REGISTRATION INFO FOR BIOL 101-104

This will be the ninth year of the BIOL 101-104 Foundations in Biology course series. The sequence, which must be taken in order, is made up of half-semester modules that are paired in a given term:

- BIOL 101 – Biochemistry and Biophysics & BIOL 102 – Cell Biology
- BIOL 103 – Genetics and Development & BIOL 104 – Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

The foundational sequence is required for all students majoring in Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry (MB&B), Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (MCDB), Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (E&EB) and Neuroscience (NSCI). It is recommended for pre-med students.

Enrollment Cap: Each module is taught in both Fall and Spring terms. The Fall BIOL 101 & 102 modules will be capped at 198 students. First priority will be given to students of sophomore standing or higher. The remaining seats will be distributed to first-year students via a lottery system. There will not be a cap on enrollment for BIOL 101 & 102 in Spring 2021.

Registration Information: All students interested in taking BIOL 101/102 this Fall 2020 term must sign up for a discussion section using Preference Selection, regardless of class standing. Students must sign up for a discussion section via Preference Selection sites for both BIOL 101 and 102, through two separate preference selection sites, which can be accessed using the following links:

- BIOL 101 (F20): https://students.yale.edu/ocs-preference/select/select?id=19327
- BIOL 102 (F20): https://students.yale.edu/ocs-preference/select/select?id=19330

Both sites will be open starting Friday August 7th @ 9:00 am until Wednesday August 12th @ 5:00 pm. Students will be asked to rank their top 5 section preferences, and must rank sections in the same order for both BIOL 101 and 102 if you want to take both modules. If you miss the Preference Selection sign-up window, it is possible that you may not be able to take BIOL 101/102 this Fall term. That is ok – you can start in the Spring and this will not delay your course studies.

By Monday, August 17th @ 5:00 pm, students will be notified if they have received a seat or not through preference selection. BIOL 101/102 discussion section seats assigned via the Preference Selection system will be added directly to their OCS worksheet. If students remove the seat that has been assigned, it will be forfeited and students will not be guaranteed a seat in a different discussion section. At this time, open selection will also be made available to students to fill in any remaining empty spots.

Course Canvas Websites: To access course materials, please join the Canvas sites for BIOL 101 and 102. While syllabus information is available through OCS, there are important documents and announcements posted on the Canvas sites for each course that you may find useful.

We welcome you to join us for the 1st lecture for BIOL 101, which will likely be held over Zoom at 11:35 AM on Monday August 31st in addition to being recorded and posted for streaming on the Course Canvas site for later viewing. Please make sure to check the Course Canvas website for more information on how to attend and/or stream the first lecture. Students who have been assigned a seat in a discussion section should plan to attend and/or stream the first lecture.