



Fall 2011 Important Dates

August

20-Classes begin. Fee assessed for late registration.

24- Restricted drop deadline

26-Add courses without an override deadline.

27- Add courses with override period beings. Waiting list ends.

September

3- Labor Day- no classes

5- End of Add/Drop period

October

15- End of course withdrawal period. Last day to exercise repeat/delete option.

24 - Spring 2012 registration begins. Check RAMweb for your designated time.

November

19 - Fall recess begins; no classes next week.

24 - 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday; University closed.

December

7- last day to process a University Withdrawal.

10 - 14 - Final Exams.

14- 15 - Commencement Ceremonies.

24-26- Winter holiday; University Closed.

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:

Message from the Interim Chair, Dr. Mike Antolin:

Welcome all new and continuing student for the new school year in 2012-2013, another great year in Biology at Colorado State University. The summer has not been as quiet as you might think, with many faculty, graduate students and post-doctoral researchers working here or abroad on their research, some traveling as far as Ecuador and Africa. About 300 hundred students attended classes and worked on research projects this summer as well. And the noise kept right up to the end with the renovation of the lobby

in the Anatomy/Zoology Building, adding more comfortable spaces for students to chill between classes! We were joined this summer by Dr. Melinda Smith, a new faculty member who works on grassland ecology and genomics, and by a new cadre of graduate students. We may even have an alligator! We strive to share our enthusiasm for all things biological with you, and hope this translates into your eagerness to jump into another fun and challenging semester. Good luck with your studies, your new lives and in meeting new friends, and best wishes for a successful semester.

Graduating Senior Priority Walk-In Advising

Are you a senior Biology or Zoology major or minor, graduating in Fall 2012 or Spring 2013? Do you want to ensure that you are on track to graduate? If so, plan to come to senior priority walk-in advising. These walk-ins will be held Monday-Friday, August 20-August 31, in E106. No need to make an appointment but know that these meetings are first-come, first served. An Academic Support Coordinator will be available to go over your DARS report with you and help you determined what needs to be done to graduate. Fall 2012 graduates can also sign their graduation contracts at that time.

ARE YOU A NEW BIOLOGY OR ZOOLOGY MAJOR? DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT COURSES ARE REQUIRED FOR YOUR PROGRAM?

Register today for a **Biology/Zoology Curriculum and Four-Year Plan Workshop**. You will learn the about required courses, as well as how to make a four-year plan.

To register visit: <http://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/nuplk>

New students should also sign up for our **Skills for Academic Success Workshop**. This workshop will teach you what it takes to be a successful Biology or Zoology major.

Sign up at: <http://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/xnnwa>

FALL SEMESTER ADD AND DROP DATES

Last winter, Colorado State changed the add and drop period for courses to reflect a shorter add period. This Fall, these changes are still in effect. Please note the Add, Drop, and Withdraw date below for Fall 2012.

Last day to add a course without an override: August 26

Last day to add a course off of the waiting list: August 26

Last day to drop a course on RamWeb: September 5

Last day to add a course with an override from the professor: September 5

Single course withdraw period (with a "W" on your transcript)- September 5-October 15

ATTENTION STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC PROBATION:

If you are on academic probation, you will need to get your advising code from an Academic Support Coordinator before you can register!

Once again, the Biology department is requiring all Biology and Zoology majors who are on academic probation to work closely with an Academic Support Coordinator. **If you are on Probation I, you will need to attend one of the workshops to get your advising code.** *If you cannot make it to one of the workshops because of other obligations, you'll need to make an appointment to come in and talk to one of the Academic Support Coordinators.* Likewise, **if you are on Probation II, you'll need to make two appointments this Fall with an Academic Support Coordinator to discuss your status and get your advising code.**

To register for the **Probation I Workshop** (only for students on first semester probation), please visit:

<http://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ykyxo>

To make an appointment with an ASC (for students on second semester probation), please visit:

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

MEET YOUR ASCs, JENNY AND KAYLA

Jenny April

What I enjoy the most about my job:

I love the opportunity to work with so many different students. Every student has a different story, a different reason they have chosen Biology/Zoology. I am excited to see where the students go in the future – NASA, Disney, USDA, Antarctica – the possibilities are endless!

My number one tip for student success:

Tutoring. Tutoring. Tutoring! Go to TiLT group tutoring right away – make it part of your set schedule. Even if you don't have any specific questions, go to tutoring and do your homework. Then, when you do have a question, the tutor is there to help you. Perhaps a study group is more your style. Visit page 3 of the newsletter to learn more about registering for tutor-facilitated study group sessions. Keep in mind that tutoring can help everyone – are you earning a B and want to earn an A? Go to tutoring!

One fun fact about me:

I grew up in an underground house. It was a wonderful house that just happened to be covered with 10 feet of dirt, grass, a few berry bushes, and lots of flowers!

Kayla Nuss

What I enjoy the most about my job:

I absolutely love working with students and hearing about all of the amazing things you are doing. I have always said that I am never going to be the one to cure cancer, but I'm sure that one of the students I've worked with will!

