

March 15th is the last day to submit a project to the FST Research Day - April 7th.

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Check out this brand new Canadian science podcast – Anthropomania! It focuses on how humans relate to animals and plants.

Interested in Science Journalism?

Whether you're finishing up your first year or about to graduate, you've undoubtedly thought about what comes next. Some of you have dreams of medical school, optometry, dentistry, or maybe graduate school and research. Some of you likely have no idea (which is also fine!). But perhaps a career in science journalism appeals to you. Here's a non-comprehensive list of why science journalism is awesome:

- You don't have to specialize in just one area and you can learn lots about countless different fields...take your pick!
- It can involve videos, photography, audio, as well as traditional writing
- You can learn about the most recent findings and talk to the researchers themselves about what they found. It's fun talking to the people who did the work!
- You can be a part of helping to improve science literacy in the world
- You get to talk to people
- But you also get to work on your own
- You have a job that's always changing and you get to learn new things all the time
- Science podcasts are increasingly popular and you can make your own
- You can work for yourself as a freelance writer or on staff at a magazine, newspaper, website, or for a university.



Thanks to 2nd-year student, Rayanne Friesen, for submitting this gorgeous winter shot!

If you're sold on this, or even if you're still unsure, join us [here](#) on March 16th from 11am-12pm to hear scientist [Sarah McQuate](#) talk about how she discovered her inner science writer. She's written stories on everything from gaming technology, to touring an oilfield, the oldest known whale fossil in Peru, and "creepy" technology. She'll tell you exactly how she felt as she was finishing her undergraduate degree in chemistry, unsure what she wanted to do next, but then pursuing a doctorate in biochemistry, science journalism school, and finally landing her dream job as a writer at the University of Washington (and all her adventures along the way). She'll let you in on all her uncertainty and doubts as well as her decision-making process to get where she is today. Everyone is welcome!

TAKE A LOAD OFF NEXT YEAR AND CONSIDER DOING A SPRING COURSE

Sign up for a Spring 2021 course today! Here's what's available.

BIOL 1202 - Introduction to Cell Biology
BIOL 1204 - Evolution of Eukaryotes
BIOL 2101 - Genetics
BIOL 2105 - Microbiology I
BIOL 2202 - Cellular and Molecular Biology
BIOL 2203 - Human Anatomy
BIOL 2213 - Principles of Ecology and Evolution
BIOL 2214 - Invertebrate Zoology

Why take a course in Spring?

There are some definite advantages to taking a course in Spring. First, the Spring semester is half as long as Fall or Winter, so you can knock a course out in less time. And since most people only take one, you can focus on one thing instead of dividing your attention across multiple courses. Also, if you didn't do as well as you'd have liked in one of these courses this year, you can take it again now while it's still fresh. But perhaps most importantly, you can take some of the load off for next year.

Happy One-Year Pandemic Anniversary!