Attendance:

Attendance in this course is absolutely required. Each student is responsible for all material missed regardless of the reason for absences. Students earn 3.5 % points for each class attended up to a maximum of 49 %.

Students must arrive within the first ten minutes of each class to be given credit for that day.

Extra Credit:

Face masks are required to be worn at all times in class. If all students wear their masks properly throughout the entire period, then all students present that day will earn 0.3 % extra credit for that day. (maximum of 3.6 % for the term).

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<u>Disruptive behavior</u>: 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 or any similar remote communication device is prohibited during class time.

<u>Students with Disabilities</u>: Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The Access Office is located in Farbar Hall. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871 (VP) and 229-219-1348 (TTY). For more information, access@valdosta.edu

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