

Developmental Biology
BIOL 4350(6350), Section A (4 credit hours)
Graduate Student Supplemental Syllabus
Fall Semester 2013

Lecture (BC 2022): M & W 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

Laboratory (BC 2071): Tue 9:30 pm – 12:20 pm

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

NOTE: Please refer to the course syllabus for BIOL 4350 for the description of the course, required textbooks, and schedule of lecture and laboratory topics. Graduate students will receive additional assignments and adjusted grading scale as described below.

ASSESSMENTS

Lecture

In addition to four exams, the students are required to write a review paper on a topic of their choice within the field of developmental biology. The paper topic needs to be approved by the Instructor. The format of the paper is a minimum of 10 pages double-spaced (excluding the references pages), font size 12, 1.25” margins. A mid-term draft of the paper is due on September 30 by 5:30 pm. The final version of the paper is due on November 18 by 5:30 pm.

Students not attending class on a regular basis will be at a significant disadvantage.

Laboratory

In addition to two practical exams and two oral presentations of inquiry-based experiments (see BIOL 4350 syllabus) the students are required to write an experimental paper about one of the three inquiry-based experiments scheduled for the laboratory component of the course. The laboratory paper will be written according to the content and format requirements commonly adopted by peer-reviewed scientific journals. The paper is due on November 22 by 5:30 pm.

Grade Calculation*		
Assessment		Max. Points
Lecture	Exam 1	100
	Exam 2	100
	Exam 3	100
	Final Exam	100
	Paper	100
Laboratory	Practical 1	50
	Practical 2	50
	Paper	50
	Oral presentation 1	10
	Oral presentation 2	10
Total Max. Points		670
Extra-credit max. Points		12

Grade Distribution	
Letter	Percentage
A	90 - 100%
B	80 - 89%
C	70 - 79%
D	60 - 69%
F	≤ 60%