

**BIOL 1100****Biology Freshman Seminar****Fall 2019**

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**Pre- and/or Co- Requisites:**

BIOL 1100 is required as a co-requisite for all incoming freshmen biology majors before or during enrollment in BIOL 1107.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

Students will learn the following:

- 1) Biology major requirements, general advising, strategies for success, and related career paths from biological research to professional programs. These topics will be covered as indicated on the schedule;
- 2) The basics of the scientific method and scientific writing.

These learning outcomes correspond to the biology educational outcome #1 and the VSU General Educational Outcomes 3, 5, 7 and 8.

**Required Course Materials:** None

<b><u>Assessments:</u></b>	<b>Your Score</b>	<b><u>Course Grade</u></b>
Attendance	50 % _____	90 – 100 % = A
Study Habit Guide	5 % _____	80 – 89.9 % = B
Scientific Writing	10 % _____	70 – 79.9 % = C
Career Plan	10 % _____	60 – 69.9 % = D
Career Slide	10 % _____	<59.9 % = F
ePortfolio	15 % _____	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>	

**All assignments must be typed or they will not be accepted.**

**Attendance:**

Attendance in this course is absolutely required. Each student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences.

**Students who miss 20% of lecture time will receive an automatic failing grade for the course. This equates to four absences.**

**Students who miss 20 % of lecture time on a given day will be counted as absent for that day.**

**Privacy Act (FERPA):** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibit the public posting of grades by social security number or in any manner personally identifiable to the individual student. No grades can be given by email or over the telephone, as positive identification can not be made by this manner.

**Disruptive behavior:** No disruptive behavior of any kind will be tolerated in this course. Students should restrict talking and discussion to pertinent questions related to course material and these questions should be directed toward the instructor. Entering a classroom late or early is discouraged. Any student disrupting lectures will be required to leave the classroom. Use of cellular telephones or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during class time.

**Biology Tutoring/Academic Support Center (ASC).** The following statement was copied from the ASC Website: [Peer Tutoring](#): We provide **FREE** one-on-one and small group tutoring for undergraduate courses for VSU students. Tutoring is available for most core courses and some upper-division courses. To schedule sessions with a peer tutor, stop by the ASC in Odum Library or call (229) 333-7570.

**Students with Disabilities:** 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 visit VSU's Access Office or email: [access@valdosta.edu](mailto:access@valdosta.edu)

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Week	Topic	Wednesday
1	Introduction	8/21
2	Academic Support Center/ Study Habit Guide	8/28
3	ePortfolio	9/4
4	Scientific Writing/Plagiarism	9/11
5	eCore & online courses	9/18
6	Library Session (go to Odum room 3270)	9/25
7	Scientific Writing	10/2
8	BA/BS Degrees in Biology	10/9
9	Careers in Biology Presentations	10/16
10	Careers in Biology Presentations	10/23
11	Careers in Biology Presentations	10/30
12	Career Plans	11/6
13	ePortfolio Presentations	11/13
14	Biology Clubs	11/20
15	Study Abroad	12/4
16	Final Discussion	TBA