

**ISCI 2001: Life & Earth Science for Early Childhood Education  
Spring 2013 Course Syllabus, Valdosta State University**

*Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand. ~ Chinese Proverb*

**COURSE INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Life and Earth Science for Early Childhood Education (ISCI 2001 A, B, C, & E)

**Instructor:** Dr. Emily K Croteau (ekcroteau@valdosta.edu; 333-5773)

**Office:** Bailey Science Center 2211 (new addition)

**Academic Honesty:** Members of the class are expected to maintain high standards of integrity. The VSU Biology Department Statement on Plagiarism clarifies common types of academic misconduct. Dishonesty will not be tolerated; evidence of cheating will result in no credit for the assignment or depending on the case, a grade of "F" for the course and letter of concern documenting the problem to the College of Education. Please see end of syllabus for clarification.

**Special Services:** Students requiring classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability should discuss this need at the beginning of the semester. Students not registered with the Special Services Program should contact the Special Services Office, Nevins Hall 1115, 245-2498.

**Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act:** Grades cannot be posted by Name, Social Security Number, or other Personal Identifiers. Grades and student work will not be given over the telephone, by email or to another student.

### **Class Conduct**

The learning environment has a very significant impact on the satisfaction and success of all students. Therefore, certain standards of decorum will be expected and maintained so that everyone can enjoy being in the lab and learning as much as possible. Inappropriate conduct such as rudeness, lack of collegiality, or other behavior that affects the classroom atmosphere negatively will result in that student or group of students being asked to **leave the classroom/lecture hall**. As future teachers, students are expected to exhibit a professional standard of decorum; intemperate language, excessive slang, and poor grammar are not acceptable.

### **Food and Drink:**

Food and/or drink are NEVER permitted in the lab.

### **Cell Phone Policy:**

Cell phone use is not permitted in class (lecture or lab). Cell phones should be put away immediately upon entering the lab or lecture classroom. If you are expecting an important call inform the professor and when you receive the call step outside the classroom. A ringing phone, phone out in plain view, text alert tone or observation of a student using a cell phone will result in a deduction of **1% off the final grade per offense**. Frequent offenders will be asked to **leave the class session**. Any use of a cell phone during a test will result in a failing grade for said test for said student.

### **How to write an email:**

When writing an email to a professor it is important to show respect to both yourself and the professor. The form of the email should be as follows:

Dear Dr. Croteau,

Body of text .

Sincerely,  
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The email should have proper spellin and rammar (



**Ecosystem Topic Choices****Mesic**

Coastal Plains Coniferous  
 Longleaf Pine Savannahs  
 Piedmont Province  
 Ridge and Valley  
 Maritime Forests  
 Appalachian Highlands

**Aquatic**

Lakes  
 Blackwater Streams and Rivers  
 Mountain Springs and Streams  
 Large Alluvial Rivers  
 Sag and Gum Ponds  
 Estuaries

**Hydric**

Swamps  
 Marshes (Fresh water)  
 Bogs and Fens  
 Salt Marshes  
 Carolina Bays  
 Floodplains

**Coastal**

Barrier Islands  
 Tidal Creeks and Rivers  
 Intertidal Beach Zones  
 Dune Areas  
 Sponge and Coral Reefs  
 Open Ocean and Deep Sea (Atlantic)

**Extra Credit:** There will be no individual extra credit assignments given in this class.

**Topics & Course Schedule: Schedule is tentative and is subject to change**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Class Topic</b>
Week 1	Jan	7



