

BIOL 1108 Principles of Biology II Syllabus (Fall 2022)

“...Physiology is indeed an explanation of life. What other subject matter is more exciting, more beautiful than the subject of Life?”

Support, Engagement and Success

- I want you to succeed and I will work with you and support you to help you learn the material. Come to my office, ask questions in class, or set-up additional appointments with me.
- However, to learn the material, you must also engage with the course content. Cramming a few days before the exam (or even a week before the exam) is not a good habit. You should go over the material (new and old) each week. Being a full-time student is a full-time job.
- You must be able to evaluate your own actions/study habits and be willing to change how you study. If you don't know what to do, see me or check out the Academic Support Center (ASC).
- There are lots of resources on campus; ASC has tutors available (<https://www.valdosta.edu/asc/find-your-pal-facilitator.php>).
- GUIDES peer mentors will also be available to help you out. More information will be announced next week.
- I've posted a Study Tips handout in BlazeView.
- Get organized...have an academic planner or calendar to keep track of due dates.

Fall 2022 TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE

(Note that this is a tentative schedule so topics and dates covered may change) It is possible that I may have to cancel a class because of a VState Experience. If this is the case, I will post a recorded lecture for you to watch or some other assignment for you to complete.

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Blazeview D2L: Take advantage of the resources on BV, which include the following:

- Check BV for course announcements.
- Lecture slides will be available by ~5:00p.m. the day before lecture (if not earlier).
- I will record lectures and post them on BV. These recordings are not a substitute for attending lectures, but are meant as a tool to clarify content outside of lecture. If there are technology issues, the lecture recording will not be available.
- Grades will be posted in BV. If you have any questions about your grade, see me.

How You Earn Your Grade

To calculate your grade, add up the points that you earn and divide by the total points possible. Multiply this number by 100% to get a percentage. I reserve the right to curve (or not curve) the final course grade (or any exam grade) at the end of the semester. The grading scale is below.

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F < 60

- **Lecture Exams (400 points total after lowest exam grade is dropped):** A total of four (4) 'regular' exams and one (1) cumulative final exam will be given during the semester (a total of 79%

Each student will be given 5 opportunities to re-open the 1st attempt at a quiz. To do this, you must send me an email to tjgrove@valdosta.edu within a week of the due date for that particular quiz, give me the