Registering for Biology Classes at Old Dominion University in Fall 2020

The information on these pages is here to assist students with registering for Biology classes at Old Dominion University in the Fall 2020 semester. Please read this document carefully so that you can choose the section of your biology course that works best for you. We also ask for your flexibility to know that while we try to meet the needs of every student, your safety is our utmost priority in deciding how to offer classes this Fall.

In Fall 2020, Biology classes will be delivered in one or more of the following three modes:

**Modes of Course Delivery**

**Flexible:** Flexible classes meet both on-campus and synchronously online - at the same day and time and with the same instructor. On-campus classes are referred to as “face-to-face” (f2f). This method allows all students, whether on campus or viewing remotely, to participate in the class and interact with the instructor. A recording of the lecture will be available to all students after the class meets for viewing or review.

**Synchronously online only:** Some classes will only meet synchronously online at specific days and times and do not have a corresponding f2f section. Although remote, students will have an opportunity to participate in the class and interact with the instructor. A recording of the lecture will be available to students after the class meets for viewing or review.

**Asynchronously Online:** In addition to the options above, selected Biology courses will also be offered online asynchronously. For this mode, neither lecture nor lab meets at a specific time.

**Important Notes**

1. Some biology courses will have two or more delivery modes available in Fall 2020, while other courses may only be offered in one of the modes.

2. Because of social distancing requirements from COVID19, availability of on-campus seats will be limited for all classes.

3. **If you are currently registered for a traditional f2f section but would prefer to switch to an online section, then just drop the f2f class and sign up for the online version.** Most Biology classes have a synchronously online option.

4. Please be advised: **The f2f section for which you previously registered may now be a synchronously online only section.** If you prefer a f2f section, please change your registration - if a f2f section is offered and space is available. Many of these changes were because of lack of space on campus for classes to meet and follow social distancing guidelines.

5. Depending on a number of factors, it may be necessary to move a f2f section to synchronously online either before the semester starts or during the semester itself. For example many classes and labs have group projects or stations that would require sharing of space and equipment, which is not allowed under COVID rules.
Registering for Fall 2020 Biology Courses

To register for a Biology class (or to change your registration), first check to see what modes of course delivery are available for the class of interest. You can search for classes here: https://courses.odu.edu/ or in LEO Online. You can also go directly to the registration portal in LEO to register.

How the classes are displayed depends slightly on where you look, but as a general guide:

- A traditional on campus class (f2f) will list the Days and Meeting Times as well as a Location on campus. The listing may also show, “Scheduled in-class meetings.”

- The synchronously online version of a class will specify both Days and Meeting Times (if part of a Flexible class, these will be the same as its f2f counterpart) but will list “Web2 Online Hampton Roads” as Location. The listing may also show, “Scheduled online meetings.”

- An asynchronously online class will have the Days and Meeting Times tabs blank. The listing may also show, “No scheduled meeting times.” Location will show one of the following:
  - Web2 Online Hampton Roads
  - Web5 Online Students In Va
  - Web7 Online Stdnts Outside Va

Contact Information

Questions or problems registering for a Biology class? Please email one of the following people for guidance or assistance. (Please allow a day or two for a reply).

- Dr. Janet Rinehart Kim, Chief Departmental Advisor, irinehar@odu.edu
- Dr. Holly Gaff, Associate Chair of Biological Sciences, hgaff@odu.edu

Stay Up to Date

The information presented here is accurate as of the revised date given below, but as you know we are dealing with a very fluid situation. Please check your schedule often for changes in room assignments and delivery modes. Additional information will be sent regarding labs to students in specific classes. For the most up-to-date information on registering for Biology classes in Fall 2020, please visit the Biology Department Homepage at:

https://www.odu.edu/biosci

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