Biol 1010: Evolution & the Diversity of Life

Fall 2022 Course Syllabus for Section A

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What You Need to Know!!!

Your Grade Depends on Your Effort

Attendance 10%
Smartbook Assignments 10%
Practice & Pretests 10%
KRITIK Writing Assignment Grade 20%
3 Unit Tests Multiple Choice - Each is 10% for 30% Total
Comprehensive Final Exam - 20%

Attendance Is Imperative!!! It will count as 10% of the final grade

You will not understand the course enough to pass unless you are present Exchange contact information with 3 classmates — in case you need something you miss The GTA is completely responsible for all attendance matters

Email him in BV if you have any issues He decides if absences are excused The GTA will scan your ID card, before class, outside the middle entrance on the West side If you arrive after 9:30, you must go upstairs & enter the back of the room Sit in the Tardy Section and you can sign in on the Tardy Sheet after class (3 Tardies = 1 Absence)

for missing the computer check will be made later in the semester If you need to leave early on any day, mention this before class to the GTA

Sit in the back of the room so you can leave easily without disturbing the class.

The Textbook is: Biology: Concepts & Investigations (5th Ed.) Marielle Hoefnagels (2021)

12 Smartbook assignments listed on the Schedule & Posted in BV

These are to introduce/remind you of vocabulary that is important before lecture For Tests, be sure to reread the parts of chapters on what was covered in class

3 Graded Unit Pretests allow you to check your preparation and need to study more

Students Grade Other Students' Written Papers through a Systematic, Anonymous Peer Evaluation Writing is a way for you to learn the science and express your personal opinions
Papers are an alternative to tests as a way to show your effort and understanding
Every college graduate should be able to write effectively!!!

Each Unit will include 1-2 Peer-Reviewed Assignments to evaluate your knowledge

is a new program that will help you write better by seeing what others do

3 Topical Units each culminate in a test (10% of the grade)

These are conceptual, multiple-choice tests with ~75 questions including some seq TJE8MC /10(d)6(e)-

Emails: Please Use My Blazeview (BV) Email for All Class Matters!!!

My VSU email: should only be used if it is urgent

Check Your Blazeview Email OFTEN

Class emails are not text messages and are expected to be written coherently.

My title is Dr. Jones and you should start any email with that included in a greeting.

The first thing you should do is tell me which of my classes you are in because I have several.

The next sentence should contain the reason for your message.

After you explain yourself, you should close the message properly.

Personal Responsibility

You must keep track of all assignment deadlines - late work will not be accepted!! SmartBook & Pretest assignments should be completed early because those deadlines are final If you miss a unit test for any reason, you must notify me within 24 hours

Make-up tests will only be given for legitimate reasons & will be Essay Exams Your grades will be posted in Blazeview, so that you will know where you stand

General Information Everything That Must Be Stated for Everyone's Protection