

**Biology Freshman Seminar,
BIOL 1100
Fall 2013**

Time: 11-11:50 am
Day: Tuesdays
Room: Bailey Science Complex

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:

- 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;
- 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

Assessments:

Course Grade

Attendance	60 %	90 – 100 % = A
		80 – 89.9 % = B
Scientific Writing	20 %	70 – 79.9 % = C
Career Plan	10 %	60 – 69.9 % = D
Career Slide	10 %	<59.9 % = F
Total	100 %	

Attendance: Attendance in this course is absolutely required. Each student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. Note the University policy regarding attendance: **1) Students who miss 20% of lecture time will receive an automatic failing grade for the course. 2) Students who do not regularly attend lecture, as determined by taking class role, by the proof roll date may be automatically dropped from the class. (3) Students who neither drop nor attend class by the midterm date will receive an automatic F for the course.**

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, pagers, or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during class time.

Biology Tutoring/SSC. The following statement was copied from the SSC Website: "The Student Success Center (SSC) at Valdosta State University is located in Langdale Residence Hall above the Tech Shop and is available to all students. The SSC provides free peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, including biology, chemistry, math, writing, and foreign languages. The SSC also provides free professional academic advising and on-campus job information in one location. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: www.valdosta.edu/ssc."

Students with Disabilities: Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in room Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (voice) and 219-1348 (tty).

Important Dates for BIOL 1100 Fall 2013

- 3 October Midterm. Last day to drop classes*
- 25-29 November Thanksgiving break, no classes

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BIOL 1100, Freshman Seminar, Schedule, Fall 2013. The following schedule is tentative and as such subject to change. If I must make changes, I will post them in BlazeView and also send out an e-mail via the VSU campus e-mail account, so be sure to check your e-mails.

Date	Topic
13 Aug	Introduction to the Department/College/VSU
20 Aug	Student Success Center Seminar
27 Aug	Biology Exam
6 Sept	Library Tour → Meet in Odum Library room 3270
13 & 20 Sept	Scientific Writing
27 Sept	BlazeView, eCore Seminar
1 Oct	Advising, BA/BS worksheet, tracks
8 Oct	Careers in Biology/Slide Presentations
15 Oct	Discussion, 4 year and 10 year plan
22 Oct	Scientific Method
29 Oct	VSU Clubs, SIFE, BBB, AED
5 Nov	Directed Study, Lab Research, Study Abroad
12 Nov	Discussion