

# Biology Department Diploma Ceremony 2021

Details as of 2021.04.30

Dear Class of 2021,

Please join us for the 2021 Biology Department Diploma Ceremony(s) on **Friday, May 21st, between 11 am-12 pm and 1-2 pm in Strong Auditorium, Upper Level (River Campus)**. Senior Biology department majors may participate in-person or remotely; however, we need to know your plans in advance to prepare. Please read the details about this event and complete the online [BIO DEPT SENIOR SURVEY](#) to let us know if you plan to attend or not by **Friday, May 7th at 10 am**. **All Biology department majors must complete this survey regardless of their participation in the ceremony.**

By now, seniors should have received details regarding commencement activities from Event and Conference Management (ECM) for the [AS&E Commencement Ceremony](#) that takes place on Thursday the 20th. Please note that these are two different events. Students usually attend both; however, they operate independently from one another. Be sure to hang your regalia up after the AS&E ceremony on Thursday to be in good condition for the Diploma Ceremony on Friday.

This ceremony is for Biology Department majors, which include the following tracks:

- BA in Biological Sciences (BIO)
- BS in Biological Sciences: Computational Biology (BCB)
- BS in Biological Sciences: Cell and Developmental Biology (BCD)
- BS in Biological Sciences: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BEB)
- BS in Biological Sciences: General Track (BSG)
- BS in Biological Sciences: Molecular Genetics (BMG)

Although Biochemistry (BBC), Microbiology (BMB), and Neuroscience (BNS) are part of the Undergraduate Program in Biology and Medicine (UPBM), they will celebrate at different departmental ceremonies. Should you wish to obtain more information about these ceremonies because you want to see your colleagues graduate, please, visit the [Commencement 2021 Website](#) / [Diploma Ceremonies](#) webpage.

## **TWO CEREMONIES / WHICH ONE DO YOU ATTEND**

The Biology department needs to hold two ceremonies to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Ceremonies will be divided by last name. In-person participants with last names

- A-L will attend the 11 am - 12 pm ceremony in Strong Auditorium, Upper-Level
- M-Z will attend the 1 pm to 2 pm ceremony in Strong Auditorium, Upper-Level
- Remote Participants will attend the 1 pm to 2 pm ceremony.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS**

- Completion of the [BIO DEPT SENIOR SURVEY](#)
- Completion of Dr. Chat Bot survey the day of
- Wear bracelet issued by ECM for easy in-person event participation
- Register at the front door of Strong for contact tracing and to receive seating assignment
- Masks
- Regalia: Per the [Commencement 2021 website](#): order regalia online through [Oak Hall's website](#) by the deadline on April 30th, 2021

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDANTS**

- Completion of the [BIO DEPT SENIOR SURVEY](#)
- Computer with internet access
- Participation link

### **THE WALK ACROSS STAGE (in-person & virtual)**

**In-Person Attendees:** Halfway through the ceremony, staff will direct graduates to walk up to the stage. As they cross the stage, biology faculty will hand out diploma cases, and an announcer will read personalized messages from the graduates to the audience. See [BIO DEPT SENIOR SURVEY](#) for further details on how to customize announcements to your colleagues, family, and friends.

**Virtual Attendees** Remote participants can expect to watch the ceremony as if they are in the audience until their turn to receive their diploma. After in-person participants walk the stage, ECM Technical support staff will live-stream graduates to the screen on the front stage. The announcer will read personalized messages for virtual attendees and will follow the same format as in-person participants; except, virtual graduates will personally deliver their own parting words and goodbyes to the audience. See [BIO DEPT SENIOR SURVEY](#) for further details on how to customize announcements to your colleagues, family, and friends.

**ONLINE STREAMING FOR GUESTS:** Due to covid capacity restrictions, only graduates can attend. The college has arranged to live-stream all diploma ceremonies. ECM will post links for each event to the [Commencement 2021 Website / Diploma Ceremonies](#) webpage so you can share them with your family and friends before the big day. There will be a different link for graduates who are participating virtually.

**PICTURES AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AFTER THE CEREMONY:** The College has also made arrangements for photographs to be taken and free for download. Event and Conference Management (ECM) should be sending more information about this shortly.

**DIPLOMAS:** The Registrar will be contacting graduates directly regarding their mailing information. Graduates should take the diploma cases home with them to store their diploma when it arrives.

**LATIN HONORS:** It is unclear if information about latin honors will be distributed to the departments in time for the diploma ceremonies. The announcer will read if the department is given this information. Guidelines for Latin honor are posted to the [CCAS website for Honors and Distinctions](#).

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