

Spring 2013 Important Dates

January 2013

- 21- MLK Day- CSU Offices CLOSED
- 22- Spring classes begin
- 27- Last day to add a course without an instructor's override

February

- 6- Last day to drop a course. Last day to add a course with an override

March

- 18-22- SPRING BREAK!
- 25- Last day to withdraw from a course (results in a "W" on your transcript)
- 26- Summer course registration opens on RamWeb

April

- 8- Fall registration begins and will be staggered by credit numbers earned

May

- 10- Last day of spring classes
- 13-17- Final exam week
- 17-18- Commencement ceremonies
- 22- Spring grades available on RamWeb

To learn more about what faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Biology are up to, check out our website: <http://www.biology.colostate.edu/>.

New this month:

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing winter break and you are ready to return for a successful Spring semester. Make sure to pay close attention to the important dates on the left, and don't wait until registration time to come in if you have questions or want help selecting fall courses. Our schedules book quickly, so don't delay in setting up your appointments. As always, appointments can be made online at: <http://www.biology.colostate.edu/undergraduates/schedule-an-appointment/>

Attention graduating seniors:

We will be holding special walk-in hours on January 22nd through February 1st from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. If you have any questions about graduation or want to check one last time that you are all clear. Regular walk-ins for all other students are Wednesdays from 9:00 - 1:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 starting the first week of classes.

DON'T FORGET—EARLY COURSE ADD DEADLINE FOR SPRING!!

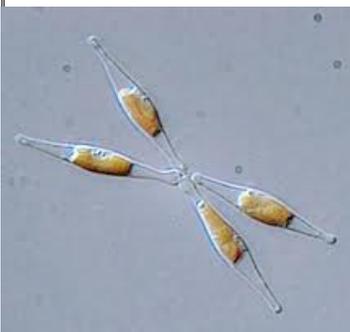
Courses can be freely added to your schedule through January 27th. After that, courses can only be added with permission from the instructor until February 6th. **This means that you will not be able to add classes after January 27th without an override from the instructor.**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB IN A RESEARCH LAB? DR. PEERS' LAB IS NOW HIRING! SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS!



Click the icon to visit the Biology Academic Support Center Facebook Page!

THE PEERS LAB IS SEEKING A LAB ASSISTANT



The Peers lab is looking for a laboratory assistant for the spring term. The lab assistant will help with making media and general lab upkeep. We are looking for a freshman who works independently, has a keen eye for detail and has excellent time management skills. This is a paid position and will require around 10 hours of work per week (flexible schedule). This is great opportunity to discover how a research lab works!

For more information about our research into bioenergy and photosynthesis

please visit: <http://www.biology.colostate.edu/people/gpeers/>

We will only consider candidates who have maintained a GPA over 3.5 in their first term at CSU.

Send your resume and a copy of your first term transcript to Prof. Graham Peers (graham.peers@colostate.edu) and put "LAB ASSISTANT APPLICATION" in the subject line. Please also write a brief paragraph about how working in our lab will further your scholastic interests. Due to the volume applications we can only respond to those invited to interview.

CSU LAUNCHES NEW TUTORING WEBSITE

There is an excellent new resource to help you with classes called Tutoring@CSU! [Tutoring@CSU](http://tutoring.colostate.edu/) will allow students to search for free campus tutoring programs, private tutors, and online tutorials on difficult concepts. Feel free to check it out, just by logging in with your eID - <http://tutoring.colostate.edu/>. Here are some things you can do on the site:

- You can find out if there is a FREE tutoring program offered for your class

- You can find a list of private tutors for your specific classes and find out information about those private tutors

- You can find online tutorials on difficult subjects in your classes at CSU

- You can be listed yourself as private tutor by creating a tutor profile and taking the CSU online sexual harassment training

- If you have tutor status, you can also create online tutorials on difficult subjects that you tutor

BIOLOGY JOKE OF THE MONTH



HEALTH PROFESSIONS HAPPENINGS

Health Professions Clubs will begin to meet next week, be sure to go to www.hp.casa.colostate.edu and click on your club's website to find times and locations of this semester's meetings and to learn about community service opportunities and special events in which you can get involved.

Upcoming Opportunities:

Des Moines University's Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars program - [DMU Health P.A.S.S.](#) - is a great way for promising college sophomores and juniors to prepare for and enhance their chances of getting into medical school and other health professions programs. Here are a few of the highlights of the program:

- *Offered **June 10-28, 2013**, the program is high-quality, hands-on and FREE.
- *Participants learn what it's like to be a student in a health sciences program.
- *DMU will cover the full costs of participants' meals, materials and accommodations at Drake West Village.
- *Enrollment is limited to 10 students.
- *Preference will be given to qualified applicants from populations under-represented in medicine and health care, including minority, low-income and/or first-generation college students.
- *Students must have a minimum cumulative college grade point average of 3.0.

Applications are due March 1, 2013 and are available at http://www.dmu.edu/admission/healthpass/application/?utm_source=Health+PASS+2013+advisor+list&utm_campaign=e948739ef3-Health_Pass_Invite_Jan_20121_13_2012&utm_medium=email.

