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Foreword

The Microbiology graduate handbook is prepared to assist both new and continuing graduate students, not only with their studies, but also with policies and procedures of the Department of Microbiology as well as general policies of the Graduate School of Cornell University.

This handbook should be used as a guide to specific activities within the Field of Microbiology and the Department of Microbiology. Additional valuable information can be found in the Guide to Graduate Study which was sent to all new graduate students, on campus at the Graduate School in Caldwell Hall, and on-line at: http://gradschool.cornell.edu/.

The Cornell University Course of Study catalog is also a useful tool and is available through the Graduate School or on-line at: http://courses.cornell.edu/.

Other publications and forms may be obtained from the Microbiology student services office located in 107 Wing Hall or at: http://gradschool.cornell.edu/.
GENERAL GRADUATE INFORMATION

University Policies
Detailed information on Graduate School policies is available on-line or in person in Caldwell Hall.

Registration
A graduate student in residence in Ithaca must be registered and pay tuition for that part of the term while on campus, even if engage in thesis writing and taking no courses. Further details available at: http://gradschool.cornell.edu/academics/requirements/registration

During the summer you should receive a packet from the Cornell University Graduate School containing registration information. Filling out these forms will expedite the registration process when you arrive at Cornell. Official new graduate student registration takes place a week before the start of classes.

During the registration process you will pick up a New Student Information Packet, Cornell ID card, and receive a Cornell Network ID (NetID). This process will only register you as a Cornell student, but does NOT register you for courses. Registration for continuing graduate students occurs automatically when the student registers for classes in the fall and spring semesters. In order to register they cannot have a “hold” on their records.

Student Computing and Networking
Cornell Information technologies (CIT) is located in the Communications and Computing Center (CCC). They offer a wide variety of computer hardware, operating systems, and general and specialized application programs. To make these resources readily accessible, CIT operates public computer terminal facilities and provides some free consulting services.

Cornell Information Technologies CIT: https://it.cornell.edu/
Software Licensing: https://it.cornell.edu/software-licensing

CALS does provide IT services to Graduate students. To place a help ticket: Help.CALS.Cornell.edu
Cornell Health
Cornell Health is located at 110 Ho Plaza and serves the Cornell community with medical care, counseling, and pharmacy services.

Hours of operation:

**Academic Year**
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday: Closed

**Winter Session, Spring Break, Summer Session**
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed
*Closed on University holidays.*

To schedule same-day or routine appointments or consult with a health-care provider call 255-5155 during regular hours.

If there is an emergency call 911 or the Cornell Police at 255-1111.

A complete list of services can be found on-line at: [https://health.cornell.edu/](https://health.cornell.edu/)

**Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)**
Cornell enrolls all graduate and professional students in SHIP. This plan has been developed especially for Cornell students and is reviewed annual by a committee of Cornell students, faculty, and staff members. All graduate and professional students will be enrolled automatically in Cornell’s Student Health Insurance Plan. The premium is covered as part of your graduate student support package.

You can enroll dependents on the SHIP for an additional fee. Additional information can found at: [https://studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/health-plans/shp](https://studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/health-plans/shp)

*They are NOT enrolled automatically.*

It is important to print your insurance card by visiting the Cornell University Office of Student Health Benefits website at: [https://studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/health-plans/shp](https://studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/health-plans/shp)

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Cornell Graduate School: [https://gradschool.cornell.edu/](https://gradschool.cornell.edu/)

**Graduate Fellowships and Grants**
Financial support during first year is provided either through a Teaching Assistantship or a fellowship. After your required rotations and identifying which lab you will perform research and complete your PhD thesis in, financial support is provided by Graduate Research Assistantship or Teaching Assistantship. Students are encouraged to apply for fellowships and grants. The benefit of having a fellowship or grant is: 1) It will help your PI by freeing up resources that can be used for additional students, equipment, etc. and 2) benefits when applying for post-doc or job. [https://gradschool.cornell.edu/costs-funding/graduate-school-supplement-external-fellowships](https://gradschool.cornell.edu/costs-funding/graduate-school-supplement-external-fellowships)

**Graduate Degree Programs**
The Graduate Field in Microbiology awards a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Detailed academic requirements for the degree can be found in the Guide to Graduate Study book which is published by the Graduate School.
FIELD OF MICROBIOLOGY

Introduction
Overall administrative responsibility for the Microbiology Graduate Field rest with the Graduate Coordinating Committee chaired by Professor Joe Peters.

Questions for this committee should be directed to Professor Peters, Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) for the Field. Questions about the graduate program should be directed to either Professor Peters, or to Tina Daddona, Graduate Field Assistant (GFA), 107 Wing Hall.

Please become familiar with the information available to you concerning the timeline for graduation. The Graduate School places the responsibility on you to know and meet all the requirements.

Selecting Chairperson and Committees
One of the most important decisions will be the selection of the Chairperson for your Special Committee or the person to supervise your project. For purpose of administration, the DGS automatically becomes your Committee Chairperson until after your three required lab rotations. After your rotations you will select a Chairperson and two additional committee members. The DGS will also select an additional two members from the Field of Microbiology, leaving the total committee to five members.

