On behalf of all in Biology, Julie and Ken wish you the best for the April 2020 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 2020 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 COVID 19 WEBSITE frequently. This web site explains what to expect over the next few weeks and is being updated 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. We have also put together a list of upcoming deadline dates that you might find useful, however these dates are subject to change and we ask that you always refer to the links for the most up to date information – the list is found below.

Grades
Because of the COVID-19 disruption, Arts and Science has an additional option available to students. Details can be found at: Faculty of Arts and Science COVID 19 WEBSITE. We encourage you to read the information carefully and consider the future before requesting a P grade. If you opt for the P grade, you will not have the option of changing it back to a letter grade, this decision is irreversible. Look ahead at course and plan requirements and how this may impact your future.

BIOL 500 Seminar Courses 2020-21
Application form, course offerings and course descriptions are now available on our web site. If you are interested in taking a BIOL 500 seminar please complete the form and return to Julie no later than May 15th, 2020.

BIOL 307, 317, 404, 418 Summer Courses
Because of COVID-19 these courses have been cancelled. The biology department will not offer any in class courses May to end of August.

Upcoming deadlines and quick links
Because of the COVID-19 disruption these dates are subject to change and we ask that you always refer to the links for the most up to date information. This list is compiled with information retrieved on March 31, 2020.

Up until May 20
Students may drop a fall/winter or winter term course. Students who have passed a course but
because of COVID-19 complications may apply to have their grade changed to a P(Pass). The pass option is only available to students who have passed the course. It is important that you visit the covid-19 FAQ web site https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/covid-19 to learn more about these options.

April 3
Winter classes end

April 14
BIOL 537 offers will be posted on the biology web site. Please visit our web site to see if you received an offer. Offers are posted using the last 3-4 digits of your student number. https://biology.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/courses/honours-thesis-course/biol-537-offers-2020-21/

April 24
BIOL 537 – if you received an offer please accept or decline this offer no later than April 24. Simply send an e-mail (copy to frenchj@queensu.ca) to your potential supervisor either accepting or declining. If you accept Julie will register you in the course just before course registration begins in July.

April 9 – 24
Winter term exam period. It is important that you visit the Covid-19 Q&A web site for details (https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/covid-19) as well as keeping abreast of things with your course instructors.

April 30
This is the date to apply for spring 2020 graduation. Details on spring graduation and how to apply can be found at: http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/convocation/apply

May 1
Now is the time to think about summer ONLINE course registration, if you haven’t already. Details on registering – add/drop dates for all summer session online course offerings can be found at: https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/important-dates. Please keep watch on this web site for updates. May-June and May-July sessions begin May 11. Please check out the link above for details on the registration timeline for July-August sessions.

May 11
Winter term final grades will be available on SOLUS. The special web-portal for Drop/Pass requests is tentatively scheduled to open at this time.

May 11-20
TENTATIVE Program/Plan selection begins. At this time Program/Plan selection period has not
been confirmed. Please keep watch on the link below for updates.
https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/plan-selection

May 15
BIOL 500 seminar applications are due. Please do not forget to complete and e-mail your application to frenchj@queensu.ca if you are interested in taking a BIOL 500 level seminar course next year! BIOL 500 course offerings, descriptions and application form can be found at: https://biology.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/courses/advanced-honours-seminars/
Return your application by e-mail to frenchj@queensu.ca. Once selections have been made Julie will register you in the course(s), your seminar course should appear on SOLUS just before you get your time ticket to register for other courses.

May 20
This is the last date to drop or apply for P(pass) grade. Students who have passed a course but because of COVID-19 complications may apply to have their grade changed to a P(Pass). The pass option is only available to students who have passed the course. It is important that you visit the covid-19 FAQ website https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/covid-19 to learn more about these options.

July 13-Aug 1
Registration for fall and winter classes 2020-21 is tentatively scheduled to begin July 13. Watch SOLUS for your time ticket. Full details on the course registration process can be found at:
https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/course-registration

July 15
Apply for fall graduation beginning July 15. Follow the two links below for details. https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/important-dates http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/convocation/apply

August 25
Open enrolment begins – add/drop courses!

September 1
You tuition fees are due in full for fall term courses.

September 10
Fall term classes begin for now….welcome back, hopefully!

Helpful Links
Information on Applying for a Course Prerequisite Waiver
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
Mon to Friday 8:30 to noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm
Please e-mail frenchj@queensu.ca