

have an open access policy; I encourage students to contact me whenever they may need help with the course. Please understand however that I will need you to arrange an appointment by email ahead of time.

An introduction to modern biology for the non-major with special emphasis on the processes involved in the development and maintenance of complex multicellular organisms.

This course fulfills one portion of Area D of the Learning Outcomes for Valdosta State University's Core Curriculum: Students will demonstrate understanding of the physical universe and the nature of science, and they will use scientific methods and/or mathematical reasoning and concepts to solve problems.

(<http://www.valdosta.edu/gec/ProposedNewLearningOutcomes.shtml>)

Specifically, students will:

- a. Learn about the nature of science and how to build scientific knowledge;
- b. Demonstrate a fundamental knowledge of the cellular basis of life;
- c. Relate the structure and the function of DNA/RNA to the development of form and function of the organism and to heredity;
- d. Effectively organize, communicate and apply their knowledge of biology to their everyday lives.

Marielle Hoefnagels - _____ . (2018) Connect package, McGraw Hill .
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Available at: Purchase Connect access through your **Blazeview** account class page. Login to your school's **Blazeview** account, and enter your course, then click on the Connect link, which will take you to the Connect registration page where you can follow the prompts. At that time, you will need to do one of the following:

Enter your access code (available at the VSU Bookstore).

Purchase access online

Begin your 14-day Temporary Access period

Please note: After you register, you will have the option to purchase a low-cost, binder-ready, loose-leaf, print-version of the text through Connect. This is optional. If you choose to purchase a copy, a full-color, loose-leaf version will be shipped to you.

Final letter grades will be assigned on a _____ for your overall average percentage score for the lecture portion of the class: A: 90 – 100% B: 80 – 89% C: 70 – 79% D: 60 – 69% F: < 60% .

The final grade depends solely on the student's performance on class requirements during the scheduled class term. There is no "extra credit" during the term nor after it closes. The instructor will not entertain any discussions about grade changes unless there has been a calculation error either during the term or after it ends.

To calculate your grade at any given point multiply each average by the appropriate percentage and then add up the totals. For example:

normal scale of A-F viewable on Banner. Students receiving a grade of "D" or lower should therefore carefully evaluate their option of dropping this course by midterm without academic penalty.

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.

: Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The

The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871 (VP) and 229-219-1348 (TTY). For more information, please visit VSU's Access Office or email: access@valdosta.edu.

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y, titleix@valosta.edu, 1208 N. Patterson St., Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia 31608, 229-333-5463.

At the end of the term, all students will be expected to complete an online Student Opinion of Instruction survey (SOI) that will be available through SmartEvals. Students will receive an email notification through their VSU email address when the SOI is available (generally at least one week before the end of the term). SOI responses are anonymous to instructors/administrators, and they will be able to access results only after they have submitted final grades. Before final grade submission, instructors will not be able to see any responses, but they can see the percentage of students who have or have not completed their SOIs. While instructors will not be able to see student

17-Mar 3 In-progress Grade Entry for full-term VSU courses

March 3 In-progress Grades Due at 5pm

March 4 Official Midterm for spring 2021

March 4 Students View In-progress Grades

March 11 Withdrawal Deadline for full-term VSU courses

March 17 Wellness Day 2

March 29 Registration Begins for fall 2021 (by classification)

April 2 Wellness Day 3

April 15 Wellness Day 4

April 30 Last class day for spring 2021

May 3 Reading Day

May 6 May 15 Final Grades Due for Spring 2021