

What has made the natural sciences so effective at unraveling some of the mysteries of life & the universe?
How does the Theory of Evolution explain the History of Life, Biological Diversity, & the Interdependence of Living Organisms?

the unique features of the natural sciences and the characteristics of living organisms.
the evolutionary processes that have been influential throughout the history of life.
the basic characteristics, classification, & ecology of living organisms.

- 1 Completion of reading, *LearnSmart*, Practice, & Pretests
- 1 Short Papers submitted in Blazeview
Based on Text, Lectures, Discussions, & Videos

Online Assignments
LearnSmart

Most students come to class to learn and I will not tolerate behavior that disrupts the learning environment. Come to class prepared to concentrate & pay attention. Since some people may not know what is expected in a college classroom, the following rules should make this clear. If I must stop class and speak to you about a disruption, I may ask to see you after class, and if it happens more than once you will be told to leave. I will not hesitate to refer students to the Dean of Students for repeated offenses.

1. Attend to your personal needs before class and refrain from getting up during class unless it is urgent.
2. Class will start promptly at 9:30, please have your notebooks open and be ready to pay attention and begin.
3. Once class begins, refrain from side conversations. If you are asking about a word in lecture, make it short & quiet.
4. The VSU rules are no eating or drinking in the lecture hall. Water bottles are fine.
5. You are welcome to have your laptops, pads, & phones in class to record lectures, look up terms, and photograph slides. However, this is not an invitation to skype, take calls, or read & send texts. If anyone is bothering you with such behavior report them to me after class or by email.
6. Class will end at 10:40

Learning Management System - Your VSU Account: This will be used for all class communication, writing assignments, and access to various resources. (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/elearning/blazeview-d2l.php>)
 Course Management System - This is a complete electronic version of the book and a

In order to encourage you to see the relevance of the topics covered in this course, there will be six essays required as part of the course content. These assignments also have been designed help you to learn, outside the classroom, through your own writing. Writing is an important



(You can even count up by reading from the bottom if you are a David Letterman fan)

If you want to earn an "A" and/or do well in this course, you need to think about your own approach to studying. You will not even pass unless you work hard so (before you waste your time and someone's tuition money) consider the following: