



# BIOSPHERE

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium: Friday, 5 October 2012, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

### “My Journey as a Scientist: Where You Start Does Not Limit How Far You Can Go”

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### Mandatory Advising for Freshmen & Sophomores—Register Today!

In an effort to identify academic problems early (or avoid them altogether), all Biology majors who have completed fewer than 60 units are required to seek advisement before registering for spring 2013 courses. If you fall into this classification, a hold has been placed on your account for spring 2013; you can only register for classes after a Biology advisor has removed the hold. Freshman and sophomore Biology majors should meet with an advisor before November to ensure you can sign up for classes on your early registration date.

**If you are a freshman, to register for your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester**, individualized advisement is *mandatory* and is provided at the College of Science and Mathematics SSC-EOP Office (EH 2126). To schedule an appointment, call (818) 677-4558; no walk-ins are allowed. After you have been advised, your hold will be lifted. Only then can you register for spring 2013 classes.

**If you are a continuing freshman, to register for your 3<sup>rd</sup> semester**, you may attend one of the sophomore workshops. Those who take a workshop shall be

considered advised and their holds will be removed, just as for sophomores.

**If you are a sophomore (30–59 units)**, you *must* attend a workshop wherein Biology advisors—Drs. Beck, Dole, Odom, and Richardson—will discuss a variety of issues relevant to your academic success:

- differences between the B.A. and various B.S. options and what each degree entails;
- courses, prerequisites, and recommended course sequencing in the Biology core;
- special programs available to Biology majors;
- how GPAs are calculated and why this should concern you;
- important University rules that all students must follow;
- how to use your MAP (My Academic Planner) and DPR (Degree Progress Report); and
- ins and outs of preparing for various health professions (medical, dental, pharmacy, etc.).

Attendance at a workshop constitutes advisement; those who arrive at a workshop on time and stay for the entire presentation will have their holds removed

and be allowed to register. Anything less than full attendance is unacceptable; holds will not be lifted if you arrive late or leave early.

Preregistration is strongly encouraged as students who preregister will be given priority seating. Students who show up at a workshop without preregistering will be accommodated only if sufficient seats are available.

Times and places of the advisement workshops are as follows:

- Session 1:** LO 1219, Friday, 5 October  
9:30–10:45 am
- Session 2:** CR 5125, Saturday, 6 October  
9:30–10:45 am
- Session 3:** LO 1127, Monday, 8 October  
5:00–6:15 pm
- Session 4:** CR 5126, Tuesday, 9 October,  
1:00–2:15 pm
- Session 5:** LO 1127, Wednesday, 10  
October, 6:00–7:15 pm

To register for a workshop, log in to <http://moodle.csun.edu> and click on “Lower Division Biology Advisement.” If you do not see this option in Moodle, and you are a Biology major, use the enrollment key “bioadvise” to register for the workshop.

Students with unique questions or concerns are encouraged to make a one-on-one appointment (morning hours only) with an advisor by calling (818) 677-2675, emailing [biologyadvising@csun.edu](mailto:biologyadvising@csun.edu), or to simply stop by the Advisement Center (CR 5104) on an afternoon (no appointment needed). Office hours for each of our advisors are posted on the Advisement Center’s website (<http://www.csun.edu/biology/advisement.htm>), at the Advisement Center itself, and in the Department of Biology Office (CR 5101). Be aware, however, that during the class registration period advisors are in great demand and wait times can be long.

**If you are a junior or senior**, you can always seek one-on-one advisement. The majority of upper-division advising, however, will occur in spring 2013.

## Sea Grant Funds Local Fish Research

**Dr. Larry Allen** recently received a grant for \$10,000 from the Sea Grant Program. His project is, “A fisheries independent assessment of spawning biomass of Barred Sand Bass on the major spawning aggregation off southern California.”

## New Publications

**Drs. Vivian Cumbo**, T. Y. Fan, and **Peter Edmunds** have a new paper in *Coral Reefs*: “Scleractinian corals capture zooplankton within days of settlement and metamorphosis.”

*Marine Biology* has published another paper also by **Dr. Edmunds**: “Effect of pCO<sub>2</sub> on the growth, respiration, and photophysiology of massive *Porites* spp. in Moorea, French Polynesia.”

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