

Dear Incoming BGS Fall 2021 Students,

Please see notice below regarding an optional summer workshop to prepare for BIOM600 Cell Biology this fall. Please let your graduate group coordinator or workshop TAs (emails below) know before July 30 if you are interested in joining this workshop so we can give you access to the Canvas site.

The BIOM600 summer prep workshop will be held:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-7PM starting Monday, August 2 and ending Wednesday, August 11.

Objective:

This four-session workshop will use material from BIOM600 with the objective of giving students an overview of the subject matter and tips for succeeding in the course. Guidance about listening to lectures, interpreting data, and solving problems similar to those in the main course will be provided. By the end of the program, students will be better prepared to master experiment-based lectures and exams in BIOM 600.

Format:

Before each session, students will preview background material or a pre-recorded lecture and an associated problem set. Each class will consist of a discussion about the described key experimental techniques, a question & answer session, and time to work through and review the associated problem set in small groups. The course is optional, students are not graded, and the problem solving is for personal practice in a relaxed setting. The course is entirely run by advanced graduate students who were the teaching assistants in the BIOM600 course last fall.

The workshop will be conducted in person on campus (unless pandemic procedures become more restrictive). Students can also access the workshop materials on the Canvas site, but there will not be virtual sessions for students to participate remotely. Workshop sessions will not be recorded.

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