

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
SYLLABUS BIOL 7010: ECOLOGY & EVOLUTION – Summer 2022**

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Grade Determination:

Assessment	Points	Grading Scale:
Participation	50	>315, A >280, B >245, C <245, D
Paper discussion presentation	100	
Thesis presentation	50	
Review paper	100	
Peer review	50	
Total Points	350	

Participation: Points for participation will be given based on your preparedness and your contribution to the discussions and presentations. I will be taking attendance for all of our class meetings and points will be deducted for students who are chronically late or missing class. Points will be deducted if you come to class or lab late. If you are not prepared for lab or are disrespectful to your fellow classmates or professor you will lose participation points.

Course Policies:

Title IX Statement

Valdosta State University (VSU) is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work and learning environment free from discrimination and harassment. VSU is dedicated to creating an environment where all campus community members feel valued, respected, and included. Valdosta State University prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex (including sexual harassment and sexual violence), sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status, in the University's programs and activities as required by applicable laws and regulations such as Title 3 IX. The individual designated with responsibility for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries concerning nondiscrimination policies is the University's Title IX Coordinator: the Director of the Office of Social Equity, titleix@valdosta.edu, 1208 N. Patterson St., Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia 31698, 229-333-5463.

Academic Integrity Statement

Cheating, plagiarism, copying and any other behavior that is contrary to University standards of behavior will not be tolerated (Academic Honesty Policies and Procedures). Students caught violating any aspect of the Academic Integrity Code will be penalized in all cases. Penalty ranges from “0” on an assignment to “F” for the course without regard to a student’s accumulated points. Students may also face expulsion. It is the student’s responsibility to become familiar with the policies of the university regarding academic integrity and to avoid violating such policies. By taking this course, you agree that all required course work may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin, a tool within BlazeVIEW. For more information on the use of Turnitin at VSU see Turnitin for Students.

Students with Disabilities

Students requiring classroom or testing accommodations because of documented disabilities should discuss their needs with the instructor at the beginning of the semester. If you need accommodations for an exam, you must communicate this information with me at least 1 week before the exam. Students not registered must contact the Access Office, Farber Hall, Phone; 245-2498. Website: <http://www.valdosta.edu/access/>

Additional Academic Support

The Academic Support Center (ASC) offers all VSU students **free peer tutoring** in core curriculum courses, including math, writing (any subject), chemistry, biology, foreign languages and more. **Please bring your assignments, textbooks, and homework to tutoring sessions.** Also available are **free, one-hour seminars** for help with **study skills, time management**, and a variety of other topics. Visit our office on the main campus, located in Odum Library, 2nd floor, or call 229-333-7570 for an appointment. We also offer 24/7 access to ThinkingStorm, a professional, online tutoring company. To make appointments for either VSU tutors or ThinkingStorm tutors, click the link “Free Tutoring” in Blazeview (under “resources” or “more.”). VSU’s Academic Support Center is also offering online tutoring, see instructions: <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/campus-wellness/documents/asc-online-tutoring-.pdf>

Experiential Learning Statement

This course includes an Experiential Learning opportunity carefully designed to allow students to

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Note: The professor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus as necessary.

June 8th Week 1 Go over syllabus and goals for the summer.

June 15th Week 2 Individual meetings- We will fill in a schedule for the presentations.

June 22nd Week 3 Paper 1 and Thesis 1

June 29th Week 4 Paper 2 and Thesis 2

July 6th Week 5 Paper 3 and Thesis 3

July 13th Week 6 Paper 4 and Thesis 4

July 20th Week 7 Paper 5 and Thesis 5

July 27th Week 8 Paper 6 and Thesis 6