

**Valdosta State University**  
**Organismal Biology – BIO 1030 Section A**  
**CRN: 21897**  
**MW 2-3:15**  
**Jenette Hall 1111**

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**Course Description:** An introduction to modern biology for the non-major with special emphasis on the processes involved in the development and maintenance of complex multicellular organisms.

-Co-requisite BIOL 1040L

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**Prerequisites:** NA  
**Spring 2014**

**Professor:** Dr. Matthew Waters

**Office Location:** Bailey Science Center 1106

**Office Hours:** Monday and Wednesday: 10:30-1:30 PM. These are my officially scheduled office hours; however, you may stop by my office **at any time**. I recommend you email me ahead of time so we can schedule a time where we are both available. If I am not in my office during office hours, check my lab in Bailey 1055 down the hallway across from my office.

**Office Phone:** 333-5760 (If I'm not there, try email or leave me a message)

**Email:** mwaters@valdosta.edu

The best method of contact tends to be through e-mail; however, if I do not respond, it is your responsibility to make sure that I have any needed information.

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**Textbook:** : Biology: Concepts and Investigations, Mariëlle Hoefnagels – 2nd ed.

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**STUDENT EVALUATION:** Your grade will be determined by your performance on (1) Four lecture exams and (2) one comprehensive final exam, as well as, (3) periodic quizzes.

- (1) Each of the four **lecture exams\*** will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions. Questions will come from both the reading material and the lecture material. Each lecture exam will count 100 points, but your lowest lecture grade will be dropped, for a total of 300 exam points.
- (2) The **final exam\*** will be comprehensive in nature. Approximately one half of the exam will be vocabulary while the other half will consist of short answer, labeling and calculations similar to the previous tests. The final exam will weigh more heavily than the lecture exams, at 200 points.
- (3) **Quizzes** will be based on notes.

There will be 14 quizzes, each quiz will be worth 10 points, and only 10 will count toward the total of 100 possible points. I will drop your lowest 4 quiz grades. You may **not** make-up missed quizzes, missed quizzes will count toward the 4 possible dropped scores.

**GRADING POLICY:**

Lecture exams	100 points X 3 exams	300 points
Quizzes	10 points X 10 quizzes	100 points
Final Exam	200 points	<u>200 points</u>
TOTAL Grade		600 points



**ADA POLICY:**

Students requiring classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability should discuss this need with the instructor at the beginning of the semester. Students not registered with the Special Services Program, should contact the Access Office, Farber Hall (245-2498)

**WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSE:**

Students are advised to consult the VSU Undergraduate Bulletin and the VSU Fall 2013 Schedule of classes for information about VSU policies and procedures. *Last day to withdraw is March 6, 2014.* Please note that it is very difficult to withdraw after the midterm.

**FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT:**

It is illegal to release personal information about an individual to