

## **Important Information for BIOL 2070 (Research Methods) and BIOL 2030 (Animals) Fall 2020**

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, most courses will be offered remotely/online in the Fall of 2020. For students in second year, this document reports changes in two core courses.

**BIOL 2070 3.0 Research Methods in Cell and Molecular Biology** is a core course for students who will be taking cell and molecular courses in third and fourth year. It is a lab-intensive course that cannot be offered this fall because of social distancing restrictions. It will be offered in winter 2021 if pandemic-related restrictions are lifted. To replace BIOL2070 for students who need to take it in the fall, we are offering a new course, BIOL 2071 3.0 in its place. BIOL 2071 will be accepted as a prerequisite and degree requirement wherever BIOL 2070 3.0 is required. BIOL 2071 will cover all of the learning outcomes covered in BIOL 2070, except in person labs, so you will still learn about current methods in biochemistry, cell biology and molecular biology, and you will be prepared for third year courses. BIOL 2071 will replace BIOL 2070 in your degree requirements, and any course requiring BIOL 2070 as a prerequisite will accept BIOL 2071 instead. If you prefer, you can wait and take BIOL 2070 in the winter term. Should BIOL 2070 in winter have to be cancelled, all students will be notified and we will replace it with BIOL 2071 for the winter term. For more information see <https://biology.yorku.ca/undergraduate-program/covid-19-update-page/>

**BIOL 2030 4.0 Animals** is another lab-intensive core course, taken by students in many programs, including those who plan to take animal physiology, ecology or evolution courses in third and fourth year. We cannot offer hands-on labs this fall because of pandemic restrictions so we will be replaced it with BIOL 2030 **3.0**, which is identical to BIOL 2030 4.0 but without the labs. It will serve as a substitute to BIOL 2030 4.0, both as a prerequisite and a degree requirement. If you prefer to take BIOL 2030 4.0 and do not need it as a prerequisite to a winter term course, then you can enrol in BIOL 2030 4.0 for the winter term instead. Should it have to be cancelled, it will be replaced by BIOL 2030 3.0. For more information see: <https://biology.yorku.ca/undergraduate-program/covid-19-update-page/>