

## What to do if the following courses are full during Add/Drop:

- BioMG 1350 (Cell & Developmental Biology)
- BioG 1500 (Investigative Biology Lab)
- Mathematics courses
- BioG 1440 (Comparative Physiology)
- Chem 2070 (General Chemistry I)
- Physics courses

If a course fills or is full during the Add/Drop period, check back on Student Center periodically, as students often make changes that will result in seats opening up. It is a possibility that the specific section day and time a student is seeking may not be available or that all discussion sections will fill (and remain full). If either of those occur, please do not worry, there are several options and considerations.

\*\* The Add/Drop period for freshmen begins on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM and extends through Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM)

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### **BioMG 1350 (Cell & Developmental Biology):**

If BIOMG 1350 is full, check Student Center for section times that fit your schedule during the Add/Drop period beginning August 22 at 9:00 AM (for freshmen). Many students change their schedules at this time and some will drop BIOMG 1350. These spots are filled on first-come, first-served basis so it pays to check frequently.

If you are enrolled in BIOMG 1350 but would like to switch sections, you must do this through Student Center. Once the Add/Drop period starts, look in Student Center for an open section that fits into your schedule. Then use the "swap" option in Student Center to change your enrollment without dropping the course. If you drop the course and someone else takes your place, we will not be able to re-enroll you.

If you have questions about the course that are not answered here, please send a note the course email address at [biomg1350@cornell.edu](mailto:biomg1350@cornell.edu).

### **BIOG 1440 (Comparative Physiology):**

- First and foremost, no major in any college requires that you take this course in your first year at Cornell. Rather, students should complete the course no later than the end of the sophomore year, as it is introductory level course.
- Consider taking BIOG 1445: Comparative Anatomy and Physiology instead of BIOG 1440. BIOG 1445 fulfills the Introductory Biology requirement. This course covers similar conceptual material as BIOG 1440, but additionally focuses on comparative anatomy of vertebrate animals through dissection of preserved specimens. BIOG1445 is taught in a mostly self-guided mode, with only one lecture per week instead of two lectures and a discussion. *If you are organized and good with time management, and are thinking of attending medical school, this could be the course for you. The additional hands-on exposure to anatomy is very useful.*
- Consider taking one of the other introductory biology cluster courses, BIOG 1500: Investigative Biology Laboratory, or BIOEE 1780: Introduction to Evolutionary Biology.
- Spaces in discussion sections of BIOG 1440 will likely open up during the Add/Drop period which opens on August 22 at 9:00 AM (for freshmen).
- Finally, during the first week of class, attend the first lecture and the first meeting time of the section(s) you would like to enroll in. If there is an opening in the section because a student has decided not to attend, but has not yet formally dropped, you will get a spot in that section and you will be able to add the class.

### **BioG 1500 (Investigative Biology Lab):**

BIOG 1500 does not offer a wait list / make exceptions when labs are full due to safety regulations. However, there are options you may try in order to obtain a seat in a full section. Please note the following same options apply if you want to switch into a full lab section from your current undesired section. Even if all course seats are full, follow these procedures:

*Option # 1:* Check the enrollment of BIOG 1500 in Student Center as frequently as is feasible for you. It is possible that a student who is currently enrolled in the course will drop it (a lot of students change their schedule during Add/Drop). During the Add/Drop period, empty seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend trying this first, as it is the least complicated.

*Option # 2:* Swapping online during the Add/Drop time period: There is a "Swap" button in Student Center (it looks like a double-sided, bent arrow inside a square button). If the lab you want has an open seat, you can use this swap feature during the "Add/Drop" period to switch into a more desirable lab section --- without dropping your spot in the lecture. Always check this first, you should never need to drop the lecture at all. Please attend the first lecture regardless (On Tuesday 8/28/18, at 9:05 AM in Call Auditorium, Kennedy Hall. That way, if seats in the course open up and you obtain one, you won't be behind on material. If you have any questions that aren't answered here, you can email the course at [biolabs@cornell.edu](mailto:biolabs@cornell.edu).

### **Chem 2070 (General Chemistry I) or Chem 2150 (Honors General and Inorganic Chemistry):**

**DO NOT** try to manually switch sections in either of these courses. The swap function on Student Center will NOT work. Also, do not try to drop the class to try to switch sections. You WILL lose your spot in the course. To switch sections please add the desired sections to a new waitlist entry.

The Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology has created an electronic waiting list for lab courses that have reached their enrollment limits. The electronic waiting list system is accessible only at <http://chemlabs.arts.cornell.edu/waitlist.cfm>. The electronic waiting list system will become available on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, and will remain open until 11:59 PM on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. At that time, Chemistry will take the existing waiting lists and fill in lab spaces as available. For more information go to <http://chemistry.cornell.edu/course-information>

### **Mathematics Courses:**

If the section you want is full on Student Center and other sections are available, you may need to adjust your schedule to make room for an available math class, or you may need to reconsider taking an early morning, late afternoon, or evening class if they are available. If the entire course is full the Math Department will likely raise the enrollment caps soon. Check Student Center again a little later. After half a day or so, if you still don't find an opening, you should ask for help if the course is required for your degree. Students make a lot of changes to their schedules during the early part of the Add/Drop period. Sections may open and close several times due to adds and drops. If you are interested in a specific time that is currently closed, you may find an opening if you check several times throughout the Add/Drop period. Contact Heather Peterson (607-255-4013/ [hko1@cornell.edu](mailto:hko1@cornell.edu)) for assistance with 1000-/2000-level MATH courses or Michelle Klinger (607-255-4238/ [mmk8@cornell.edu](mailto:mmk8@cornell.edu)) for assistance with 3000-level MATH courses and above. If you send email, please include your name, college, class standing, and any other details you think may help us prioritize your request.

### **Physics Courses:**

Please note that most Physics classes fill quickly, especially PHYS 2207 & PHYS 2208. Priority placement is given to students who can't satisfy their Physics requirement with PHYS 1101/1102.

You can enroll in open Physics classes using Student Center. If you are currently enrolled in a Physics class and would like to SWAP to another open class/component, the SWAP feature in Student Center works well for Physics classes. Instructions can be found at [www.physics.cornell.edu/swap](http://www.physics.cornell.edu/swap) . If you are unable to enroll in the class, you may add yourself to the wait list at [www.physics.cornell.edu/waitlist](http://www.physics.cornell.edu/waitlist) . All available spots are open in Student Center once the Add/Drop period begins on August 22 at 9:00 AM (for freshmen).

If you have any additional questions, please see Danyel Wierson in 121 Clark Hall or contact by email at [dw442@cornell.edu](mailto:dw442@cornell.edu) . We can only help you enroll in components that are open. 121 Clark is near the Physics homework boxes and can be accessed from the doors near the bike rack in the Clark breezeway or from Rockefeller Hall; it is not accessible from the Physics office in 117 Clark Hall.