





in Banner about a week later. \*NOTE: Some significant graded components for this class won't be due until after mid-term grades are submitted. Therefore, poor performers will have the ability to improve upon these grades, while high performers are ill-advised to rest upon their laurels.

### **Study Tips**

- It is recommended that you form small study groups and study together in the library or other locations without TV, stereo or other distractions.
- Before you begin reading a chapter, make a very quick outline using the chapter subheadings, this will give you some idea of what the chapter is all about and how it is organized.
- You should read ahead of the schedule. So, when you come to class you can ask questions.
- When studying, ask yourself how this information would be applied.
- Come to office (student) hours and ask questions if there is material you do not understand.
- Ask questions in class!

**Laboratory Grading:** The laboratory course schedule is found in the table below. Your laboratory grade is computed as a percentage across categories listed in the table below and more details can be found in the D2L BlazeView (BV) course site. Quizzes lazeView sit2 To4 581.0trself how this information woul.567.22 Tn the table 9(ir

**LABORATORY SCHEDULE (tentative per professor's discretion)**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	Aug. 14–16	Syllabus and Course Introduction; Career discussion with Lokdarshi Lab Students
2	Aug. 21–23	Exercise 1: Introduction to the Scientific Method and Primary Scientific Literature (PSL) – MEET IN COMPUTER LAB
3	Aug. 28–30	Exercise 2: Basic Light Microscopy (and what is a lab report?)
4	Sept. 4–6	<b>Labor Day – NO CLASSES</b>
5	Sept. 11–13	Exercise 3: Observation of Living Cells with Light Microscopy (write methods)
6	Sept. 18–20	Exercise 5: Cellular Water Relations (write results)
7	Sept. 25–27	Exercise 6: Basic Techniques of Biochemical Analysis (write introduction)
8	Oct. 2–4	

**COVID-19 related policy:** As the Blazer Creed articulates, members of the VSU community are expected to live by the high standards of civility, integrity, and citizenship and embrace their responsibility as a member of the Blazer community. In recognition of this responsibility, and in response to the best available science and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Georgia Department of Public Health, while face coverings are no longer required, individuals are strongly encouraged to continue wearing a face covering indoors. **Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Vaccines remain available at no cost for all members of the university community by appointment at Student Health Services. For COVID Vaccines, please call ahead for an appointment at 229-333-5886.**

**Campus Gun Carry Statement (HB 280):** If you choose to carry and concealed weapon on campus, you are responsible for knowing and following the law. Refer here for FAQ: [valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/police/campuscarry/](http://valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/police/campuscarry/)

**Biology Tutoring:** The Academic Success Center (ASC) at Valdosta State University is in the Odum Library and is available to all students. The ASC provides free peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, including biology, chemistry, math, writing, and foreign languages. The SSC also provides free professional academic advising and on-campus job information in one location. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment or visit the website: [www.valdosta.edu/asc](http://www.valdosta.edu/asc)

**General Silliness:** While I would be overjoyed if every student would read this far into the syllabus, I expect most of you will not. Therefore, I will give one bonus point to any student who randomly emails me an awesome photo of their favorite Lepidopteran (what is that?) within the first two weeks of class. With the scientific name (*Genus species*) of said organism in the subject line.

**SOI Statement:**