

BIOL 1100**Biology Freshman Seminar****Spring 2014****Sections:**

A – CRN 21913,

Room 2022 Bailey Science Center,

3:30 – 4:20 Mondays

B – CRN 21914,

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3:30 – 4:20 Wednesdays

Instructor:

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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;

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**Assessments:****Course Grade**

Attendance	60 %	90	100 %	= A
Scientific Writing	20 %	80	89.9 %	= B
Career Plan	10 %	70	79.9 %	= C
Career Slide	<u>10 %</u>	60	69.9 %	= D
Total	100 %		< 59.9 %	= F

Mid-term or in-progress grades: The instructor is required to submit in-progress grades prior to mid-term as posted (2/26/2014). In theory, a mid-term grade is necessary for a student to assess how s/he is doing in cl

Understanding Class Rules and Grading for BIOL 1100
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Basic Class rules:

- I. Disruptive behavior:** No disruptive behavior of any kind will be tolerated in this course.
 - a. Students should restrict talking, questions and discussion to pertinent questions related to course material.
 - b. Entering a classroom late is discouraged.
 - c. Any student disrupting lectures will be required to leave the classroom.
 - d. Any disruptive student who refuses to leave on request will be removed by campus police.
 - e. 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 communicati

- 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.

Sign, date and return this page to the instructor. By signing below you are acknowledging that these course rules were explained to you and that you understand and agree to abide by them as they pertain to this course.

Signature

Date