Upcoming Important Dates

October
4th - Spring 2020 Classes Viewable in Ramweb
21st - Last Day to Withdraw (for most courses) & Last Day to Request Repeat/Delete if Repeating a Class
29th - Seniors Begin Registration

November
1st - Juniors Begin Registration
8th - Sophomores Begin Registration
15th - First-Years Begin Registration

Spring Registration Day/Time
View your access time in RamWeb!
Your designated time will show when you complete Registration Ready.
Your time is also viewable in the Registration Access Date-Time link under the Registration section in your RamWeb Menu.

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Fall Semester Drop-in Hours
Every Monday through Thursday, 1-3pm
Course Withdrawal & Repeat-Delete Deadline is October 21st
Additional Drop-In Advising
Monday, October 21: 9-11am: Come in to discuss course withdrawal if you are not passing a class!
BONUS!
From October 21st to November 21st, there will be TWO ASCs available during drop-in hours!
Ever wondered who often greets you at the front desk when you walk into the Biology Advising office (BIO111)?

Meet Alexis Opper-Yacobucci, your Communications, Events, and Facilities Coordinator!

What is your role in the Biology Department?
I am the Communications, Events, and Facilities Coordinator, meaning amongst other things, I manage our social media, support our department newsletter, write articles about Biology for Source, plan departmental events, support our seminars, coordinate with our CSU Facilities team and other vendors to maintain our building and physical resources, and implement our safety plans!

Describe your journey into this role – what led you to the Biology Department?
I completed my undergraduate and graduate degrees at CSU. My masters degree is in Student Affairs in Higher Education, I love working in university departments coordinating programs and services that help students succeed. That's how I ended up here in Biology! I was excited about how broad my work would be, and how all of it works towards creating an environment where research, learning, and engagement happen.

What advice do you have for students in their first year at CSU?
Find a way that works for you to engage in meaningful self-reflection. Ask yourself the big questions about what you want to do, learn, and experience. Sit in silence and navigate your own thoughts. Learning to identify and hear our own authentic voices is hard and takes work. Do that work!

Any advice for students getting close to graduation?
Same as my advice for incoming students, but do it three times as much. Don't feel bound by the choices you've already made. Don't give in to the sunk-cost fallacy. Do things that scare you!

Fun facts about Alexis:
- I've traveled to eleven countries, and my twelfth and thirteenth are planned for later this year (Belize and Costa Rica!)
- In my current home, there are seven bikes and no chairs. Because, priorities.
- I worked for CSU's University Housing for six years, where I was at various times a desk staff (Laurel Village, Parmelee, Westfall), a desk manager (Allison), president of the Residence Hall Association, and an Assistant Residence Manager (Aggie Village Family). That's where I fell in love with supporting students!
Be Registration Ready!

New First-Year or Transfer Student?
Complete your required placement procedures:
• Chem Prep!!!!
• Math Placement/Challenge Exam
• Foreign language placement
• Directed Self-Placement survey for composition
Make an advising appointment to get your advising code and plan your spring courses ASAP!

On Academic Probation?
Probation 1 students:
• Watch the Academic Success Seminar (available in Canvas Advising Portal)
• Complete the Academic Self-Assessment Worksheet
Both Probation 1 and Probation 2 students must schedule an advising appointment for your advising code
Do this long before your registration date!

Schedule your appointment here:
http://www.biology.colostate.edu/undergraduates/advising/

Credit Recovery Classes!

Have you withdrawn from a class since the add/drop date (September 11th)?
Are you enrolled in less than 12 credits?
Talk to an advisor about credit recovery classes!
These are half-semester, double-speed classes you can add to your current Fall 2019 schedule.
Make an advising appointment or come to drop-ins (Mon-Thurs, 1-3pm, in BIO111) within the first 2 weeks of October to learn about this option!
If you are a first-year student this semester, it’s not too late to attend a one-time graduation planning session. This is a great opportunity to learn your degree requirements, learn how to build a graduation plan, and solidify your schedule for Spring 2020!

***If you are enrolled in BZ 192, the first-year seminar, this fall you are not required to attend a graduation planning session!

Go to this website to sign up for one of the limited spaces!  
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944a9a628a5f49-graduation
The CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA) Opens October 1st!
Access and submit the application through ramweb.colostate.edu
Completing the CSUSA will enter you into the applicant pool for all scholarships that you are eligible for through CSU.

