Undergraduate Newsletter  
Department of Biology  
July 2020

We trust that your summer endeavours are progressing productively and are pleasurable. Although the start of the new academic year is a while away, we are busy ramping up for registration. Julie French and I, Ken Ko (Undergraduate Chair), would thus like to introduce you to our Biology Undergraduate Newsletter and welcome incoming 2nd year students to the biology department. This short newsletter is designed primarily as a working tool to help steer us through the time-sensitive intricacies of course selection, registration, and associated decisions. The second priority of the newsletter is to highlight tools and events for career development. Keep these newsletters handy for helpful pointers and timelines. So to begin, here are this month’s pointers.

Course Registration
It is time again to decide on which courses to take for your degree plan. We would advise you to plan carefully by selecting not only courses for the coming year but future years as well, to see how your plan pans out. Review all BIOL course offerings and course pre and/or co-requisites. Course descriptions can be found at: [http://www.queensu.ca/artsci](http://www.queensu.ca/artsci). Note that not all BIOL courses will be offered each year, so take this into consideration when creating your future plan.

We are currently updating our course offering 2020-21 web page, with updated course syllabi (if available). Here you will find a list of courses being offered this upcoming year.

Attention 2nd year BIOL MAJ students! All students registered in a BIOL MAJ BSH degree plan will be block registered in the required second year courses – BIOL 200, 205, 206, 212 and 243. 2nd year BIOL MAJ students will need to use SOLUS to register for their remaining courses for fall and winter term. Normally a 2nd year BIOL MAJ student would also register in 3.0 units CHEM at the 200 level and electives. If when you log into SOLUS you find that you are not registered in the 2nd year BIOL courses (as above) then please add them and if you have problems, please let us know. SOLUS will also allow you to add and drop as needed.

Attention 4th year BIOL students! Just a reminder. If you applied for BIOL 500 level courses, we will register you in these just prior to you receiving access to register for your other courses. We will also register those students who were accepted into BIOL 537, 538, 539 and 541. You should see these courses when you get access to course registration. If you do not, please contact Julie as soon as possible. SOLUS will also allow you to add (as space allows) or drop these courses.

Timetable – Scheduling Courses
The 2020-21 fall line-up will be more or less our normal line-up but with courses being delivered remotely. There will be a mix of synchronous and asynchronous scheduling. Because fall term will be remote, we have moved BIOL 335 and BIOL 401 into the spring term of 2021, BIOL 212 will be offered in the winter term only and BIOL 404 will run as normal during the spring-summer term of 2021.

The University Official Timetable is scheduled to be available to you on SOLUS July 24th.

Every effort has been made to schedule BIOL courses conflict free. This is a complex feat; therefore, it is not always possible to schedule BIOL 300, 400 and 500 level courses conflict free. You may not be able to schedule the combination of courses you have decided on and may need to anticipate changes to your choices.

Note: The Department of Biology does not waive timetabling conflicts. The expectation is that you
are able to attend all scheduled lectures, labs, seminars, and tutorials for each course.

Although various dates are still in flux, here is the latest version of upcoming key dates, such as start and end dates of 2020-2021 terms and the Fall break: [http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/resources/sessional-dates](http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/resources/sessional-dates). Further course registration details and deadlines can be found at: [https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/course-registration](https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/course-registration)

**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/artsci](http://www.queensu.ca/artsci).

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**
- Student job programs go remote
- CLST 204/3.0 Winter Term: Scientific and Medical Terminology **NEW!**

**BIOL_FNDS**
- BIOL 102/3.0; BIOL 103/3.0; BIOL 200/3.0; BIOL 201/3.0; BIOL 202/3.0; BIOL 205/3.0; BIOL 206/3.0; BIOL 212/3.0; BIOL 300/3.0; BIOL 330/3.0; BIOL 334/3.0; BIOL 339/3.0; BIOL 341/3.0; BIOL 302/3.0; BIOL 303/3.0

**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](https://qubs.ca)
- Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/QUBioStation](https://www.facebook.com/QUBioStation)
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/QUBS_Director](https://twitter.com/QUBS_Director)
- Flickr: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/qubsoutreach](http://www.flickr.com/photos/qubsoutreach)
- YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/user/QUBScam](https://www.youtube.com/user/QUBScam)

**Wondering who to speak to regarding lab work?**
*For your convenience, here are the first contact email addresses for the listed core courses.*

- **BIOL 102:** [biol102@queensu.ca](mailto:biol102@queensu.ca)
- **BIOL 103:** [biol103@queensu.ca](mailto:biol103@queensu.ca)
- **BIOL 200:** [biol200@queensu.ca](mailto:biol200@queensu.ca)
- **BIOL 205 and 206:** [biol205@queensu.ca](mailto:biol205@queensu.ca) and [biol206@queensu.ca](mailto:biol206@queensu.ca)
- **BIOL 212:** [biol212@queensu.ca](mailto:biol212@queensu.ca)
- **BIOL 243:** Rachel Eagen ([rse@queensu.ca](mailto:rse@queensu.ca))
- **BIOL 300:** Laura Nagel ([nagell@queensu.ca](mailto:nagell@queensu.ca))

**Program Associates for core courses**
- **BIOL 102:** Barb Vanderbeld ([vanderb@queensu.ca](mailto:vanderb@queensu.ca)) Rm: Biosci 2321B
- **BIOL 103:** Laura Nagel ([nagell@queensu.ca](mailto:nagell@queensu.ca)) Rm: Biosci 2322A
- **BIOL 200:** Anna Rooke ([a.rooke@queensu.ca](mailto:a.rooke@queensu.ca)) Rm: 2321A
- **BIOL 205 and 206:** Fern Gauthier ([gauthier@queensu.ca](mailto:gauthier@queensu.ca)) Rm: Biosci 3321
- **BIOL 212:** Barb Vanderbeld ([vanderb@queensu.ca](mailto:vanderb@queensu.ca)), Fern Gauthier ([gauthier@queensu.ca](mailto:gauthier@queensu.ca)), Anna
Rooke (a.rooke@queensu.ca)  
BIOL 300: Laura Nagel (nagell@queensu.ca) Rm: Biosci 2322A

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.

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