

# SYLLABUS BIOL 2900 SECTION "B"

Spring, 2013

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With a focus on healthcare majors, the objectives of this course are:

- (a) To introduce students to microbiology and the vital role microorganisms play in the well-being of higher forms of life, as well as in causing diseases, mostly as opportunists,
- (b) To learn various groups of microorganisms and what makes them infectious,
- (c) To learn most common infections caused by microorganisms, and
- (d) To learn the preventive and curative measures against common infections.

## **SPECIAL NOTES TO STUDENTS:**

1. In order to respect the privacy of each student, exam scores and grades will not be posted, given out by telephone, or sent to students by email.
2. Students are advised to consult the VSU Student Handbook, Undergraduate Catalog, Semester Calendar, Schedule of Classes, & Registration Guide for information about VSU policies and procedures regarding registration, drop/add, and withdrawal. Students are not permitted to withdraw after midterm except in cases of hardship.
3. Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability should contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities, 1115 Nevins Hall.
4. Cell phones are to be turned off during classes and examinations.

5. Students are responsible for reading and following the Biology Department policy on plagiarism.
6. **Since important concepts are explained in the classroom, missing classes may seriously impact grades.**
7. Make-up examination or quiz WILL NOT BE OFFERED, except under **verifiable** exceptional and unavoidable circumstance. If offered, it will be at the discretion of the Instructor, AND will not carry full earned points.
8. Changes to this syllabus may be made during the Semester.

### **GRADES:**

- (1) There will be periodic quizzes, a mid-term examination and a final examination. Quizzes and exams typically consist of multiple choice, matching, fill-in blanks type of questions, including some open book. However, students may be challenged with questions that may require creative thinking and true understanding of concepts in order to answer them correctly.
- (2) In addition, there may be special assignments and projects which will be announced in the class.
- (3) Vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation of medical terms may be important parts of assignments, quizzes and examinations.
- (4) Lab. portion of testing will be merged with lectur04 (e)6 ( )Tj 0.004 Tc -0.pple c t be i8(f(en)10(t)2(y ))TJ 0.004 T(20aaaaat)2(c)

Week 1	
Subject(s)	Learning Objectives
General course information Introduction to Microbial World Introduction to Microscopy Personal and patient safety in healthcare environment Safety in microbiology laboratory	History of Microbiology, role of microbes in nature, well-being of other living things, science, health and diseases. Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory Safety, hand hygiene Proper handling and use of microscope
Week 2	
The Molecules of Life Microscopy and Cell Structure Use of Microscope, Practice of focusing on human blood components Practice of using oil immersion lens	Characteristics of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells Principles of microscopy, use of microscopes Distinction of various groups of bacteria

Week 6	
Control of Microbial Growth – Disinfection and Sterilization Demonstration of Steam sterilization and Sterility Check Gram Stain of common pathogenic bacteria	Levels of sanitization, disinfection, and sterilization under various situations
Week 7	
Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases in clinical Laboratory - Methods for the direct and indirect, rapid and slow techniques employed in a clinical Microbiology laboratory Demonstration of rapid diagnostic techniques used in a POC or ED laboratory	What is available at the disposal of clinicians to diagnose infectious diseases?

Week 12	
Clinically significant: Gram Negative diplococci – Neisseria, Moraxella Gram Positive Bacilli - Bacillus, Listeria Spiral bacteria – Treponema, Leptospira	Introduction to Neisseria, Bacillus, and Spirochaetes, and their impact on humans
Week 13	
<b>FOURTH QUIZ</b> Clinically significant anaerobic bacteria – Clostridium, Bacteroides	Introduction to anaerobic bacteria , and their impact on humans
Week 14	
Clinically significant miscellaneous microorganisms – Viruses, Parasites, Chlamydia, Mycobacteria, Fungi, Yeasts <b><u>Etiology of common human infections:</u></b> Urinary tract, Respiratory, Gastro-intestinal, Genito-urinary, Skin and Wound infections	Introduction to non-bacterial Microbial pathogens  Agents responsible for most common infections
Week 15	