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Biology Majors News and Information

October 26, 2023

Registration and Walk-in Advising

Registration for Spring '24 is coming up in November. The earliest windows open on November 1. Click on "**Read More**" to find out when your **Registration Window** opens.

Note that from now on, **registration windows are based on degree completion percentage** and not the number of credits completed. Read more about it here: <https://registrar.uky.edu/degree-completion-percentage-faq>. This means that you need complete any courses with "Incomplete" grades and get your transfer credits transferred over as soon as possible.

Make sure to meet with your academic advisor to ensure that you are on track for completion before your target graduation date.

New courses to consider:

- **BIO 355 Study Abroad in Belize: Summer 2024**

Walk-in Advising:

Biology faculty advisors are holding walk-in advising sessions in **JSB 143** as follows:

- Friday, 10/27, 1-2 pm
- Monday, 10/30, 11 am-12 pm

Withdrawing from classes:

Keep in mind that **Nov 01 is the 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. A "W" on your transcript is not bad but a poor grade will pull down your GPA. Discuss with your advisor whether this should be an option for you.

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Biology Scholars

Do you have a GPA of 3.5 or above? Then, pay attention to the requirements for **Biology Scholars** when picking courses:

- Complete 6 hours of Independent Research (BIO 394, BIO 395, BIO 397, or BIO 398).
- Have an overall 3.5 GPA upon graduation.
- Complete two biology scholars courses (aka Honors courses/sections) or two 400G*, 500 or 600** level course that is an accepted Biology elective, or a combination of a BIO scholars course and a 400G/500/600 Biology elective course. Honors conversion for a Biology elective or Tier I or Tier II Core course is also acceptable.
- Publicly present your research results or write a thesis.

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Graduating in December?

The deadline to apply for a December graduation in [November 1](#). Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances, so make sure to apply right away. Apply through myUK GPS or myUK --> myRecords. Click on "**Read More**" for details. You can also find resources here to help you determine whether you have satisfied all the requirements for graduation.

Graduation is NOT the same as Commencement. Graduation is earning the degree; Commencement is the ceremony to celebrate graduates. Make sure to also register for Commencement. Click on "**Read More**" for details.

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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.

- [BIO-WRAP](#): Get paid to do research and earn course credit at the same time
- Use [ForagerOne](#) to find research opportunities on campus
- Need Financial Help? [Financial Ombud Services](#)
- [Spooky Science](#): A fun event for everyone; October 27
- [Bluegrass Annual Discussions on Anthropology and Social Sciences \(BADASS\) conference](#); October 28
- [UFI Seminar](#) November 1 - Greg Abernathy, KY Natural Lands Trust; November 1
- [2023 Neuroscience RPA Clinical-Translational Research Symposium](#); November 2-3
- [American River Conservancy is hiring!](#); November 3
- [Summer Research Opportunity](#); application deadline February 2
- [K-12 Science Teaching Jobs around the South](#); February 3
- [Marine Biology Training Program](#) For Undergraduate Students
- [Field Course in Marine Biology](#)

Surveys and research participation

- 1st & 2nd year students: **Participate in a study about academic advising and your student experience and get paid for your time!**
- Participants needed for research: pre-med minority students
- Is there a need for bio-focused internships and job fairs?
- The Biology Department would like to know students' experiences in their research labs

From the Office of Undergraduate Research

- **10/30** [Oswald Research & Creativity Competition](#): Submission deadline (cash prizes)
- **11/01** [Curiosity Fair](#): 4 – 6:00 PM, Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom (open to the public, FREE event)
- **12/01** [NCUR: National Conference on Undergraduate Research](#): Abstract deadline
- **12/11** [Posters-at-the-Capitol](#): Abstract deadline (presentation opportunity)

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Graduate School

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.

Application deadlines, open houses, information sessions

- [Masters and PhD at UK Biology: Virtual Open House](#) **October 27**
- [Neuroscience Graduate Program at Florida Atlantic University](#): application deadline **December 1**
- [Neuroscience Graduate Program at SUNY Upstate Medical University](#): application deadline **January 1**

- [Master's Degree: Advanced Inquiry Program](#): application deadline **February 28**

Information about the following programs

- Master of Arts in STEM Teaching at UK
- MS in Forensic Toxicology at UK
- Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE) Interdisciplinary Program at Purdue University
- Online Masters' Degree Program in the Biotechnology of Climate Change
- University of Chicago: contact program for deadline

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Thursday Seminar: "Botanical research at Eastern Kentucky University: Fantastic ferns, conservation and beyond"; Dr. Sally Chambers

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.

Next Thursday: "BOTANICAL RESEARCH AT EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY: FANTASTIC FERNS, CONSERVATION AND BEYOND"; DR. SALLY CHAMBERS from EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. Click on "Read More" to learn about Dr. Adler's research.

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

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.

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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 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.

Here are some events on campus that promote and/or celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusivity:

1. **The Color of Law & Just Action:** An evening with Richard & Leah Rothstein: On Tuesday, October 23, 2023 at 6:30 in the Worsham Cinema (Student Center) the Blue Grass Community Foundation will host **Richard & Leah Rothstein** who will discuss books and tool kits for activism and advocacy, with myriad real-life examples from communities, groups, and individuals that have confronted segregation-related challenges from legal, real estate, banking and commercial development standpoints. For more information and to get tickets: [visit here](#).

2. **Resource:** DEI statements are being banned, [here](#) is what might replace them.

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Important Dates

- 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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