

*Number of students
registered in BIOL
degrees: 359*

Number of labs this semester: 72

BIIBEAT

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*Number of lab
instructors: 14*

Click [here](#) for an intro to the labs and lab safety.

Full steam ahead...

This is the week when everything gets into full swing in both lectures and labs. Some of you, both new and returning students, are wondering (and worried about?) how your labs will work this semester. You'll soon find out but here's what some of your lab instructors have to say.

What can you expect from your online labs?

Karen Sheedy - Physiology labs "You'll have live meetings with your instructors to discuss content and address questions that arise, and the opportunity to work in smaller breakout groups during each lab to make predictions, review lab videos and draw conclusions to enhance learning. We hope that you'll engage with each other and build a community while working on lab activities, and find your study groups for exam preparation."

Is there one particular lab you're excited for?

Laura Atkinson - Microbiology labs "I am excited about all of the labs! Faculty have worked very hard to ensure that students will have the best possible learning opportunities in every online lab session."

What are you looking forward to with online labs?

Alex Farmer - Ecology labs

"I'm excited to reassure our students that biology labs can still be exciting and very much an experiential learning experience, even when on-line! By using the environment that surrounds you every single day from the pickles in your fridge to the mold on your bread, life is all one big laboratory! Enjoy it!"



What's one key thing students can do to have success in their labs?

Lydia Chiasson - Physiology labs "One key thing that students can do to have success in their labs is to participate in their Breakout Groups. This will help students connect with their peers, gain a sense of community, and strengthen/share their knowledge and life experiences."

We can't physically go to campus but for those of you new to the place (and those of you who miss it), check out the [Minecraft world](#) that Max Tiblenko and Nahuel Paladino spent their summer building.

*Get outside while the weather is nice.
Don't spend every second at the computer!*