



CONGRATULATIONS BIOLOGY AND ZOOLOGY GRADUATES!

Best of luck to you all!



Commencement information can be found here:

<http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/current-students/graduation/>

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SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!



May 2016
Important Dates

6 Last day of spring classes & University Withdrawal Deadline

9-13 Final exams

13-15 Commencement ceremonies

16 First 4-week summer term classes begin

18 Spring grades available on RamWeb & last day to add/drop a course in the first 4-week summer term

30 Memorial Day-University is closed

Academic Support Coordinators will be available for appointments and over email during the summer. As always, appointments can be made online at:

<http://www.biology.colostate.edu/undergraduates/schedule-an-appointment/>

Probation student reminder: you need to meet with an advisor to receive your advising code if you haven't already. You are welcome to come to walk-ins to get your code so you are not delayed any further in registering for fall courses.

Walk-in hours through finals week:

Tues. 12:30pm-3pm, Wed. 11am-1:30pm, Th. 1:30pm-4pm

Registration for fall 2016 is in full swing - see this chart for common registration errors and their meaning.

Error message	What it means	When you might get it	What to do
<i>Class level</i>	Only students in a certain class level (fr/so or jr/sr) can register for this course.	Few (if any) Biology courses have this restriction but other departments' courses (e.g., Psychology) may have it.	If you NEED the course, contact the home department for access.
<i>Multiple Components Required</i>	In addition to the lecture, you have to register for another component (lab or recitation) <i>at the same time.</i>	Many biology, chemistry, and physics courses are commonly associated with this error.	Check boxes for each component PRIOR to hitting "register." Click the CRN for the lecture to see specifically which sections of lab/recitation that must be selected.
<i>Major</i>	You do not have the right major for a class.	Some classes are restricted just to students in that major (ex: Business/Art). Some restricted courses may allow non-majors to register after a certain date.	Click on the CRN for details about major restriction—if the class opens to non-majors at a certain date, it will tell you that info here.
<i>Prerequisite</i>	You fail to meet at least one prerequisite for the class.	Most biology courses have prerequisites (ex: BZ310 requires 1 semester of organic chemistry as a pre-requisite).	You need to take the prerequisite courses prior to registering for the course in question. If you think this is an error, contact your advisor.
<i>Dept./ Instructor approval</i>	Registration for a certain class is limited and only approved on a case-by-case basis.	An example is BZ505 Cognitive Ecology - it requires permission from the instructor for undergraduates to enroll.	If you seek access to a class requiring dept./instructor approval, contact the instructor listed or the department.
<i>Stop enrollment</i>	A department has stopped enrollment so that no one can register for the class until a problem is resolved.	Hard to say—stop enrollments can happen in any department due to unforeseen changes.	Try registering for a different section of the same class, or contact the department to find out more information.

NEED AN OVERRIDE? READ THIS!

Academic Success Coordinators can provide limited types of overrides. For any type of override, you need to contact the department that offers the course you are trying to take. The Department of Biology can only assist with BZ and LIFE courses. For all other courses, you can look up the departments you need to contact online at: www.colostate.edu.

Only an instructor can override you into a course if you have not met the prerequisites or it is full. You may contact the instructor directly with those types of override requests, but they are rarely granted!

There are still seats in these exciting courses for fall 2016!

BZ 418 – Ecology of Infectious Diseases

***From Anopheles to Zika -
an introduction to zoonotic diseases***

Prerequisite: LIFE 320*

***will be waived**, considering GPA and other science courses completed - speak with an ASC about an override!

BZ 418 is approved as follows:

Biological Science major:

Ecology - list B, Evolution, Genetics & Systematics, Microbiology, Integrative Organismal Biology - list B

Zoology major:

Upper division zoology credit

Zoology minor:

Ecology list

BZ 476 – Genetics of Model Organisms

Advanced topics in molecular and developmental genetics

Prerequisite: BZ 350, junior standing

**this course only comes around in the fall of even numbered years!*

BZ 476 is approved as follows:

Biological Science major:

Cellular, Molecular, & Genetic Biology

Zoology major:

Upper division zoology credit

Zoology minor:

Genetics, Evolution, & Systematics

Are you sticking around Fort Collins this summer?

Consider taking a summer course!

**Benefits of summer courses include: getting ahead or back on track in your major, focusing on only one or two courses at a time, and the opportunity to take a course in a much smaller class setting than during the regular semesters.*

There are still seats open in a number of Biological Sciences and Zoology major courses this summer! Courses include:

LIFE 102– Attributes of Living Systems

LIFE 320– Ecology

BZ 220–Introduction to Evolution

BZ 223–Plant Identification

BZ 300–Animal Behavior

BZ 310–Cell Biology

BZ 350–Molecular and General Genetics

BZ 479–Biology and Behavior of Dogs

PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND MATH COURSES FOR THE MAJOR ALSO AVAILABLE

Act now to ensure you get a seat!

Study Tips

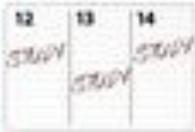
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GET ENOUGH SLEEP



so that your brain has the opportunity to consolidate new knowledge.

2



BREAK STUDY TIME INTO SMALL CHUNKS

Space your learning over multiple days.

3

Know Your Body.
Study when you are at your
MOST ALERT.

4

TURN HEADINGS INTO QUESTIONS

and read paragraph by paragraph for comprehension.



5

TEST YOURSELF FREQUENTLY

when you study, so you can practice retrieving information.

OH, YOU HAVE FINALS COMING UP?

I BET YOU'RE USING YOUR TIME WISELY.



BRING A SNACK

Studying on an empty stomach is a set up for failure. When we are hungry, we have a more difficult time maintaining focus and stamina. Eat beforehand, and bring snacks to munch on as you go.

SET REALISTIC GOALS

Mapping out a study plan for the day with specific goals can help you stay on track and feel less overwhelmed. It's best to overestimate the amount of time it will take to complete specific tasks or assignments.

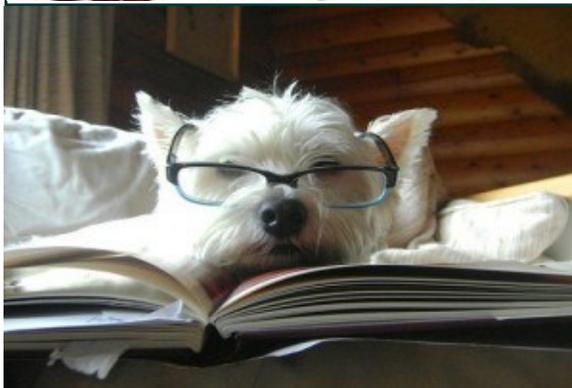


REWARD YOURSELF

Once you meet a specific goal, allow yourself to eat your snack, text a friend, stretch your legs, or listen to music. Taking short breaks will help you maintain better stamina.

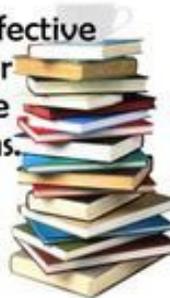
GET A STUDY BUDDY

...But only if this works for you. If you can find a friend who is committed to serious studying, then it might be helpful (and less lonely) to have a partner in crime.



Practice on old exams

One of the most effective ways to prepare for exams is to practice taking past versions. This helps you get used to the format of the questions



IT'S FINALS WEEK?

