I have an open access policy; I encourage students to contact me whenever they may need help with the course.

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.

This course fulfills one portion of Area D of the Learning Outcomes for Valdosta State University's Core Curriculum: Students will demonstrate understanding of the physical universe and the nature of science, and they will use scientific methods and/or mathematical reasoning and concepts to solve problems.
(http://www.valdosta.edu/gec/ProposedNewLearningOutcomes.shtml)
Specifically, students will:
a. Learn about the nature of science and how to build scientific knowledge;

The final grade depends solely on the student's performance on class requirements during the scheduled class term. There is no "extra credit" during the term nor after it closes. The instructor will not entertain any discussions about grade changes unless there has been a calculation error either during the term or after it ends.

ATTENDANCE and GRADE POLICY: You are expected to attend all scheduled course activities, and active participation is part of your course grade. Because of the nature and structure of the class, attendance is vital to your success in the course. We will strictly adhere to the **Georgia BOR** and **VSU's policy** on attendance which states: "A student who **misses more than 20% of the scheduled classes of a course will be subject to receiving a failing grade in the course**". **This also applies to missing 20% of the course assignments.** Also note that the instructor is required to file the last date of attendance for any student failing the course. This information is used by financial aid authorities to assess potential payback of aid funds.

To calculate your overall grade at any given point multiply each average by the appropriate percentage and then add up the totals. For example:

Test average x 0.75 = +_____
Connect Quiz average x 0.15 = +_____
Connect assignment average x 0.10 = +_____
Overall class score = +_____

grade information. I will post course

Tentative Test and Important Dates Fall 2021:

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