

**BIOL 1107K - Principles of Biology Lecture I Section B (CRN 83329) – 3 credits  
Fall Semester 2021, M & W 2:00 – 3:15pm, Room 1011 Bailey Science Bldg.**

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**This section of the BIOLOGY 1107 course will be administered through the class VSU Blazeview pages. All**

significant excuse or emergency. Do not assume any exception will be allowed. Missed tests will be receive a grade of zero points. The overall **test average will be worth 80%** of your overall final grade.

*Assignments and summary quizzes will be assigned for each chapter covered.*

***Achieve assignments:*** These assignments will have a deadline and must be completed before the deadline. No points will be given for assignments completed after assigned deadlines. The Achieve **assignment average will be worth 10%** of your overall final grade.

**authorities to assess potential payback of aid funds. If students decide to leave the course, they are responsible for officially dropping the course through the Registrar's Office to avoid potential penalties.**

**BIOLOGY TUTORING:** The Academic Support Center (ASC) at Valdosta State University is located in the VSU Odum Library and is available to all students. The ASC provides free peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, including biology, chemistry, math, writing, and foreign languages. The ASC also provides free professional academic advising and on-campus job information in one location. Call 333-7570 to make an appointment, or visit the website: [www.valdosta.edu/ssc](http://www.valdosta.edu/ssc).

**MID-TERM, OR IN-PROGRESS GRADES:** The instructor is required to submit in-progress grades prior to mid-term. In theory, a mid-term grade is necessary for a student to assess how s/he is doing in class by midterm. In this course, students will have feedback on at least one major test by midterm, several lab quizzes, lab assignments, and any homework or writing assignments. The instructor will, in general, assign an overall average grade at this point on the normal scale of A- herefore carefully evaluate their option of dropping this course by midterm without academic penalty.

**PRIVACY ACT (FERPA): THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)** prohibits the public posting of grades by social security number or in any manner personally identifiable to the individual student. No grades can be given by email or over the telephone, as positive identification cannot be made by this manner.

**ACCESS STATEMENT:** 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 informatio [access@valdosta.edu](mailto:access@valdosta.edu).

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**Maggie Viverette, Director of the Office of Social Equity**, [titleix@valosta.edu](mailto:titleix@valosta.edu), 1208 N. Patterson St., Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia 31608, 229-333-5463.

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## **Tentative Test and Important Dates Fall 2021:**

**Detailed test and assignment dates and deadlines will be posted on Blazeview**

August 16	First Class Day for fall 2021
August 19	Registration for fall 2021 ends (11:59pm)
August 23-27	Attendance Verification for VSU courses that began on Aug 16
August 27	Proof Rolls Verifications due at 9am
September 3-5	Test 1
September 6	Labor Day Holiday (university closed/no classes meet)
September 24-26	Test 2
October 7	Official Midterm for fall 2021
October 7	Students View Midterm Grades
October 11-12	Fall Break (university open/no classes meet)
October 14	Withdrawal Deadline for full-term VSU courses
October 15-17	Test 3
November 5-7	Test 4
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holidays (No classes meet/university closed)
December 3-5	Test 5
December 6	Last class day for fall 2021
December 7-10	