

Undergraduate Newsletter
Department of Biology
October 2020 Issue

We trust that you are staying healthy, managing your academics, and resting properly!

This month's newsletter focuses on **needed changes to the Winter term course offerings** as we continue to navigate these trying times. As you already know, the public health situation is proving to be difficult, necessitating Queen's decision to continue the remote delivery of courses in the Winter term. As a consequence, four Winter term courses were impacted, especially the three hands-on lab courses that we were expecting to offer in person on campus. To help alleviate the impact created and keep your plans on track, we have adjusted the enrolment caps for some courses and added extra courses. The changes are compiled below for your careful consideration so that you can decide on how to adjust your Winter Term 2021 programs accordingly when registration opens up. Please feel free to contact us (Julie French and Ken Ko) for advice and help.

Although slow in appearing, this issue also marks the start of this year's career-building opportunities, such as graduate studies, fellowships and research awards.

Advice for Planning the Revised 2021 Winter Term

This academic year is surely one to remember with challenges and uncertainties for all. As the public health situation continues to be difficult going into the new year, a few changes were made to the Winter term courses. These changes are provided below as a quick reference list and in schedule format.

The University has advised all students returning to campus from out of town in winter to self-isolate for two weeks, starting 4 January. The first week of classes starting 11 January will be remote and on-campus elements will begin the week of 18 January.

The large hands-on lab course, BIOL212 will be **cancelled** because the course is not amendable for remote delivery at this scale. Two other initially on-campus courses, BIOL402 and 411, have been converted to remote delivery and remain as previously scheduled for the Winter term. **Be aware that students registered in BIOL212 will be unenrolled by the Registrar to allow you space to select another course.**

Be reminded that BIOL212 is flexible with respect to when it can be taken in a plan, e.g., later years. This is thus a feature used to help manage this year's cancellation of this core course. We certainly hope to be back to our double offering per year again with enhanced numbers of spots in the following academic year.

We have added two courses to the Winter term and ready to adjust enrolment caps of other courses to help alleviate the impact. Our advice is to compensate for the cancellation of BIOL212 by considering a replacement course from the "getting ahead" set of 2nd and 3rd year core courses, BIOL243, 334, and 341, or the set of 3rd year Options courses, BIOL315, 316, 322, 331, and 335. These courses can be addressed this year instead and BIOL212 can be taken next year in exchange.

The continuation of remote delivery in the Winter term also means that some courses, such as BIOL103 and 200, need to adjust the scheduling of labs and tutorials. Scheduling adjustments will appear in SOLUS. You are advised to review your timetables.

List of Changes to the Winter Term 2021 Course Offerings

1. BIOL212 will be cancelled for the Winter term.
2. BIOL411 (Global Change Biology) will now be remote delivery instead of being on campus for this new course.
3. BIOL402 will now be remote delivery instead of being in person on campus.
4. BIOL403 is being planned for on-campus delivery as scheduled for the Winter term. On-campus delivery is contingent on the current and evolving guidelines from KFL&A Public Health.
5. BIOL321 remains as scheduled as an online course for the 12-week Spring-Summer term.
6. BIOL401 remains an on-campus course for the 6-week Spring term at this point.
7. BIOL404 remains as two on-campus offerings for the Spring and Summer terms at this point.
8. BIOL315 (Plants and Human Culture) is now being offered in the Winter Term 2021 (remote delivery). This is a new course offering.
9. BIOL335 (Limnology and Aquatic Ecology) has been re-scheduled from the Spring on-campus version to the Winter Term 2021 and remotely delivered instead. This is effectively a new course offering for the Winter term.
10. The enrolment caps have been increased for what we categorize as the set of “getting ahead” core courses, BIOL243, BIOL334, and BIOL341, as well as for the Options course BIOL322.
11. Enrolments for other courses will be adjusted as needed. Many of the other 2nd and 3rd year courses are not fully subscribed at this time.
12. The Winter terms for BIOL537, 538-540, and 541 students are expected to occur in person by the Faculty of Arts and Science wherever approved by the faculty supervisor’s individual Return to Campus/Work application(s). Access is governed by the safety guidelines in place. Where needed, access can be full, partial, limited, or periodic. **Note that access to a research facility is subject to the supervisor’s decision to accommodate, i.e. the decision rests with the individual faculty supervisor. You are advised to work with your supervisor.**

Winter Term 2021 (Remote)	Spring and/or Summer Term 2021 (Planned for On-campus and Online)
BIOL103 (Remote)	
BIOL111 (Remote)	
BIOL200 (Remote)	
BIOL206 (Remote)	
BIOL212 (On-campus course) CANCELLED FOR WINTER TERM	
BIOL243 (Online)	
BIOL315 (Remote) NEW OFFERING	
BIOL316 (Remote)	
	BIOL321 (Online Only)

BIOL322 (Remote)	
BIOL331 (Remote)	
BIOL334 (Remote)	
BIOL335 (Now Remote) RE-SCHEDULED FROM SPRING TERM	
BIOL341 (Remote)	
	BIOL401 Spring Only (6 weeks)
BIOL402 (Remote) NOW REMOTE DELIVERY	
BIOL403 (On-campus offering) STILL ON-CAMPUS DELIVERY	
	BIOL404 (Spring and Summer)
BIOL411 (Remote) NOW REMOTE DELIVERY	
BIOL422 (Remote)	
BIOL430 (Remote)	
BIOL432 (Remote)	
BIOL442 (Remote)	
BIOL505 (Remote)	
BIOL508 (Remote)	
BIOL509 (Remote)	
BIOL527 (Remote)	
BIOL530 (Remote)	
BIOL537 (On-campus research) SUPERVISOR'S DECISION	BIOL537
BIOL538-540 (On-campus research) SUPERVISOR'S DECISION	BIOL538-540
BIOL541 (On-campus research) SUPERVISOR'S DECISION	

Wondering about how many courses you can take from other Faculties and Schools towards your degree plan/program?

A maximum of 6.0 units from courses offered by other Faculties and Schools may be counted towards the Program and/or Plan requirements of any degree in the Faculty of Arts and Science, in addition to any such courses allowed as either Core or Option course requirements.

The courses listed in the document below are approved for students in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

<https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/students-at-queens/academic-calendar#section-courses-of-instruction>

Not sure if you have picked up the right courses for your degree plan?

It is important that you check your degree plan/program requirements before this year's special November add/drop date (November 2, 2020) to ensure you are on target. Please review your degree plan/program requirements using SOLUS. This is a great tool and will help keep you on track. January 22, 2021 is the last day to add winter classes or drop without financial penalty.

Biological Foundations List Requirement – IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THROUGHOUT YOUR PROGRAM!

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).

Thinking of Graduate Studies?



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Virtual Graduate Studies Fair

Thinking perhaps of doing a graduate degree? Then Queen's School of Graduate Studies would like to invite you to peruse the many graduate programs we have to offer. Take this opportunity to listen to presentations, ask questions, watch videos and chat with faculty, staff and current graduate students. Check out the Graduate Studies Fair at <https://www.queensu.ca/sgs/gradfair>.

When: October 28th, 2020

Timing: 11am- 3pm EST (8am - 12noon Pacific Time, 12noon - 4pm Atlantic Time)

Registration Is Open: Use this link - <https://hopin.to/events/virtual-graduate-studies-fair>

Note: When registering you have the option of registering for a specific faculty (perhaps your main interest) or general. Regardless of which ticket you check, you will have access to all graduate programs within each Faculty and the School of Graduate Studies.

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/>

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