

**BIOL 5840 - ENTOMOLOGY FALL 2022  
SYLLABUS & COURSE POLICIES**

**Lecture: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.**

**Laboratory: BC 2071 - Section A, (Th 9:30 – 12:20); Section B (Th 2 – 4:50)**

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**Office Hours: MWF 1-2 p.m. or by appointment**

**Course scope and objectives:** This course is intended to introduce the student to the study of insects, their biology, ecology and behavior. Factors contributing to the diversity and success of these arthropods and their interactions with humans will be emphasized. Students are expected to learn the characters used to identify the more common and important North American taxa and to assemble a broadly representative collection of locally-occurring species. These correspond to Department of Biology Educational

may be covered on these tests but students will not be tested in the lab on subjects covered only in lecture. ***All tests are cumulative.*** An insect collection is required. Grading of the collection will include consideration of mounting technique, appropriateness of mounts, condition and appearance of specimens, proper labeling and identification, as well as content (see handout). Specifically, the collection should include a minimum of 4 arthropod classes, plus 15 orders and 75 families of insects.



**Special needs:** Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office (<https://www.valdosta.edu/student/disability/>) for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The Access Office is located in University Center Room 4136 Entrance 5. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871. For more Office or email: [access@valdosta.edu](mailto:access@valdosta.edu). To request reasonable accommodations for pregnancy and childbirth, contact Christina Kidd, Student Conduct Coordinator at [chkidd@valdosta.edu](mailto:chkidd@valdosta.edu). Please note, you will be required to provide documentation from an appropriately licensed medical professional indicating the requested accommodations are medically necessary.

**Administration of online Student Opinion of Instruction (SOI):**

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