Now that exams are over it is time to relax a little and start thinking about course registration for 2020-21. Over the next month we will work on updating our course offering web page, but unfortunately we cannot give you a heads up on the scheduling of any of our 2020-21 BIOL offerings until the official timetable is released (sometime in June). We are available year-round except for vacation leave. Normally we close for 2 weeks in mid-August (Arts and Science staff hiatus period), we will include the dates in the next newsletter. Below is what we know now, we will do our best to keep you up to date. Please stay safe!

**BIOLOGY COURSES – P(pass) Option**

We encourage you to carefully consider the future before converting winter term grades to Ps. This option is irreversible. Look ahead at plan requirements before deciding. This is particularly important when you are considering changing a course grade and that course is a prerequisite for another required course or a course you may like to take. Keep in mind that prerequisite grades are there to ensure you are academically prepared for the course material. In your 4th year you are required to take BIOL 400/500 level courses. To be eligible for these courses you will need a 2.0 cGPA in previously taken BFL (biological foundation courses – listed at the bottom of this newsletter). If you change BFL course(s) grades to P they will not be included in the 2.0 cGPA calculation. Therefore, the calculation will be based on BFL courses you have taken that have grades.

1st Year students interested in a degree in BIOLOGY
Details and deadlines for selecting a degree plan for next year can be found at: [https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/plan-selection](https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/plan-selection)

Upcoming registration details and deadlines for all students
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)
Unfortunately at this time timetabling information is not available.

The 2020-21 Arts and Science Calendar is now available on the web at: [https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/academic-calendar](https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/undergrad-students/academic-calendar)

Arts and Science important academic dates, deadlines and special events: [https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/important-dates](https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/important-dates)

Incoming 4th year BIOL Students
BIOL 5XX Seminar Courses  2020-21 descriptions and application form is now available on our
web site at:
https://biology.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/courses/advanced-honours-seminars/
Applications are due no later than May 15, 2020.

BIOL 537 – keep exploring!
Although the first round has finished, BIOL 537 is still open for further offers up until early September. If you are still interested, you are encouraged to be independently proactive in seeking and securing arrangements. The advice is to do your homework and be professional with your contacts and interactions with potential supervisors. Biology Faculty have been notified that there are still students seeking a project. If a late offer comes through the Biology Undergraduate Office, you will be notified by an e-mail from Julie.

And let’s not forget about BIOL 538-540 – Research Mentorship Opportunities!
https://biology.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/courses/research-mentorship/

Admission to 400- and 500-level Biology Courses
Admission to 400- and 500-level Biology courses requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in any previously taken courses from the Biological Foundations List (BIOL_FNDS). Requests for special consideration must be submitted to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.

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

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/artsci
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

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