
- t. I understand that the instructor cannot and will not predict nor promise any grades before all scores for all assignments are done and the class is completed.
- u. I understand that the instructor will only discuss my final grade for purposes of explanation or correction of a possible mistake. Discussions about disappointment with grades, complaints about grades, grade changes or general whining about poor performance will not be entertained.