My number one tip for student success:

Meet with your professors, regularly. Biology and Zoology faculty always come to the ASC office and tell us that they wish students came to them more with questions. Go to your professors' office hours and if you have class during those times, schedule another appointment. Your professors are your best allies – they write the exams! Also, if you form relationships with a few faculty **members**, when it comes time to get letters of recommendation for graduate school, you will have many options!

One fun fact about me:

My husband and I have had three weddings. We didn't get divorced in between, we got married once and renewed our vows twice!



CLUB INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Biology Club! Interested in biology but not sure where your degree will take you? Let the Biology Club help you out! We are a student-run club focused on providing career ideas for students majoring in biological sciences, or who are just interested in learning some cool things about the world around us. We have monthly meetings with speakers from different biological fields, as well as field trips and community service opportunities. Please contact Claire at willis.c7@q.com with any questions. **We are also looking for some new officers**, so let her know if that sounds like something you'd be interested in! To stay up-to-date with the club's happenings, visit our website at <http://rydberg.biology.colostate.edu/bioclub/>. We hope to see you at our next meeting!



Join the Zoology Club! Zoology Club is for those passionate about animals of any major (not just Zoology)! We meet every other week and host guest speakers ranging from zookeepers to professors here at CSU. We also provide an average of 3 trips a semester. Recent trips have included camping at an Emu Ranch, and behind the scenes tours at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the Downtown Aquarium in Denver! With summer internships on the way we will also be providing resources for those looking to get involved in research, wildlife, zoos, aquariums, etc! To be part of our mailing list, which will allow you to get updates on meetings and trips please contact us at csuzoologyclub@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Join the Gillette Entomology Club! The Gillette Entomology Club (GEC) is a great opportunity to learn more about some of the most common organisms in the world. There are over a million known species of insects and about sixty thousand arachnid species. The GEC is devoted to the challenge of teaching its members and the community. We hold monthly meetings that often feature guest speakers from throughout the profession, and we also organize outreach events. Our mission is partly accomplished through the bug zoo in the Plant Sciences building that houses many local and exotic species of arthropods. GEC is also getting its first bee hives up and running soon. If you have any interest in helping us care for our bugs, understanding more about them, or helping us spread knowledge of them to our community, please consider the GEC. To join the mailing list, please email Kyle Conrad at krcon@rams.colostate.edu, and also search "GEC" on Facebook to join our group.



Science Joke of the Month:

Q: What did one lab rat say to the other lab rat?

A: I have my researcher so well trained. Every time I push the buzzer, he brings me a snack.

STUDYING FOR CHEMISTRY, LIFE SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS

What: Free tutor facilitated study group sessions for Ingersoll Hall residents and College of Natural Sciences freshmen. Students who participate will:

- Learn *how-to-learn* while learning *what-to-learn*.
- Work collaboratively with peer students in a facilitated environment.
- Receive support from a trained, educated Studying Workshop Facilitator.

When: Meet once a week for Fall 2012 in IRC basement from 5-6:30pm

What you get out of it: Tutoring tips, techniques and coaching for science courses!

Sign up now for the Studying group sessions!

To register visit: <http://cns.natsci.colostate.edu/retention/studying/>

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 970-491-1190.



UPCOMING CAREER CENTER EVENTS

Welcome Back

Here's what's happening at The Career Center week of August 20, 2012

First week of classes means that there is only **THREE** weeks until the Career Fair, **September 11, 12 and 13**. Three days with different employers and graduate schools each day. If you are searching for a **GRADUATE SCHOOL** make sure to attend the fair as well since there will be graduate schools there each day! The Fair will be held in the Main Ballroom of the Lory Student Center.

Tuesday, 9/11/2012, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Focus on Health/Wellness, Social Services, Education, and Criminal Justice

(<http://www.career.colostate.edu/Students/FairsAndEvents/ParticipantDetails.aspx?eventID=786>)

Wednesday, 9/12/2012, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Focus on Management, Finance, Ag Business, Lib Arts, and Marketing

(<http://www.career.colostate.edu/Students/FairsAndEvents/ParticipantDetails.aspx?eventID=787>)

Thursday, 9/13/2012, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Focus on Science, Technology, Agriculture, and Environment

(<http://www.career.colostate.edu/Students/FairsAndEvents/ParticipantDetails.aspx?eventID=788>)

If you don't find what you are looking for there are other employers out there and The Career Center can help you in your internship/job or graduate school search!

HEALTH PROFESSIONS HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Opportunities for Health Professions Students:

Advising Tip of the Month:

Introduce yourself to all of your professors. You want to get to know them and for them to get to know you. This will make asking questions and getting assistance far easier in the future!

The Health Professions student organizations will begin to meet the first week in September. The first meetings will be an opportunity for you to learn about the club and how to become an active member.

Pets Forever is a CSU non-profit community program designed to help low income elderly keep their pets by providing a variety of services... The website is: petsforever.colostate.edu. If you are interested in volunteering 5 hours a week, contact lori.kogan@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.