

**Biology 1040 Organismal Biology Lab  
Spring Semester 2020  
Biology Department, College of Arts and Sciences  
Valdosta State University**

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**Midterm:** March 12, 2020. This is the last day to drop this course and receive a withdrawal grade (W).

**Credit Hours:** 1

**Course Description:**

**Grading:** Your final grade will be determined by laboratory quizzes, laboratory reports, homework assignments and daily participation grades. You will be told at the end of each lab what you will be responsible for the next lab period; whether it be a quiz or homework to turn in. **Quizzes are given at the beginning of each lab. If you are late to class or miss the class, you will not be able to make up the quiz.**

**MAKE UP QUIZZES ARE NOT GIVEN SO DON'T ASK.**

If you miss the class completely, you are responsible for the material covered that class period and you must be prepared for the quiz the following class period.

**I will not accept assignments or a lab report from a class that you did not attend. I will not accept any late assignments either. You will receive a daily participation grade. Therefore, if you are not present you will receive a zero grade for the day.**

**Final Grades:** Final grades are based on the following cumulative point totals:

90 100% = A    80 89.99% = B    70 79.99% = C    60 69.99% = D    Below 60% = F

**Cheating and Plagiarism:** Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students. Faculty members should promote academic integrity by including clear instruction on the components of academic integrity and clearly defining the penalties for cheating and plagiarism in their course syllabi. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding

students are expected to do their own work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics. A student caught cheating on a quiz, lab report, or assignment will receive a grade of zero and may receive a failing grade (F) in the course.

**Each student will be required to complete his/her own lab report or assignment for certain lab experiments.** Many of the experiments will be conducted as groups; however, group lab reports or lab reports identical to others in the class are not acceptable. **If two or more students turn in identical or similar lab reports or assignments, those students will receive a grade of zero on the assignment.**

**Disruptive Behavior:** The academic community is under a strong obligation to protect the campus community from disorderly, disruptive, or obstructive actions which interfere with academic pursuits of teaching, learning and other campus activities. Therefore, any disruptive behavior in the laboratory that interferes with the teaching of the laboratory exercises or disturbs other students or faculty will not be tolerated. **Any student that disrupts the class will be removed from the class and possibly dropped from the course.** This student will also forfeit any points toward his or her grade from that day and will not be able to make up the lab. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for more information.

**TEXTING OR USING YOUR PHONE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED DURING CLASS!  
YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASS IF THIS POLICY IS BROKEN!**

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974:** It is illegal to release personal information about an individual to others. **Grades, averages, and other information will not be released to anyone but that individual; therefore, no grades will be posted or given out over the phone or email.**

**Access Statement:** Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The Access Office is located in Farbar Hall. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871 (VP) and 229-219-1348 (TTY). For more information, please [access@valdosta.edu](mailto:access@valdosta.edu).

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	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:00 AM					
8:30 AM					
9:00 AM					
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM					
10:30 AM			Bio 1040 Lab L Doscher 10 - 11:50		
11:00 AM					
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM	Bio 1040 Lab B		Bio 1040 Lab M		
12:30 PM	Doscher		Slaton		
1:00 PM	12 - 1:50		12 - 1:50		
1:30 PM					
2:00 PM	Bio 1040 Lab C	Bio 1040 Lab I	Bio 1040 Lab N		
2:30 PM	Doscher	Castellano	Le		
3:00 PM	2 - 3:50	2 - 3:50	2 - 3:50		
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM			Lab meeting		
4:30 PM			Lab meeting		
5:00 PM			Lab meeting		
5:30 PM			Lab meeting		

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