

**Valdosta State University**  
Department of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences  
BIOL 1010 C: The Evolution and Diversity of Life  
Lecture Syllabus, Fall 2013

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Course Time and Location : (Jennett Lecture Hall 2211): MWF 1:00 ±1:50 P. M.

Prerequisites : None

Corequisites : BIOL 1020 Biodiversity Lab

Required Texts :



There will be four exams (excluding the final) given throughout the semester. Each exam will consist of a variety of types of questions that will include, but are not limited to, matching, multiple choice, true/false, and labeling. Each exam will count for 100 points, and the lowest exam score will be dropped. If you miss an exam, this will automatically count for the dropped exam score.

There will be NO make -up exams . Only students with a previously-approved, University-related excuse may take an exam early. Your best policy: DO NOT MISS EXAMS!

Final (200 points) : The final is mandatory, cumulative, and of

Student Conduct :

- 1) Children, friends, or pets are not allowed in lecture
- 2) No active cell phones , iPods, or other electronic/multimedia devices in lecture without instructor approval. This rule is in effect at the time class starts, and all electronic devices, if present, should be placed in bags or otherwise out of site. If usage of such items persists, students will be asked to leave. If a student refuses to leave or cannot be convinced to leave by his/her classmates, the instructor will ultimately leave the classroom, and students will still be responsible for material that would have been taught during that time. Repeat offenders may be dropped from the class by the instructor.
- 3) Each homework assignment will have a set number of days during which it can be completed, and students will always EH PDGH DZDUH RI WKH <sup>3</sup>FRPSOHW Online assignments ZLOO QHYHU EH <sup>3</sup>UHRSHQH G´ RQFH WKH FRI closed, regardless of any reason students may provide for failing to complete an assignment. In addition, no student will be provided early access to online assignments.
- 4) Students that wish to bring laptop computers to class should seat themselves so as to eliminate distractions to classmates; if students are using such equipment in a distracting manner (i.e. checking email, web-surfing, listening to music, etc.) laptops will be banned from the classroom for all students.
- 5)

allow up to three (3) business days before sending a follow-up email if you have not received a response.

b) There is a documented positive relationship between how often you attend class and



TENTATIVE Schedule: Subject to change

Date	Topic	Chapter Reading
12-Aug	Course Introduction	NA
14-Aug	What is Life?	1
16-Aug		
19-Aug		
21-Aug	What is Science?	
23-Aug	The Genetic Basis of Biodiversity	7
26-Aug		
28-Aug		
30-Aug	EXAM 1	
2-Sep	LABOR DAY - NO CLASS	
4-Sep	What is Evolution and How does it Happen?	11
6-Sep		
9-Sep		
11-Sep		
13-Sep	What is a Species?	13
16-Sep	What is the Evidence for Evolution?	12
18-Sep		
20-Sep		
23-Sep		
25-Sep	EXAM 2	
27-Sep	The Physical Template of Biodiversity	38
30-Sep		
2-Oct		
4-Oct	Population Ecology	36
7-Oct		
9-Oct		
11-Oct		
14-Oct	Community Ecology	37
16-Oct		
18-Oct		
21-Oct		
23-Oct		
25-Oct	EXAM 3	
28-Oct	How do we classify organisms?	12

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