Biology 4900-Senior Seminar Fall 2018

Instructor: Dr. Timothy P. Henkel Office: 2212 Bailey Science Cen2249-4844 Office hours W 10 - 11 am and by appointment Email <u>tphenkel@valdosta.edu</u>

Course Objective~ (Œ } u š Z h v Œ P Œ µ š š o } P • W x d Z P • Besides demonstrating take the ETS Major Field test in biology and complete the Senior Exit Questionnaire for succes completion.

Pre or corequisites: Completion of all courses in the senior curriculum for the biology major.

Optional Text: Writing Papers in the Biological Sciences, Fifth Edition. McMillan, Virginia.

Course requirements. Ultimately, the course graded as "Satisfagtor "Unsatisfactory". In order to obtain a Satisfactor, you will need to complete all of the following:

- a minimum score fol 40 on the Major Fields Test
- attend 95% of scheduled class meetings and seminars.
- Complete the Senior Exit Questionnaire
- Obtainat least 70% of points from the following assignments and projects
 - o Annotated Bibliography 40 pts
 - o Peer Review 40 pts
 - o GRFP Statements40 pts
 - o Oral Presentation 30 pts
 - o Seminar Summaries10 pts

All assignments are due at the start of class on the assigned date. Assignments can be comple however, no assignments will be accepted after the due datessignments not turned in will receive points. Rubrics for all assignments and projects provided on the course Blazeview website.

Major Field Test: The ETS Major Field Test (MIST) comprehensive, standardized test designed to evaluate the student's general knowledge in the stillsciplines of biology. The test scores will be use to evaluate the effectiveness of the department's curriculum, and VSU'essooill be compared to the national average to identify possible weak areas in our curriculum. Thus, students should take seriously and make every effort to excel on it. Completion of the ETS Major Field Test with a seriously and make requirement, and students who fail to complete the ETS Major Field Test with receive a grade of unsatisfactory for the course.

Each individual student is responsible for contacting the VSU Testing Office (PoWeldstt,affirst Floor, Room 1120,Teephone 229245-3878) and arranging a time to take the ETS Major Field Test in Biology. Students must schedulee Major Field Test blyeb. 212012 A fee is assessed to take the Major Field Test. The Biology Department will pay the fee for each studetatke the test once. Students who fail to score at least 140 on the test must take it until a score of 140 is achieved. The student will bear the cost for any retaking of the Major Field Test.

Seminar Summaries As part of BIOL 4900 you will attend theminars hosted by the Department of Biology Seminars are scheduled for Tues 121300 pm, though not every week will have a seminar schedulsoff (Sign) 2012 (pd Spool) State (ins) 2.2 36 3-20 (e) Access Office Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in the Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 242498 (V/VP) and 219