

Undergraduate Newsletter
Department of Biology
April 2021 Issue

On behalf of all in Biology, Rachel and Ken wish you the best for the April 2021 year-end period and beyond! The year-end period is undoubtedly a stressful time to finish up the year, so, as always, keep basic stress-busters in mind, especially this year - sleep well, eat well, manage your time appropriately, and talk to others via social media or the like. We are always here if you need to chat about various things. This includes planning your graduation and future endeavours!

We will also take this chance to wish the Class of 2021 all the best the world has to offer, despite the current situation! We will be following your successes and adventures for years to come, so please keep in touch and stay healthy.



We also advise all students to visit the [Faculty of Arts and Science](#) frequently. In particular, the [Important Dates](#) page with updates as information becomes available. Here you will find updates on deadlines, questions regarding summer courses, grades, plan selection etc. Please note this is also the web site we use to help answer your questions.



Free workshops for
Queen's students



Exam prep? SASS is here to help! From April 5-13, we'll help you prep for essay & multiple-choice exams and first-year exams in courses like PSYC100 and MATH121. We also have lots of support to help you manage test anxiety. Learn more about all of our workshops and events on the SASS website: <https://sass.queensu.ca/events/>

PLAN SELECTION 2021 for 1st year students

The plan selection period will open on SOLUS from May 17th to May 28th, 2021.

Check out the Plan Selection page for details (<https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/plan-selection>)

Please do not hesitate to connect with us for further discussions (appointments can be set up using Zoom this year).

NEW FIELD COURSE OFFERING!!



BIOL 307 Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Field Course

Spring-Summer Field Course Offering 2021 (**Instructors: Regan Cross & Chris Eckert**)

This new virtual field course is intended to provide students with an opportunity to explore core concepts in ecology and evolution with local biodiversity. Students will apply fundamental skills in experimental design, observation, sampling and data science. Our hope is that the course will foster a better understanding and appreciation of nature in students' own backyards, which they can carry with them in everyday life.

*The remote delivery of this course will occur through onQ from **May to August 2021**.*



Registration is now open. If you are interested in enrolling, let Rachel Batson (ug.biology@queensu.ca) know so that we can register you manually this year. The 2021 course [syllabus](#) is available through this link.

PREREQUISITE BIOL: 102/3.0 and BIOL 103/3.0 and (registration in a BIOL Major, BIOL Science Minor/General, BIMA Specialization, BIPS Specialization, BTEC Specialization, or EBIO Specialization Plan).

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**Are you going into 4<sup>th</sup> year 2021-2022 – here are a few reminders!**

### **BIOL 537**

Faculty Project Profiles and Application are now updated for 2021-2022 and can be found at: <https://biology.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/courses/honours-thesis-course/>

#### **✚ Breakdown on BIOL 537:**

1. Offer List to be released on the BIOL537 webpage *April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021* (\*late offers will come out after)
2. Students acceptance/decline date is *April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021*

### **BIOL 500 Seminar Courses**

We are currently working on a course teaching plan for next year. We hope by mid-April to have the application and the BIOL 500 course offerings and descriptions ready to send to you.



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Need help with your studies?

Please visit Student Academic Success Services (SASS) at <http://sass.queensu.ca/>. SASS offers academic support to students who wish to develop their skills in critical thinking, reading, learning, studying, writing and self-management.

Wondering how to contact your course program associate regarding work associated with the lab component of core courses?

BIOL 102: biol102@queensu.ca

BIOL 103: biol103@queensu.ca

BIOL 200: biol200@queensu.ca

BIOL 205: biol205@queensu.ca

BIOL 206: biol206@queensu.ca

BIOL 212: biol212@queensu.ca

BIOL 300: biol300@queensu.ca

Important Links



Updates on Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 <https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/fall2020>

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.queensu.ca/covidinfo/>

REMINDERS!

Biology Degree Plans

Review your degree plan requirements and make sure you are selecting courses you need. Degree plan requirements can be found at: <https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/academic-calendar>

Biological Foundations List - IMPORTANT!

It is very important to keep this GPA requirement in mind throughout your program, starting with first year. To be admitted to 400 and 500 level Biology courses, you will need a minimum GPA of 2.0 in any previously taken courses from Biological Foundations list.

The Biological Foundations List is BIOL 102, 103, 200, 212, (201, 202), 205, 206, 300, 330, 334, 339, and 341 (BIOL 302, 303).

To be admitted to BIOL 400 and 500 level Biology courses you will need a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in any previously taken courses from this list.

Helpful Links

[Information on Applying for a Course Prerequisite Waiver](#)

[Arts and Science Academic Deadlines](#)

[Arts and Science Calendar](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

QUBS Quick Links

Website: <https://qubs.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/QUBioStation>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/QUBS_Director

Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/qubsoutreach>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/QUBScam>

Looking for a job? [Quick Link](#)

Looking for study and travel opportunities? [Quick Link](#)

BIOLOGY Undergraduate Office (normal non-COVID-19 operations)

Mon to Friday 9:30am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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NOTE: Use email to correspond during COVID-19 as we are working remotely.

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