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Don’t forget…. Jan. 18, 2019 is the last date to add a winter term course and the last date to drop courses without financial penalty, the complete list of important dates can be found at: https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/important-dates

Are you planning to graduate spring 2019? 
Please be sure to review the requirements for your degree plan/program before the last date to add a course (Jan. 18, 2019). It is your responsibility to ensure that you are meeting the requirements. Please log on to SOLUS to check your requirements. If you have questions please let me know (frenchj@queensu.ca).

NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Awards (USRA): Canada’s Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) underwrites these prestigious awards to stimulate student interest in research and to help cultivate tomorrow’s scientists. USRAs involve independent research and are taken up in NSERC-funded laboratories. The awarding of USRAs is carried out internally through Queen’s Biology. Requirements and internal application form can be found at: https://biology.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/awards-opportunities/undergraduate-summer-research-awards-usra-nserc/

Are you going into 4th year 2019-20…wondering about BIOL 537 and BIOL 500 courses? 
Please make sure you attend our 4th year information session - Feb 4th 5:30pm to 7:30pm, BIOSC 1103

Biology Field Courses – check these out! 
Each year the Department of Biology offers several field courses spanning an incredible diversity of themes including winter ecology, ecology of amphibians and reptiles, lake ecology, avian communication, environmental impacts on aquatic ecosystems, and ecotoxicology. Field courses offer small class size with opportunities to travel across the globe, from the Queen's University Biological Station, just 50km north of campus, to China, Mexico, Tanzania, and beyond.

Field courses are numbered BIOL307/317/327 and are offered at various times of the year, primarily during the spring and summer, and also a few during the winter. These courses typically last 1-2 weeks and are led by various Queen’s Biology faculty as well as our colleagues at Universities across Ontario, through the Ontario Universities Program for Field Biology (OUPFB) and other programs. For more information and the application process please visit: https://biology.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/courses/biology-field-courses/

The Gray Family Student Initiatives Fund (GFSIF) was established though a gift to Queen’s University by Gordon Gray, BCom’50 in January 2004. The GFSIF was established to “provide annual support to any Arts and Science student, or group of students, who would like to write a report, attend a conference, do non-profit work, or other initiatives in the area of preservation of wildlife species.”. The grant guidelines stipulate that “Grants are meant to enable students to
participate in non-credit opportunities that will provide them with meaningful lessons realized by working with others in helping conserve wildlife."

In the upcoming fiscal year (May 2019 to April 2020) the amount available from this endowed account is $16,000. We invite undergraduate students to apply to the GFSIF by submitting an application (up to two pages) with the following information: i) a description of their initiative; ii) how their initiative speaks to the intent of the grant; and iii) a budget outlining the amount requested. An awards committee, with representation from at least three departments/schools within the Faculty of Arts and Science, will rank the proposals and suggest fund allocations, which will then be forward to the Dean of Arts and Science for approval. Once approved by the Dean, the successful applicants will be notified in early March.

Please submit complete applications as a single PDF file to Brian Cumming, Department Head - Biology (cummingb@queensu.ca) by **Feb 15th, 2019.**

**Wondering who to speak to regarding lab work?**
Here is the list of core course lab program associates (lab managers)

BIOL 102 and 103: Barb Vanderbeld (vanderb@queensu.ca) Rm: Biosci 2321B

BIOL 201: Dale Kristensen (drk1@queensu.ca) Rm: Biosci 5603

BIOL 202 and 300: Laura Nagel (nagell@queensu.ca) Rm: Biosci 2321A

BIOL 205 and 206: Fern Gauthier (gauthier@queensu.ca) Rm: Biosci 3321

**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: [http://www.queensu.ca/arts](http://www.queensu.ca/arts).

**Biological Foundations List - IMPORTANT!**
The Biological Foundations List is BIOL 102, 103, 201, 202, 205, 206, 300, 330, 334, 339, 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

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