Barnard College
Department of Biological Sciences
Program Planning Packet
Fall 2022
Upcoming Events & Announcements

To receive recordings of our upcoming events, email the department administrator, Melissa Flores (mflores@barnard.edu).

Events

Program Planning (Fall 2022)
Fri, March 22nd | 2 pm ET | Zoom
To receive the Zoom link to learn more about the biology major as well as to hear about our course offerings for fall 2022, RSVP by 5 pm on Thurs, Mar 24th

Annual Majors’ Toast
Fri, Apr 1st | 1 pm ET | Altschul Atrium
To join us for a “champagne” toast to our newly declared majors and graduating seniors, RSVP by 5 pm on Thurs, Mar 31st

Seminar & Coffee Hour with Dr. Eliezer Calo
Fri, Apr 8th | 9 am ET | Zoom for non-introductory biology students (Seminar)
Fri, Apr 8th | 12 pm ET | Elliot Hall – Bella & Elsa S. Mehler Parlor & Zoom (Coffee Hour)
To join us in person for the coffee hour, RSVP by 5 pm on Thurs, Apr 7th

NY Honey Tasting
Fri, Apr 22nd | 1 pm ET | Altschul Atrium
In lieu of our annual honey extraction, we will be hosting a honey tasting featuring honey produced by the Barnard Bees and by bees throughout NYC. RSVP by 5 pm on Thurs, Apr 21st

Annual Biology Research Symposium
Tues, May 3rd | 9 am ET | Diana Center Event Oval
Join our incredible Senior Thesis Research & Seminar and Guided Research & Seminar students on Zoom or at the Diana Center Event Oval at the culmination of a yearlong lab research project. RSVP by 5 pm on Mon, May 2nd

This year, the Barnard Biology Anti-Racism Working Group has been meeting on a semi-monthly basis. To join the working group and/or sign up for our listserv, fill out our Working Group Interest Form.

Student Employment Opportunities

The following courses are seeking Teaching and/or Lab Assistants! We will also be hiring student office assistants.

- BIOL BC1001 Revolutionary Concepts in Biology
- BIOL BC1500 Introduction to Organismal & Evolutionary Biology
- BIOL BC1501 Introductory Lab in Organismal & Evolutionary Biology
- BIOL BC2100 Molecular & Mendelian Genetics
- BIOL BC2500 MATLAB for Scientists
- BIOL BC3303 Lab in Molecular Biology
- BIOL BC3310 Cell Biology
- BIOL BC3354 Laboratory in Embryology

Once the job listings have been posted on our Student Employment page, you’ll be able to submit an application through Workday, so check this page frequently! We will aim to have listings up the week after early class registration closes.
# BIOLOGY MAJORS-LEVEL COURSES OFFERED FALL 2022

Visit the [CU Directory of Classes](#) for course descriptions, caps, and pre-requisite information

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<td>Plant Evolution &amp; Diversity</td>
<td>Hilary Callahan</td>
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<td>Microbiology</td>
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<td>Molecular &amp; Cellular Neuroscience</td>
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**UPPER-LEVEL LABS**

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<td>Jessica Goldstein, JJ Miranda, &amp; Alison Pischedda</td>
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### Senior Capstone Requirement

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*BIOL BC2500 may count as an upper-level lab for the GB, C&M, P&O, and E&E tracks, or as an upper-level elective in the C&M, P&O, E&E, and CB-COMP categories, but cannot fulfill a breadth requirement.

***Full-year courses; BIOL BC3591–BC3592 & BIOL BC3593–BC3594 can only be taken in a fall to spring sequence. Enrollment in BIOL BC3592 or BIOL BC3594 is required in spring 2023.

### BIOLOGY NON-MAJORS-LEVEL COURSES OFFERED SPRING 2022

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<td>Guided Research**</td>
<td>Sign up for your internal advisor’s section</td>
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*Only open to students in the Science Pathways Scholars Program.

**In order to sign up for a section of Guided Research, you must submit a Project Approval Form by Sept. 26th for the fall semester.
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We encourage students to frequently visit our [AY22–23 Course Offerings](#) page for the most up to date information on this year’s courses.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR BIOLOGY MAJORS**

There are five ways to complete a major in Biology. A student can obtain a General Biology Major or may complete one of the three major tracks that concentrate on a specific level of biological organization: Cellular and Molecular; Physiological and Organismal; or Ecological and Evolutionary. A fifth track in Computational Biology involves a distinctive mix of biology lecture and lab courses in addition to courses in computation. All tracks within the major must fulfill common foundational and senior capstone requirements outlined in this packet.

