

**Biology 1040 Organismal Biology Lab**  
**Summer Semester 2011**  
**Biology Department, College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Valdosta State University**

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**Midterm:** July 6, 2011. This is the last day to drop this course and receive a withdrawal grade (W).

**Credit Hours:** 1

**Course Description:**

**Bio 1040L Organismal Biology Lab:** 9:35-11:25 MW

**Co-requisite: Bio 1030.** This course cannot be taken for credit toward the major in biology. A laboratory course to accompany Bio 1030 lecture, emphasizing the structure of multicellular organisms.

**Course Objectives:** This course is designed to accompany Bio 1030 by presenting exercises that emphasize the processes involved in the development and maintenance of multicellular organisms. The objective of this course is to provide students with a hands-on experience in general biology. Students will participate in the process of scientific inquiry by asking scientific questions, developing hypotheses, predicting outcomes of experiments, collecting and interpreting data and drawing conclusions from the results.

Educational outcomes associated with this course include #3 and 4 as specified by the VSU Department of Biology and #4, 5 and 7 of the general outcomes specified by Valdosta State University.

**Materials:** Biol 1040L Lab Manual, 8/e  
Biology Faculty.

**Attendance:** Attendance in lab is mandatory. If you do not attend your regular lab section, you must arrange to make-up the quiz missed before the end of the week. No lab make-: B BDC

miss the class completely, you are responsible for the material covered that class period and you must be prepared for the quiz the following class period.

**I will not accept assignments or a lab report from a class that you did not attend. I will not accept any late assignments either. You will receive a daily participation grade. Therefore, if you are not present you will receive a zero grade for the day.**

**Final Grades:** Final grades are based on the following cumulative point totals:

90 100% = A 80 89.99% = B 70 79.99% = C 60 69.99% = D Below 60% = F

**Cheating and Plagiarism:** Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students.

Faculty members should promote academic integrity by including clear instruction on the components of academic integrity and clearly defining the penalties for cheating and plagiarism in their course syllabi.

Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Academic Integrity Policy as set forth in the

work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics. A student caught cheating on a quiz, lab report, or assignment will receive a grade of zero and may receive a failing grade (F) in the course.

**Each student will be required to complete his/her own lab report or assignment for certain lab experiments.** Many of the experiments will be conducted as groups; however, group lab reports or lab reports identical to others in the class are not acceptable. **If two or more students turn in identical or similar lab reports or assignments, those students will receive a grade of zero on the assignment.**

**Disruptive Behavior:** The academic community is under a strong obligation to protect the campus community from disorderly, disruptive, or obstructive actions which interfere with academic pursuits of teaching, learning and other campus activities. Therefore, any disruptive behavior in the laboratory that interferes with the teaching of the laboratory exercises or disturbs other students or faculty will not be tolerated. **Any student that disrupts the class will be removed from the class and possibly dropped from the course.** This student will also forfeit any points toward his or her grade from that day and will not be able to make up the lab. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for more information.

**TEXTING OR USING YOUR PHONE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED DURING CLASS! YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASS IF THIS POLICY IS BROKEN!**

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