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Biology Majors News and Information

September 5, 2023

Attention All Independent Research (BIO 395, BIO 397, BIO 398) Students!

Are you doing Independent Research for course credit--BIO 395, BIO 397, or BIO 398--this semester?

- **Make sure that you have actually registered for the course.** Approval of the contract only means that we give you an override that allows you to register; you still have to actually register for the course.
- If you did not register, please contact **Ms. Allegra Solomon** at biology@uky.edu. She will help you get registered.
- Each research mentor structures the research experience for their students in their own way. *Your research mentor will determine the expectations for you, and assign tasks and assignments.*
- Some research mentors might expect you to take initiative for your research experience. If you have not heard from your research mentor, it is time to reach out to them and ask what the expectations for you are.
- Your research mentor may or may not use Canvas. Check with them about their preference.
- Students in BIO 395 section 001 and BIO 398 section 001: Section 001 is for students working with research mentors who are not in the Biology Department. Dr. Shenoy is not the research mentor for these sections, and there will not be a Canvas section for these section. All expectations for your research and grading your performance is determined by your research mentor.

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Opportunities

This is a list of competitions, awards, and opportunities for research, jobs, and community involvement available currently or coming up shortly. **The details for each event are linked on the Biology Majors Canvas page.** Click on "**Read More**" to go to the Canvas page.

- 5-Minute Fast Track Research Presentation Competition: Application open
- Cognitive Neuroscience and Behavior Therapy (CnBT) research lab: research position available
- Job Opportunity: Virtual Medical Scribe
- Central Kentucky Job Club: information page
- College Mentors for Kids Recruitment
- Career Fairs in September
- Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists, abstract submission deadline: **September 8**
- Join Synapse: Organization For Brain Injury: Informational webinar **September 17** @ 6pm
- SPARK: Students Participating as Ambassadors for Research in Kentucky: deadline **September 18**
- Fulbright Canada-Mitacs Globalink Research Internship: deadline **September 21**

Also check out the **Office of Undergraduate Research** section on the Biology Majors Canvas page for more events.

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Graduate and Professional Schools

Are you interested in Graduate or Professional School? Here is some information that was sent out way. Click on "**Read More**" to be directed to the Canvas page; you will find the details linked there.

- [Ecological Sciences and Engineering \(ESE\) Interdisciplinary Program at **Purdue University**](#)
- [UC Davis Microbiology Graduate Group Virtual Admission Info Sessions: September 18 & 21](#)
- [Neuroscience Graduate Program at **Florida Atlantic University**: application deadline December 1](#)
- [Masters and PhD at **UK Biology**](#)
- [Master of Arts in STEM Teaching at **UK**](#)
- [MS in Forensic Toxicology at **UK**](#)
- [Online Masters' Degree Program in the Biotechnology of Climate Change information page](#)
- [University of Chicago information page](#)

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Thursday Seminar: "Mountains as Biodiversity Hotspots through Time: Integrating Fossils with Tectonics and Climate"; Dr. Tara Smiley

Every Thursday, the Department of Biology hosts a seminar presented by a visiting (sometimes resident) scientist. These are great opportunities to learn about the latest science in a wide variety of biological fields. *Undergraduate students are welcome, and strongly encouraged, to attend.* It will definitely enhance your education and give you a glimpse into all that is possible in the field of biology.

This Thursday: "Mountains as Biodiversity Hotspots through Time: Integrating Fossils with Tectonics and Climate"; DR. TARA SMILEY from STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY.

Location: **THM (BS) 116**

Day of the week: every **Thursday**

Time: Starts at **3:30 PM**, and goes on until 4:30 pm.

WHY ATTEND SEMINARS?

- Learn about the most recent research
- Discover new areas of biology
- Stimulate your interest in research
- Exposure to academic presentations
- Learn how to give a professional talk

You may not understand everything, but that's fine (sometimes, faculty also don't always understand everything in a seminar). Don't let that intimidate you. Even if you understand a fraction of the presentation, it is worth it. The more seminars you attend, the more comfortable you will get.

Or just come for the coffee and cookies, and you may be surprised by how interesting the seminar is!

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RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Click on "**Read More**" for a **list of campus resources** that may be helpful to you as you navigate the stresses and difficulties college life or life in general. If you don't know where to find the help you need, you are always welcome to start with Dr. Shenoy!

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Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity

The Biology Department **Committee for Inclusive Excellence** aims to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion by making the Biology Department a place where all are welcome, all can contribute, and all have a chance to succeed. You can connect with the Inclusive Excellence Committee during our Zoom office hours, in the comments box in the office of TH Morgan Bldg, or by submitting comments on our website (click on "**Read more**" below). Through these means you can share issues, concerns, comments, or feedback about your experience in Biology with us.

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Important Dates

- Sep 10, Sunday: Last day to drop a full-term class without it appearing on a transcript
- Sep 10, Sunday: Last day to change grading option for full-term classes (pass/fail to letter grade or letter grade to pass/fail; credit to audit or audit to credit).
- Sep 17, Sunday: Last day to fully withdraw or reduce course load and receive a 50% refund for full-term classes.
- Oct 23-24, Monday-Tuesday: Fall break: Academic Holiday
- Nov 01, Wednesday: Last day to fully withdraw or reduce course load from full-term classes. After this date students are only permitted withdraw for urgent non-academic reasons.
- Nov 01, Wednesday: Last day to apply for a December 2023 undergraduate or graduate degree in myUK.
- Nov 22-24, Wednesday-Friday: Thanksgiving Break: Academic Holiday
- Dec 04-06, Monday-Wednesday: Prep Days, classes do meet
- Dec 06, Wednesday: Last day of classes
- Dec 07-08, Thursday-Friday: Reading Days, classes do not meet
- Dec 11-14, Monday-Thursday: Final Exams
- Dec 15, Friday: Commencement ceremony for December '23 graduates

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Biology Undergraduate Program Details

Director of Undergraduate Studies: Dr. Kay Shenoy

Need to make an **advising appointment** with Dr. Shenoy? Click [HERE](#) to pick an appointment slot.
Questions about courses, degree, audits, etc.? **Email:** biology@uky.edu

Information on degree requirements, degree check-lists, 4-year course maps, acceptable electives, information on tracks, and all else undergraduate-related can be found here.

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