

Greetings Students,

I hope that you are each doing well during these challenging times. You are receiving this message because either you are a major in the life sciences (BIOL, ESBI, MBBC, or NSCI) or you recently took an introductory Biology course. I want to update you regarding the Biology course offerings for Fall 2020. The table below summarizes the course offerings for Fall, along with the planned teaching modality. The attached file explains what these modalities mean. Note that these plans are preliminary, and may change somewhat prior to registration at the end of this month. In particular, the exact time periods during which courses will be taught is still being worked out to accommodate the needs of students living on and off campus, so the time schedule listed may change somewhat. To aid in your planning, I have also included the planned Biology course offerings for Winter and Spring 2021. It is likely that our Winter Term offerings will increase, but the details of the nature of Winter Term have yet to be determined. You can see that almost all of the Biology courses are going to be offered fully online, with some in-person lectures and lab sections. Unlike last semester, when we were all scrambling to figure out online teaching and learning, these will be well-planned online courses.

The main deadline coming soon is that you should let your Commons Dean know by **July 6** if you plan to take a leave of absence for the semester. Most of the main questions related to this decision are addressed here: <https://www.middlebury.edu/office/announcements/fall-2020-planning-faq#classes>. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your academic advisor if you have any questions regarding the Biology course offerings for next year.

Biology Courses Fall 2020:

Course	Modality	Tentative times
BIOL 140 (<i>Ecology and Evolution</i>) Lecture	Online-Scheduled	MWF (11:30-12:20) or MWF (9:10 – 10:00 AM)
BIOL 140 (<i>Ecology and Evolution</i>) Labs	Hybrid-Blended Online-Scheduled Online-Flexible	M, T, W, or R (2:00-4:45) R (2:00-4:45) R (TBD)
BIOL 145 (<i>Cell Biology and Genetics</i>) Lect.	Online-Scheduled	TR (11:10-12:25) or MWF (10:20-11:10)
BIOL 145 (<i>Cell Biology and Genetics</i>) Labs	Online-Scheduled	M, T, W, or R (2:00-4:45)
BIOL 201 (<i>Invertebrate Biology</i>) Lecture	Online-Scheduled	MWF (11:30-12:20)
BIOL 201 (<i>Invertebrate Biology</i>) Labs	Online-Scheduled	W or R (2:00-4:45)
BIOL 203 (<i>Plant Biology</i>) Lecture	Online-Scheduled	TR (11:10-12:25)
BIOL 203 (<i>Plant Biology</i>) Labs	Hybrid-Blended	T or R (2:00-4:45)
BIOL 211 (<i>Biostatistics</i>) Lecture	Online-Flexible	MWF (11:30-12:20)
BIOL 211 (<i>Biostatistics</i>) Labs	In Person/Online-Flexible	T, W, or R (2:00-4:45)
BIOL 304 (<i>Aquatic Ecology</i>) Lecture	Online-Scheduled	MWF (10:20-11:10)
BIOL 304 (<i>Aquatic Ecology</i>) Labs	In Person	M or T (2:00-4:45)
BIOL 365 (<i>Molec. Microbial Ecology</i>) Lecture	Online-Scheduled	TR (11:10-12:25)
BIOL 365 (<i>Molec. Microbial Ecology</i>) Labs	Online-Scheduled	T (2:00-4:45)

Tentative Winter and Spring 2021 Biology courses:

Winter 2021	Spring 2021
BIOL 450 Topics in Reprod. Medicine	BIOL 140 Ecology and Evolution
	BIOL 145 Cell Biology and Genetics
	BIOL 211 Biostatistics
	BIOL 216 Animal Behavior
	BIOL 230 Global Change Biology
	BIOL 305 Developmental Biology
	BIOL 310 Microbiology
	BIOL 314 Molecular Genetics
	BIOL 323 Plant Community Ecology
	BIOL 392 Conservation Biology
	BIOL 444 Desert Ecology

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