Advising Tip of the Month:

Start going to tutoring from the beginning of the semester— don't wait until you get your first or second exam back. If you find out later that the material is easier than you thought, you can scale back. It's easier to do that then ramp up your study habits mid to late semester.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Pets Forever is looking for motivated, mature students to help those less fortunate and their companion animals in our community. Pets Forever student expectations: Enroll in VS495 section 2 for one credit; Complete background check (no charge); Attend weekly group meetings/class (Tuesdays 9-9:50 **OR** Wednesdays 12-12:50); Provide a minimum of 5 hours/week service (including group meeting); Come open minded, ready to learn. For more information, contact Dr. Lori Kogan (970) 491-7984 Lori.Kogan@colostate.edu <http://petsforever.colostate.edu>



To schedule an appointment with a Health Professions Advisor call the Center for Advising and Student Achievement (CASA) at 970-491-7095. For more information on Health Professions Advising visit <http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/>.

If you are interested in health professions, we encourage you to sign up for the health professions electronic mailing list (at <http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/hpmailinglist.aspx>). Subscribing to this list enables you to receive email messages about Health Professions advising, workshops related to Health Professions and special events sponsored by the various Health Profession student organizations.

How I Had a Successful First Semester: An Interview With First Year Student, Emily Reeder

Is college what you thought it would be like? How is it different from high school?

College is more than what I thought it would be. I knew classes might be difficult, I knew I would make friends and I knew I would be involved in clubs but it is far beyond that. Classes are testing me in ways I never thought about, I have made more friends than I ever thought possible; I am still making them everyday and the people I have met through my clubs have become a part of who I am. It is different from high school in regards to the social aspect. You still have a close group of people you hang out with but you find friends everywhere you go. School is a major aspect of college life but you're on your own, making decisions completely by yourself. It's more about developing who you are.



What has been your biggest adjustment? How do you handle this?

The biggest adjustment for me was going from being in a large family in a small house to being with one other person in a small room. I am used to coming home to a hectic household and when I came home the first week to a quiet room with only my roommate, and myself; it was an odd feeling. I missed my family because they provided me with a ton of support but the fact that this is the school I wanted to attend and I am studying what I loved always made it bearable. What really helped for me is still keeping in touch with what is going on in my family's life and being able to still be a part of it.

What do you do to be successful in your classes?

I have found that going to professors' office hours is very beneficial if you're even the slightest bit fuzzy on a subject in lecture. Then reviewing your notes later on in the week allows you to be able to form any questions you may have. Study a little bit every night instead of cramming it all in the night before, because there are too many classes to do that and so much content.

Do you have any tips for students who are struggling to adjust academically?

If you are struggling, go and talk to your professors about it! They love questions and get lonely during office hours so they will be happy to help you! Study groups are always a great way to gain or solidify knowledge or concepts, just make sure they are productive. If you are working hard and thinking you are understanding the information but still not getting the grades you feel you should, you may be studying incorrectly or not effectively. Try to broaden your skills and try out new ways to obtain information.

What has been your favorite part of life at CSU?

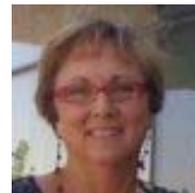
My favorite part of CSU has been the people I have met. You meet so many people who are all in different walks of life and these people become your new family. As long as you keep yourself open to new experiences, you will find a whole new aspect to campus life.

How do you balance your academic life and your social life?

During the week I mainly focus my attention to my studies and allow time for myself within going and being involved in my clubs. My social life picks up on Friday night and throughout the weekend. Life is not ideal however and some nights are tough and you just need to go out and take your mind off of classes. It might be the counter opposite too and you may be slammed with papers and tests that are the following week and might have to sacrifice your weekend to studying and writing paper after paper. It's all a give and take relationship that you have to get used to through trial and error.

CAREER CONNECTIONS

Need help planning your future? **Judy Brobst**, the Career Center Liaison for the College of Natural Sciences, can assist you with all aspects of your career development! Services offered: Internships & volunteer experiences, resume development, choosing/changing majors, graduate school, on-line assessments, job search skills, etc. **To set up an appointment** contact Judy at judy.brobst@colostate.edu or 970-491-5707.



**Drop in Hours Lory Student Center
Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**



Bring your resume to The Career Center and have it reviewed before you start searching. Interview help will also be available

JOB FAIR-Full time and internships as well as volunteer opportunities

**February 5 – Ag/Natural Resources
February 6 – All University Job Fair**

February 5 Employers

- Colorado Natural Heritage Program
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
- Kelly Scientific Resources
- Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory
- USDA Forest Service
- Wildlands Restoration Volunteers
- Wild Rockies Field Institute



February 6 Employers

- Agilent Technologies – seeking Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry majors- undergraduate and graduate students for INTERNSHIPS and full time positions
- Student Conservation Association – Internships for most life science majors interested in environmental/conservation areas from 3, 6 or 12 months
- Hach Company – INTERNSHIPS and Full time opportunities
- Easter Seals – Summer Camp Opportunities working with children with special medical needs. If you are thinking a Career in Health Care you should check out this opportunity
- SurePoint Medical – take a BUSINESS approach to your science degree with this company INTERNSHIPS and full time
- TOLMAR – Biotech and Pharmaceuticals INTERNSHIPS and full time – juniors/seniors and graduate students