- **Introductory Biology and Genetics**
  All Biology majors must complete the 1500-level introductory sequence followed by a course in Genetics:
  - BIOL BC1500 Introduction to Organismal and Evolutionary Biology*
  - BIOL BC1501 Introductory Lab in Organismal and Evolutionary Biology**
  - BIOL BC1502 Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology*
  - BIOL BC1503 Introductory Lab in Cell and Molecular Biology**
  - BIOL BC 2100 Molecular and Mendelian Genetics (or BIOL UN3031 Genetics)

*Beginning in fall 2020, all students enrolled in the 3-point BIOL BC1500 (fall) & BIOL BC1502 (spring) lectures will be required to enroll in a 0-point 50-minute discussion section (BIOL BC1510 for fall & BIOL BC1512 for spring). These weekly sessions will cover topics ranging from how to read a scientific journal article to how science impacts society. **Enrollment in the asynchronous BIOL BC1511/1513 Recitation is mandatory to enroll in lab.

Students without a high-school biology background may begin the introductory sequence with BIOL BC1002 Global Health and Ecology and the co-requisite lab BIOL BC1012 in the fall of their freshman year followed by BIOL BC1502 in the spring and BIOL BC1500 in the fall of their sophomore year.

Students pursuing a Computational Biology track have the additional pre-requisite requirements of one introductory course to learn a coding language and one introductory course in statistics, balanced by an exemption from the chemistry requirements detailed below. The courses that can fulfill these requirements include:

- **Introductory Computing Courses:**
  - COMS W1004 Introduction to Computer Science and Programming in Java
  - COMS BC1016 Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science
  - ENGI E1006 Introduction to Computing for Engineers and Applied Scientists (taught in Python)
**Introductory Statistics Courses:**

- STAT UN1010 Statistical Thinking for Data Science with Python Labs
- STAT UN1101 Introduction to Statistics
- STAT UN2102 Applied Statistical Computing
- NSBV BC2002 Statistics and Experimental Design
- EEEB UN3005 Introduction to Statistics for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

It is recommended, but not required, that Genetics be taken immediately after completing the 1500-level introductory sequence, as it is a pre-requisite for many upper-level lectures & laboratories, particularly those in the Cellular & Molecular track. However, there are many courses, such as BIOL BC2280 Animal Behavior, BIOL BC2272 Ecology, or BIOL BC3360 Physiology, that do not require Genetics, which a student may take as early as their sophomore year.

**Five Upper-level Elective Courses**

All Biology majors must complete five upper-level courses, with category distribution requirements listed in the table below, followed by courses that fulfill each category.

- To complete the General Biology Major, the five courses must include at least one course from each of the three categories (C&M, P&O, and E&E); including a course in computation is recommended, but not required.

- To complete one of the four tracks, at least four courses must be from the appropriate category and, as a breadth requirement, at least one must be from another category.

Although some courses are listed in multiple categories, a student can only use a course toward one of the categories. Additional Columbia Biological Sciences and Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology (E3B) courses that can be used to fulfill the major requirements are provided on the Course Listings page. If a student completes courses that make them eligible for more than one of the five major tracks, then they may select which one is reflected on their transcript.

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<td>General Biology (GB)</td>
<td>Five courses with at least one course from each of the three categories (C&amp;M, P&amp;O, and E&amp;E) + any three upper-level biology labs (two of which can be fulfilled with a yearlong Research &amp; Seminar course)</td>
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<td>Cell &amp; Molecular Biology (C&amp;M)</td>
<td>Four courses from the C&amp;M category + one from another category (P&amp;O or E&amp;E) + any three upper-level biology labs (two of which can be fulfilled with a yearlong Research &amp; Seminar course)</td>
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<td>Physiology &amp; Organismal Biology (P&amp;O)</td>
<td>Four courses from the P&amp;O category + one from another category (C&amp;M or E&amp;E) + any three upper-level biology labs (two of which can be fulfilled with a yearlong Research &amp; Seminar course)</td>
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Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (E&E)  
Four courses from the E&E category + one from another category (C&M or P&O) + any three upper-level biology labs (two of which can be fulfilled with a yearlong Research & Seminar course)

Computational Biology (CB)  
Four computing courses from the CB-COMP category + one course from the CB-BIOL category + one upper-level biology lab listed in the following section

Categories of Upper-level Elective Courses in the Biology Major  
(See pages 3–4 of this packet for Biology courses offered in Fall 2022)

Visit our Columbia & E3B Course Listings for a comprehensive list of Columbia Courses that count toward the major.