NOTE: Some scholarships require supplemental information, be sure to submit all of the recommended documents for full consideration.

You must complete the FAFSA for all need-based scholarships and work–study awards.

The 2020-2021 FAFSA® form is available October 1st!

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid, including:

- Federal grants
- Federal student loans
- State loans
- State grants & scholarships

If you don’t fill out the FAFSA form, you could be missing out on financial aid!

Every year, there are a number of reasons students think they shouldn’t complete the FAFSA form; however, the reality is that EVERYONE in college should fill it out.

Available October 1st -
https://fafsa.ed.gov/
Feeling affected by recent political/social or racial issues on campus? Your department cares about you - we want you to feel safe and welcome on campus, and for you to know that it matters if you are not feeling that way. Here are some resources for anyone in need of support:

**Student Case Management** 970-491-8051  
**Hillel** 970-224-4246  
**Jewish CSU (Chabad of Northern Colorado)** 970-407-1613  

**Student Diversity Programs and Service offices:**  
- **Asian Pacific American Cultural Center**  
- **Black/African American Cultural Center**  
- **El Centro**  
- **Native American Cultural Center**  
- **Pride Resource Center**  
- **Student Disability Center**  
- **Women and Gender Advocacy Center**

**CSU Health Network Spiritual Care** 970-491-7121  
**CSU Health Network Counseling Services** 970-491-6053 (during business hours), or (970) 491-7111 for 24/7 and after-hours.

If you are concerned about safety or mental health – your own or someone else’s – go to tellsomeone.colostate.edu.
# Tutoring Spotlight

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## Fall 2019 Tutoring Schedule

Free Drop-In Tutoring in the TILT Great Hall

Runs 5pm-10pm **beginning 9/3**

*CSU ID Required for Check-in*

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Eagle Feather Tutoring
Native American Cultural Center
Lory Student Center Room 327
Colorado State University
970-491-1332

Coyote Echowhawk
coyote69@rams.colostate.edu
Tues. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Thurs. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
MATH 117 College Algebra in Context I
MATH 118 College Algebra in Context II
MATH 125 Numerical Trigonometry
MATH 128 Analytical Trigonometry
MATH 160 Calculus for Physical Scientists I
MATH 261 Calculus for Physical Scientists III

“Education should consist of a series of enchantments, each raising the individual to a higher level of awareness, understanding, and kinship with all living things”

-Author Unknown

Michelle Cruse
mecrus@rams.colostate.edu
Mon. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wed. 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

BZ 220 Intro. to Evolution
BZ 350 Molecular and General Genetics
BMS 300 Principles of Human Physiology
BMS 301 Human Gross Anatomy
BC 361 Principles of Biochemistry
CHEM 341 Modern Organic Chemistry I
CHEM 343 Modern Organic Chemistry II
CO 150 College Composition
LIFE 102 Attributes of Living Systems
LIFE 103 Biology of Organisms – Animals and Plants
LIFE 320 Ecology—Honors
PSY 100 General Psychology
STAT 301 Intro. to Statistical Methods

Stop by the NACC office, Lory Student Center Room 327, during tutoring hours. Tutors are available on a walk-in basis or to set up an appointment, email tutors directly or call 970-491-1332. If the course that you need tutoring in is not listed please email the tutors to see if they can assist you with that particular course.

Try out these other tutoring options, too:
- Calculus Center
- Statistics Success Center
- CLERC
- PACe Center
- Writing Center

If your class has no specific tutoring option, ask your TA or professor for advice on connecting with a tutor!
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Mary Wykstra – Director & Co-founder of Action for Cheetahs in Kenya

Predator Awareness & Ex-situ Support

Thursday, October 3

6:30 pm – Market – Items made by locals partnered with ACK, proceeds benefit Action for Cheetahs in Kenya

7:00 pm – Talk on ACK Predator Awareness and Ex-situ Support

Where: CSU Campus – Biology Building – Room 136

Hosted by CSU’s Professional Science Master’s in Zoo, Aquarium & Animal Shelter Management

www.actionforcheetahs.org

For more information, please contact Danielle Montgomery – Danielle.Montgomery@colostate.edu