

**BIOL 3850– MEDICAL & VETERINARY ENTOMOLOGY SPRING 2020  
SYLLABUS & COURSE POLICIES**

**Lecture:** BC 2022 (M, W, F 10:00-10:50)

**Laboratory:** BC 2071 (Section A: Thursday 2:00 – 4:50; Section B: Friday 11:00 – 1:50)

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domestic animals and livestock. Diseases associated with arthropods and principles of forensic entomology will be considered. 4 credit hours. Prerequisite: BIOL 3200, BIOL 3250, or permission of instructor; admission to graduate program (BIOL 5850 only).

**Texts:** *Medical and Veterinary Entomology* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2009 by Gary Mullen & Lance Durden.

**Course requirements & grading policy:** Students are expected to attend all scheduled lectures and laboratory sessions, take examinations and turn in reference collection of medically important arthropods.

**Attendance** will not be recorded after the Drop/Add period but students are responsible for all material presented in class. The Instructor is not obligated to provide lecture notes or handouts to absentee students and reserves the right to offer make-false, multiple choice) and subjective (essay, diagrams etc.) questions about material presented

or in the text. **Exams will be retained by the instructor** for 1 calendar year; students may arrange to view these at any time. Laboratory material will be covered by 6 quizzes and 2 practical examinations (specimen identification). Reading material assigned for the lab also may be covered on these tests but students will not be tested in the lab on subjects covered only in lecture. **All tests are cumulative.** Oral presentations

earn up to 15 additional points (added to lecture).

Points for the course will be allocated as follows:

LABORATORY

6 Quizzes: 50 pts (10 pts each, low score dropped)

Exam I: 40 pts

Exam II: 60 pts

Collection: 50 pts

TOTAL: 200 pts

LECTURE

Hour Exams 225 pts

Final Exam 75 pts

TOTAL: 300 pts

The following scale will be used to assign final grades:

POINTS EARNED      GRADE

450-500

400-449

350 - 399

300- 349

< 300

A

B

C

D

F



**Administration of online Student Opinion of Instruction (SOI):**

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 on BANNER. 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. Instructors will be able to view only a summary of all responses after they have submitted final grades. While instructors will not be able to view individual responses or to access any of the data until after final grade submission, they will be able to see which students have or have not completed their SOIs. These compliance and non-compliance reports will not be available once instructors are able to access the results. Complete information about the SOIs, including how to access the survey and a timetable for this term is available at SOI Procedures and Timelines (located at <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/sois/> under “Information for Students - Directions for Accessing and Completing SOIs”).

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