BIOL 1100: Biology Freshman Seminar Spring 2012 Course Syllabus, Valdosta State University

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Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 1:00-2:00

Please feel free to call my office or use VSU email to schedule a convenient time for an appointment. I would be more than happy to speak to students anytime the office doors are open.

Course Description: BIOL 1100 is required as a co-requisite for all incoming freshmen biology majors before or during enrollment in BIOL 1107. This is an introduction to college-

Course Requirements for BIOL 1100

Expectation:

Come to Class Prepared - Read the Syllabus to Know W hat & W here the Lesson W ill Be

Attendance: Each absence will reduce the attendance grade by 25% unless a make-up assignment is approved by the instructor. These will only be allowed when class is missed for a good reason. These will be 1 singlespaced page (500-600 words) with 2 properly cited references. Entering a classroom late on more than one occasion is unacceptable. Each student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. Do not call or email and ask if you missed anything important. Assume that you did! This information should be obtained from another student.

1) Students who miss four classes (20%) will receive an automatic failing grade for the course.

2) Students who miss 20% (10 minutes) of class on a given day will be counted as absent for that day.

3) Students who are late 3 times will be given one unexcused absence.

Deportment: Active participation is expected of all students. Everyone should be involved in the disussions that are part of this course. Failure to become involved, thoughtless/rude behavior, or anything that detracts from the learning experiences of other students will hurt your grade. No disruptive behavior of any kind will be tolerated. Students should restrict talking and sidebar discussions. toward the instructor. Any student disrupting class meetings will be required to leave the classroom and considered absent. Use of cellular telephones, pagers, or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during class time.

Assignments: Homework is due at the start of class and will not be graded if they are late. NO EXCEPTIONS: Written assignments should be typewritten and single-spaced. Grades will be out of 10 points as (10 = Excellent, 8 = Good, 6=Adequate, 5 = Deficient). If ETBT/of t = Go5I(e,)4(expe)Pu7(device)-5(is(s)-3(t(at)-4(t)4(end)))

Monday BIOL 1100 Sections A & C: Tentative Class Schedule (Subject to Change)

Date		ClassTopic	Assignment
Jan	9	Science and the Natural World	Student Information Sheet
	16 No Class in Honor of the Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.		g, Jr.
	23	Strategies for Note Taking	Note Taking Reflection
	30	Active Learning (Bring your 1107/1108 notebook to class)	Paper Topic
Feb	6	Reading to Learn Science (Bring your textbook to class)	Textbook Analysis & Book Notes
	13	Meet @theN	

Wednesday BIOL 1100 Section B: Tentative Class Schedule

(Subject to Change)

Date		Class Topic	Assignment
Jan	11	Science and the Natural World	Student Information Sheet
Feb	18	The Breadth of the Life Sciences	Concept Map
	25	Strategies for Note Taking	Note Taking Reflection
	1	Active Learning (Bring your 1107/1108 notebook to class)	Paper Topic
	8	Reading to Learn Science (Bring your textbook to class)	Textbook Analysis & Book Notes
	15	Meet @the Library (back entrance) Tour & Online Searching	3 Scientific Papers
Mar	22	Reading a Scientific Paper	Synopsis of Scientific Paper
	29	Biology Curriculum: Plan for Advising & the Future	Semester Plan for Major
	1	Midterm: Last day to drop a class without failin	g
	7	The Style of Scientific Writing	Background on Organism
	12 -	or	

W riting Guidelines

Objective

These assignments have been designed help you to learn, outside the classroom, through your own writing. Papers are an opportunity to display your knowledge through more than just exams or what you might or might not say in class. These assignments also allow you to show your own style of expression and personal interests, so you should take pride