**Cellular & Molecular Biology (C&M):**

- BIOL BC2278  Evolution
- BIOL BC2490  Coding in Biology
- BIOL BC3308  Introduction to Microbial Genomics (formerly called Genomics and Bioinformatics)
- BIOL BC3304  Topics in Molecular Genetics
- BIOL BC3310  Cell Biology (or BIOL UN3041 Cell Biology)
- BIOL BC3320  Microbiology
- BIOL BC3352  Development (or BIOL UN3022 Developmental Biology)
- BIOL BC3362  Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience
- CHEM BC3282  Biological Chemistry (or BIOL UN3300 Biochemistry or BIOC UN3511 Biochemistry I: Structure & Metabolism)
- BIOL UN3004  Neurobiology I: Cellular & Molecular Neurobiology
- BIOL UN3034  Biotechnology
- BIOL UN3073  Cellular and Molecular Immunology
- BIOL UN3310  Virology
- BIOL UN3512  Molecular Biology

**Physiological & Organismal Biology (P&O):**

- BIOL BC2280  Animal Behavior
- BIOL BC3320  Microbiology
- BIOL BC3352  Development (or BIOL UN3022 Developmental Biology)
- BIOL BC3360  Physiology (or BIOL UN3006 General Physiology)
- BIOL W3005  Neurobiology II: Development & Systems
- EEEB UN3011  Behavioral Biology of Living Primates (EEEB UN1011 is NOT equivalent)
- EEEB UN3208  Explorations in Primate Anatomy
- EEEB W4112  Ichthyology
Ecological & Evolutionary Biology (E&E):

- BIOL BC2240  Plant Evolution and Diversity
- BIOL BC2272  Ecology
- BIOL BC2278  Evolution
- BIOL BC2280  Animal Behavior
- BIOL BC3380  Applied Ecology and Evolution
- BIOL BC3320  Microbiology
- EEEB UN3005  Introduction to Statistics for Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
- EEEB UN3087  Conservation Biology
- EEEB UN3220  The Evolution of Human Growth & Development
- EEEB UN3970  Biological Basis of Human Variation
- EEEB W4110  Coastal Estuarine Ecology
- EEEB W4111  Ecosystem Ecology and Global Change

Computational Biology—Computing (CB-COMP):

- EESC BC3050  Big Data with Python: Python for Environmental Analysis & Visualisation
- EESC GU4050  Remote Sensing
- COMS W3134  Data Structures in Java
- CBMF W4761  Computational Genomics
- PUBH UN3400  Data Science and Health Equity in New York
- BIOL BC2490  Coding in Biology
- BIOL BC2500  MATLAB for Scientists
- BIOL BC2841  Laboratory in Plant Evolution and Diversity
- BIOL BC3308  Introduction to Microbial Genomics (formerly called Genomics and Bioinformatics)
- BIOL BC3590  Senior Seminar: Bacteria by Design*

*Different topics for this course are taught each semester. Only Bacteria by Design will fulfill this requirement. This class may count as either an upper-level elective course OR the senior capstone experience.

Computational Biology—Biology (CB-BIOL)*:

- BIOL BC3304  Topics in Molecular Genetics
- BIOL BC3310  Cell Biology (or BIOL UN3041 Cell Biology)
- BIOL BC3320  Microbiology
- BIOL BC3352  Development (or BIOL UN3022 Developmental Biology)
- BIOL BC3360  Physiology (or BIOL UN3006 General Physiology)
- BIOL BC3362  Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience
- BIOL BC3380  Applied Ecology & Evolution

*Ask an advisor about new or less frequently taught 3000-level courses at Barnard or Columbia, or about transfer or study-abroad credit.

Three Upper-level Laboratory Courses

While students pursuing the Computational Biology track are required to take only one upper-level lab from the list on the following page, students pursuing any of the other four tracks are required to take three upper-level lab courses. Students in the General Biology, C&M, P&O, and E&E tracks may take any upper-level Barnard Biology lab courses for which they meet the pre- or co-requisites.

Often, a lab course requires that a student have taken a pre-requisite lecture offered in the opposite semester (though sometimes, the lecture may be offered as a co-requisite in the same semester). Many, of the upper-level labs frequently offered in the Barnard Biology Department are provided in the list below. A yearlong research & seminar course may substitute up to two lab courses, as described below.
As is true for lectures, students may also take laboratory courses at Columbia (or other institutions) to satisfy the lab requirement, with permission from the Associate Chair.

