Valdosta State University Department of Biology BIOL 3250: Ecology & Evolution Course Syllabus, Fall 2022

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- Lab completion: Lab attendance is mandatory and you must complete every lab in order to receive points for both lab participation as well as the assignment for that week.
- Cheating: You are responsible for making yourself aware of and understanding the policies and procedures in the Undergraduate Catalogs that pertain to Academic Honesty. These policies include cheating, fabrication, falsification and forgery, multiple submission, plagiarism, complicity and computer misuse. [The policies can be found at http://valdosta.edu under Student Code of Conduct.] If there is reason to believe you have been involved in academic dishonesty, you will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. You will be given the opportunity to review the charge(s). If you believe you are not responsible, you will have the opportunity for a hearing. You should consult with your instructor if you are uncertain about an issue of academic honesty prior to the submission of an assignment or test. All forms of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to collusion, fabrication, cheating and plagiarism are worthy of punishment according to the policy set forth by Valdosta State University. This includes doing your own work on lab assignments. While you are allowed to brainstorm with each other, it is expected that your answers are your own. I will not tolerate any form of cheating.
- Field trip attire: Throughout semester we will collect data and run experiments outside. On days we are outside, I recommend you wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Acceptable clothes include pants, socks, and comfortable walking shoes. You may wish to bring a hat, insect repellent, drinking water, and wear sunscreen.

Students with disabilities: 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 located in

Assessments:

3 Exams (100 points each) Final exam (150 points) In-lecture participation (50 points) Lab (310 points)

Break-down of the 310 lab associated points: Lab simulations (50 points) Environmental Report (25 points) Peer-review (20 points) Grant proposal (100 points) Poster (30 points) Other homework (95 points)

Exam Dates:

- Thursday, February 2nd
 Thursday, March 2nd
- 3. Thursday, April 6th
- 4. Final Exam: Friday May 5th 2:45 4:45 PM

Tentative Lab Schedule*

Week of Lab number

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Tentative Lecture Schedule*

Week of	Krohne Chpt	Lecture topics
Jan 9	**	Introduction to course, Evolution
Jan 16	**	Natural selection, Bloom & Blast
Jan 23	**	Patterns of selection, Other evolutionary processes
Jan 30		

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