

Academic Honesty: Members of the class are expected to maintain high standards of integrity. The VSU Biology Department Statement on Plagiarism clarifies common types of academic misconduct. Dishonesty will not be tolerated; evidence of cheating will result in no credit for the assignment or depending on the case, a grade of 0 for the course and letter of concern documenting the problem to the College of Education. Please see end of syllabus for clarification.

Special Services: Students requiring classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability should discuss this need at the beginning of the semester. Students not registered with the Special Services Program should contact the Special Services Office, Nevins Hall 1115, 245-2498.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act: Grades cannot be posted by Name, Social Security N

Assessment of Learning

Class Participation and Attendance : Since more than half of this course involves active experiences, it is not possible to "make-up" missed material; therefore, attendance is mandatory . Absences need to be university approved and will require documentation substantiating the absence. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain missed material from one of their classmates. During lab you will be working in groups or with a partner most of the time. To deduce your class participation, the other members of your group will be asked to evaluate your participation and effort and will form the basis of your participation grade.

Anyone who misses more than 20% of the class sessions will receive a failing grade for the course. Since attendance during

Topics & Course Schedule : Schedule is tentative and is subject to change

<u>Date</u>			<u>Class Topic</u>
Week 1	Jan	13	What is Science? ÐNO LAB
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Week 2		20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Ðno class
		22	What is the evidence for evolution?
Week 3		27	What is Life?
		29	Cells
Week 4	Feb	3	Microorganisms
		5	Fungi
Week 5		10	Test 1 ÐLife Science

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The Writing Tutorial Services website at Indiana University

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/sample/plagiarism.html> states the following guidelines for avoiding plagiarism:

- another person's idea, opinion, or theory;
- any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings, or images of information that are not common knowledge;
- or written words.
- paragraphs of another person's spoken

...their work has become widely circulated and might be found in textbooks is defined as common knowledge. For

...The one exception to the general rule is that in writing your own original work you may use