- **Guided Research and Seminar (BIOL BC3591 & BIOL BC3592)**
  Enrollment in the yearlong Guided Research and Seminar course can be used to fulfill up to two upper-level labs in all tracks except for Computational Biology. This course is only available as a fall to spring sequence. Seniors may not enroll simultaneously in Guided Research and Seminar if they are enrolled in Senior Thesis Research and Seminar (see below). In Guided Research and Seminar, students complete an original research project in a lab, and both write a scientific paper and give a poster presentation of their work at the Annual Barnard Biology Research Symposium. For more information, visit our [Undergraduate Research](#) page.

- **Upper-level Lab Courses for Computational Biology Track:**
  - BIOL BC3303 Laboratory in Molecular Biology
  - BIOL BC3305–BC3306 Project Laboratory in Molecular Genetics (yearlong course)
  - BIOL BC3311 Laboratory in Cell Biology
  - BIOL BC3321 Laboratory in Microbiology
  - BIOL BC3361 Laboratory in Physiology
  - BIOL BC3363 Laboratory in Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience

- **Commonly Offered Upper-level Lab Courses for GB, C&M, P&O, and E&E Tracks:**
  - BIOL BC2281 Laboratory in Animal Behavior
  - BIOL BC2490 Coding in Biology*
  - BIOL BC2500 MATLAB for Scientists**
  - BIOL BC2801 Laboratory in Genetics
  - BIOL BC2841 Laboratory in Plant Evolution and Diversity
  - BIOL BC2873 Laboratory in Ecology
  - BIOL BC3303 Laboratory in Molecular Biology
  - BIOL BC3305–BC3306 Project Laboratory in Molecular Genetics (yearlong course)
  - BIOL BC3311 Laboratory in Cell Biology
  - BIOL BC3321 Laboratory in Microbiology
  - BIOL BC3354 Laboratory in Embryology
  - BIOL BC3361 Laboratory in Physiology
  - BIOL BC3363 Laboratory in Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience
  - BIOL BC3591–BC3592 Guided Research & Seminar

*Coding in Biology can count either as an upper-level lab for the GB, C&M, P&O, and E&E tracks, or as an upper-level elective in the C&M or CB-COMP categories.

**MATLAB for Scientists can count either as an upper-level lab for the GB, C&M, P&O, and E&E tracks, or as an upper-level elective in the C&M, P&O, E&E, and CB-COMP categories, but cannot fulfill a breadth requirement.
Senior Capstone Experience

All Biology majors must complete the Senior Capstone Experience with either of the following two options:

1. One semester of **Senior Seminar (BIOL BC3590)**
   
   In Senior Seminar, students participate in a seminar focusing on primary literature, and both compose and give a presentation on a senior thesis in the format of a literature review. Topics vary from semester to semester. Computational Biology majors who use Senior Seminar for their senior capstone must take Professor Lopatkin’s Bacteria by Design topic.

   **Fall 2022 Topic: Regenerative Biology**

   This seminar will explore the cellular behavior that underlies complex tissue maintenance and repair. Student discussion and presentations will center on primary literature examining different regenerative model systems, such as zebrafish, salamander, and mouse. This course will explore topics in tissue homeostasis, injury repair, and organ regeneration. In addition, we will discuss new concepts in regenerative medicine including *in vitro* systems and stem cell applications for human disease therapies.

   **Spring 2023 Topic: Bacteria by Design**

   In this course, students will explore in-depth the field of synthetic biology with a focus on engineered bacteria. Topics include fundamental design principles, environmental and clinical applications, as well as ethical implications.

2. The yearlong **Senior Thesis Research and Seminar (BIOL BC3593 & BIOL BC3594)**

   In Senior Thesis Research and Seminar, students complete an original research project in a lab, and both write a scientific paper and orally present their work at the Barnard Biology Research Symposium. This course is only available as a fall to spring sequence. For more information, visit our [Undergraduate Research](#) page.

   **Note:** Seniors enrolled in Guided Research and Seminar to fulfill two upper-level labs for their major cannot take Senior Thesis Research and Seminar at the same time. Instead, they must complete their senior capstone experience with BIOL BC3590 Senior Seminar.

