

**Introductory Genetics**  
**BIOL 3200(5200), Section A (3 credit hours), Spring Semester 2022**

**Lecture (BC 1023): Monday and Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm**

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**Office hours:**

Monday 5:00 PM-5:30 PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Wednesday 5:00 PM- 5:30 PM

Friday 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Or by appointment (please send me an email to my valdosta.edu account with “appointment” in the subject line).

**Pre-Requisites:** MATH 1112 or MATH 1113, BIOL

## Textbook

, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, by Benjamin A. Pierce. Editor, MacMillan Learning

## Additional required material

Clicker NXT Device (or cell phone) and a Turning Point Activation Card-6 months (Turning Technologies).

## ASSESSMENTS

**The course assessments will consist of four exams, in-class activities and online quizzes.**

Exams will be taken during class time and must be turned in by the scheduled end of class. The fourth exam will be a comprehensive final. In-class activities will be assessed by using Clickers.

Photo identification is required for all exams.

Exam grades will be posted on Blazeview.

All exams are based on lecture material (powerpoints slides, in-class activities), assigned textbook readings, and the problem sheets posted on Blazeview.

**If you do not attend class on a regular basis and if you do not complete the problem sheets you will not be able to succeed in this course.**

Exams questions are multiple choice, true/false, matching.

If you fail to attend one of the exams for any reason, you must provide documented evidence (e.g. from doctor, police, etc.) that circumstances beyond your control prevented you from taking the exam. Failure to provide reasonable evidence will result in a grade of 0 for the exam. Makeup exams will be admin (c) -1 n4c

will be recorded in class by using clickers and the grade will be posted on the Blazeview Gradebook.

**b) Online quizzes (5 points max)**

**A new quiz will be posted on Blazeview weekly, starting from Friday January 21 . Quizzes will be open by 5 pm on Friday and will be closed at 11:59 pm on Sunday of the following week (9 days later).** Each quiz will have questions on the material covered in class during that week (the two classes covered before the new quiz).

There will NOT be new quizzes offered on each Friday following a test and during the last week of class. The Instructor will communicate to the class any change to the quiz schedule.

You will have 3 attempts. Each quiz question will have only one correct answer. The quiz questions and the order of the multiple answers will be randomized for each attempt, meaning that you might have different questions at each attempt. Note that opening a quiz window without answering will count as one attempt and will receive a grade of zero.

If you miss a quiz you must provide documented evidence (e.g. from doctor, police, etc.) that circumstances beyond your control prevented you from taking a quiz during the time it was open. Malfunction of your home computer is NOT an acceptable excuse. You can take the quizzes from one of the many computers available to students in campus. Failure to provide reasonable evidence will result in a grade of 0 for the quiz. Makeup quizzes will be administered at any time during the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

**Grading**

Test 1	100 points
Test 2	100 points
Test 3	100 points
Test 4	100 points
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Total	400 points

Extra-credit In-Class Clicker Questions 10 points  
Extra-credit Online Quizzes 5 points

Grade Distribution	
Letter	Percentage
A	90 -100%
B	
C	

**Final grade: (Test points + Extra-credit points)/400**

**NOTE:** Graduate students enrolled in BIOL 5200 will have additional assignments and adjusted grade in a supplementary syllabus.

**Behavior in the Classroom**

It is assumed that all students will act in a mature manner in the classroom, showing consideration for peers and the instructor. Any student who consistently distracts other students or the instructor will be removed from the course. **Cell phones must be turned off or set to silent mode in the classroom.**

**Cheating or Plagiarism**

Incidents of cheating or plagiarism will result in **an automatic F for the course and referral to The Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action.** For VSU's Academic Integrity Code please see <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/student-affairs/student-conduct-office/>



**TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE:**

<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
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