Valdosta State University, BIOL 1107K, Sections H-O (4 Credit Hours) Principles of Biology I, FALL 2017 Syllabus and Course Policies This course will assist you in developing communication skills as well as information processing skills. These abilities are critical for all students, both those who wish to attend professional school (medical, dental, etc.) and graduate school as well as those who will move directly into the job market following graduation. Your critical thinking skills will be enhanced through analysis of lab exercises, class assignments, and test questions.

Educational outcomes: Listed at the end of syllabus

<u>Assessments:</u> Lecture (75% of final grade) Lecture grade (lowest grade dropped) o Unit Exams (5)

<u>Points</u> 100 each

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LaunchPad Quizzes: You will complete online quizzes via the interactive learning platform LaunchPad that is included with your textbook. Check Blazeview frequently for updates on quiz deadlines.

Final Exam. The final exam will be cumulative, and is weighed the same as the unit exams, the clicker grade, and the quiz grade. Students may choose to drop the final (i.e. not take it), if they are happy with their grade. Otherwise, the final exam grade will replace the lowest of the previous grades.

Grade Scale: For Biology majors a grade of Cor higher is required for this course. A 90-100% B 80-89% C 70-79% D 60-69% F < 60%

Notes on grading: Students should note that a grade of "A" in this course represents an exemplary command of the material covered. To obtain this grade of excellence, it is recommended that students study daily and clarify with their instructor any problems regarding course information, as they arise.

Biology Tutoring: The Student Success Center (SSC) at Valdosta State University is located in Langdale Residence Hall above the Tech Shop and is available to all students. The SSC 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/ ssc.

## General Rules:

Attendance: Attendance in lecture is expected of all students. You will not earn clicker lecture points unless you attend lecture. You will have difficulty passing this course if you do not consistently attend lecture! Attendance in laboratory is mandatory; see lab syllabus from your lab instructor.

Academic conduct: Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and may result in a failing grade for the assignment, exam or the class.

## Lecture Conduct:

- Arrive on time.
- Turn off/ silence cell phones during class and lab.
- Remove headphones and earb

Procedure for exams:

No books, electronic devices, or notebooks will be allowed during exams and students using such items will be asked to leave and will receive a zero for the exam. No talking will be allowed during the exam, but students are permitted to ask the instructor questions.

Each student will be given an exam to be completed and handed back to the instructor.

Students must bring a pencil and will take the exam during the stated lecture time only.

NOTE: You will have the class time only to complete each lecture exam.

Student identification

	Week of	Topics	Chapter
	Aug 14	Studying Life; Chemistry of Life	1,2
	<b>Aug 21</b> 1,2	Chemistry of Life; Macromolecules	2,3

Tentative Lecture Schedule, BIOL 1107K, Sections H-O, Fall 2017