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**Chemistry Requirement**

Majors in all tracks must complete at least one semester of General Chemistry (with laboratory) and at least one semester of Organic Chemistry (with laboratory). Students pursuing a major in the Computational Biology track are exempt from these requirements to balance their required introductory courses in computing and statistics. To see which courses will be offered in fall 2022, we encourage students to visit the [CU Directory of Classes](#) pages for Chemistry at Barnard and at Columbia. Equivalent courses at Columbia may be taken in lieu of the Barnard Chemistry CHEM BC2001 + CHEM BC2012 General Chemistry lecture + lab (offered in the fall only) and CHEM BC3230 + CHEM BC3328 Organic Chemistry lecture + lab (offered in the spring only) courses.

This is an important topic to discuss early with your advisor.
REQUIREMENTS FOR BIOLOGY MINORS

A minor in biology includes:

- One year of introductory biology (BIOL BC1500, BC1501, BC1502, BC1503).
- Three biology lecture courses at the BIOL BC2100 level or higher.
- Two biology laboratory courses. The lab courses may be replaced by two semesters of Guided Research and Seminar (BIOL BC3591 & BIOL BC3592).

*Note:* Chemistry, environmental science, physics, and psychology majors need to take only one advanced laboratory instead of two. Check with your major advisor in order to determine whether a guided research course is a suitable selection for your major’s requirements.

To declare a minor in biology, a student must submit their Minor Declaration form to be signed by the Associate Chair using Slate.

MAJOR ADVISING POLICY

Students make their decisions about majoring at a variety of times, typically in the sophomore year and no later than the college-wide deadline. As of spring 2022, the department will assign a faculty advisor who will guide you through the remainder of your time at Barnard and assist you as you choose your advanced coursework in our department. When you submit your Major Declaration form using the Slate platform, you will see that you are not required to identify your own advisor, but you may suggest one (see below for more details). Keep in mind that faculty members may not be accepting new advisees if, for example, they are taking a sabbatical leave the following semester or already handling the maximum number of advisees. The Associate Chair approves the declaration and assigns the advisor using the Slate platform. Any biology faculty member can serve as an advisor in the GB, C&M, P&O, and E&E tracks. In computational biology, Professors Brian Morton, JJ Miranda, and Allison Lopatkin can serve as advisors. Switching advisors as a student develops new relationships with faculty in the department can easily be done by submitting a Change in Major Advisor form in Slate.

Once a student declares their major, they will be contacted by the department administrator to ensure that the student is placed on the departmental listserv in the event that they have not yet requested this. Students who choose to double major will have two major advisors, once in each field.

Students are always welcome to directly contact faculty advisors whose research interests or backgrounds align with their, to discuss advising, research mentoring, and other biology-related topics. Please consult our Major Advising page, attend regular program planning meetings, or accept invitations to periodic social events in the department.

To learn more about our faculty and to find contact information, visit our Faculty & Staff and Major Advising pages to view advisor profiles.
ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

(Potential advisor in the Biology Department is Professor Callahan)

This major is run jointly by faculty in the Departments of Biological Sciences and Environmental Science. It examines the interactions between living and non-living components of the environment, and how human activities alter these interactions. For more information, visit: envsci.barnard.edu/environmental-biology-major

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

We strongly encourage students to get involved in research during the summer, academic year, or both. For many students, research is one of the most intellectually rewarding experiences at Barnard. When unpaid research is conducted during the academic year, students can receive academic credit for working in a laboratory at Barnard or anywhere else in New York City. Research can be conducted during any (or all) semesters of the major, and during the summer. You may not receive credit for research that is paid.

Three courses provide credit for research during the academic year. Before signing up for any of these courses, you should examine the Checklist for Enrollment located on the Biology website:

1. **Guided Research (BIOL BC3597):** This is a variable-credit (1-4 credits) one-semester course, which can be taken during any fall or spring semester as early as your freshman year. This course counts toward degree credit but does not fulfill major requirements, and may be taken in multiple semesters.

2. **Guided Research & Seminar (BIOL BC3591-2):** This is a yearlong 8-point (4 pts/semester) course that begins in the fall and can be taken starting in your sophomore year. This series fulfills two upper-level lab courses toward the major.

3. **Senior Thesis Research (BIOL BC3593-4):** This is a yearlong 8-point (4 pts/semester) course, beginning in the fall of your senior year. This series fulfills the senior capstone requirement.

To be fully enrolled in any of these courses, a student must submit a Project Approval Form to the department administrator. Students enrolled in yearlong courses need only submit one form in the fall; those taking BIOL BC3597 Guided Research should resubmit this form each semester. For AY22–23, this form is due Sept. 26th for the fall semester and Jan. 30th for the spring semester.