

**Principles of Biology I Lab Syllabus (Spring 2020)**  
**BIOL 1107L – Sections A: CRN 24667 and D:CRN 24670 – 1Credit**

**Laboratory Section:**     **A meets 10:00 – 12:50 Mondays, Room 1085 Bailey Science Center**  
                                  **D meets 10:00 – 12:50 Wednesdays, Room 1085 Bailey Science Center**

**Instructor:**     Dr. John Elder  
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                          Office hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:00am – 9:00 am, or by appointment. I also have an  
open-door policy so feel free to stop in any time you catch me in office.  
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**Course Description:** Pre- or Corequisite: A laboratory course to accompany BIOL 1107, with exercises dealing with the cellular nature of life.

**Course Objectives:** The goal of this course is to stimulate student learning of these basic concepts and to encourage contemplation of the significance of each concept to the general field of biology.

**Educational Outcomes:**

- Develop and test hypotheses, collect and analyze data, and present the results and conclusions
- Exhibit an understanding of basic biological chemistry
- Describe the evolutionary processes responsible for biological diversity, explain the phylogenetic relationships among the major taxa of life, and provide examples
- Demonstrate an understanding of the cellular basis of life

**Required Materials:**

**Methods and Investigations in Basic Biology, 6<sup>th</sup>**

the excuse or not. Attendance will be recorded for lab sessions. **Students who miss two labs without an excuse or three labs total cannot receive a passing grade for lab.**

**ATTENDANCE 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 **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**" (Undergraduate Catalog 2011-2012, p. 89). 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.

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

**Email:** Email is the simplest and primary way to contact me outside of class and is the quickest way for me to contact you as well. All email should be sent directly to [jfelder@valdosta.edu](mailto:jfelder@valdosta.edu). You are required to check and maintain your Valdosta State University email account. I will only communicate with you through this official email account. Do NOT email using the Blazeview system.

**Blazeview:** We will be using Blazeview throughout the semester as a tool for sharing information. I will post course tentative grades as well as any necessary class announcement and materials. Note that I use the Blazeview site grade sheet **only to report grades** to you. I do not use it to calculate grades. I use a separate spreadsheet. **All official course information is located on Blazeview and students are expected to regularly access the Blazeview website.**

**SOI Statement:** At the end of the term, all students will be expected to complete an online Student Opinion of Instruction survey (SOI) that will be available through SmartEvals. Students will receive an email notification through their VSU email address when the SOI is available (generally at least one week before the end of the term). SOI responses are anonymous to instructors/administrators, and they will be able to access results only after they have submitted final grades. Before final grade submission, instructors will not be able to see any responses, but they can see the percentage of students who have or have not completed their SOIs. While instructors will not be able to see student names, an automated system will send a reminder email to those who have yet to complete their SOIs. Students who withdraw or drop a course will also be sent invitations to complete the Dropped Course Survey. Complete information about the SOIs, including how to access the survey, is available on the SOI Procedures webpage.

**CHEATING:** Students caught cheating will receive a grade of "F" for the assignment in question and possibly for the course. Cheating will be reported to the Dean of Students. From the VSU Student Handbook: "**ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:** Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person's material as one's own, or doing work for another person whinCs1iig01acourse grade. BecQJv3äBQaÑ5q8UQnto b(tu)7e. nBT/ancial airveu30.34 Tm(y)6( )-2(- )-4(s)3(e3(o)-5(

**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 in Farbar Hall**. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871 (VP) and 229-219-1348 (TTY). For more information, please visit VSU's