The special committee also imposes requirements upon the student for examinations and graduation, and should meet at least one a year. New graduate students are required to return forms to the Graduate School (Caldwell Hall) specifying the composition of their special committee. After the rotations are complete and selected your permeate lab; you need to fill out “A Special Committee Selection and Change” form. The forms can be found on-line at: https://gradschool.cornell.edu/forms.

Laboratory Rotations
Each first year graduate student is required to complete three laboratory rotations starting in the fall semester and ending in the spring semester. The objective of the rotations is to find a research topic, lab, and advisor that best fits the student.

The rotations are equal length (about three months) and the number of hours the student works in the lab is decided by the principal investigator. If during the rotations the student has decided which lab works best for them; the remaining rotations will continue until the end of the spring semester.

For more information or advise on laboratory rotations please contact Professor Joe Peters, DGS.
First Year Course Requirements
Although students are encouraged to take any classes that interest them, the following courses are required of Microbiology students. Students may take courses in their potential minor fields to help expedite the process of completing the required curriculum.

BioMI 6900 Modules
There are six total modules, three in the fall and three in the spring, graduate students are required to take all modules within the first five semesters of their program. 1 credit per course.

Fall 2017
Course | Schedule | Instructor
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BioMI 6901 Microbial Structure & Function | TR 10:10-11:25 am | Doerr
BioMI 6902 Environmental Microbiology | TR 10:10-11:25 am | TBD
BioMI 6903 Microbial Physiology & Diversity | TR 10:10-11:25 am | Zinder

Spring 2018
Course | Schedule | Instructor
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BioMI 6904 Microbial Genetics | TR 10:10-11:25 am | Peters
BioMI 6905 Microbial Pathogenesis | TR 10:10-11:25 am | Winans
BioMI 6906 Viral Diversity and Ecology | TR 10:10-11:25 am | Casey

BioMI 7970 Scientific Communication Skills
This course is designed to hone your presentations and public speaking skills, as the ability to communicate effectively is essential for success as a scientist. Each first year student is required to take two semesters of BioMI 7970 (a third semester is optional). Each semester you will give presentations, based on primary literature on an assigned topic, or on the progress of your rotation project. Feedback for improving the presentation and peer evaluations will be emphasized.
1 credit.

Fall 2017
Schedule | Instructor
--- | ---
F 2:30-3:20 pm | Helmann/Winans

Spring 2018
Schedule | Instructor
--- | ---
F 2:30-3:20 pm | Madsen
**BioMI 7980 Graduate Research Seminar in Microbiology**
This course provides an opportunity for students in their second-year and beyond to give a seminar about their research progress. All students are required to enroll and attend each week. 1 credit. *AS NEEDED*

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**BioMI 7990 Microbiology Seminar Series**
Microbiology seminar series featuring faculty from Cornell and other Universities. All students are required to enroll. 0 credit.

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**BioMG 6330 Biosynthesis of Macromolecules**
This course offers a comprehensive review of synthesis of DNA, RNA, and proteins, and regulation of gene expression.

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**Teaching Opportunities**
The field of Microbiology requires that students perform at least one semester of teaching as a part of your graduate training.

TA training includes a weekly discussion of topics in pedagogy, such as backwards design, developing learning objectives, different assessment methods, Bloom’s taxonomy and writing good questions, using grading rubrics, active learning, and facilitating a group discussion.

For more information on teaching in Microbiology:
[https://micro.cornell.edu/academics/graduate/teaching](https://micro.cornell.edu/academics/graduate/teaching)
**Other Teaching Resources**
The Cornell Graduate School offers workshops and on-line resources to help enhance teaching and presentation skills.
http://gradschool.cornell.edu/pathways-success

Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) supports graduate students with improving their teaching skills, offers weekly programs and workshops for students who are either TAing or teaching their own course.
https://teaching.cornell.edu/

Cornell Science Inquiry Partnerships (CSIP) is funded by grants from NSF and Cornell, graduate fellows integrate their personal scientific expertise and inquiry-based curricula into pre-college science and engineering curricula in rural and urban classrooms.
http://csip.cornell.edu/

Graduate Student School Outreach Program (GRASSHOPR) pairs Cornell graduate students with teachers in Tompkins County and Geneva to teach 3-5 mini courses on topics related to the graduate student’s field or interest.
https://sites.google.com/site/grasshopratcornell/

**A Examination**
Graduate students in the Field of Microbiology are required to complete their qualifying exam (A Exam) by the end of their sixth semester. The exam is comprised of two components 1) written and 2) oral.

The written component is a research proposal, about 15 pages in length, this should focus on the student’s own research goals or related topic. The topic is chosen with consult from student’s thesis advisor. The proposal should contain background information of the proposed study, small number of specific hypotheses, and should describe the experiments that will be done to test the hypotheses. Students should plan to spend about one month writing the proposal. The proposal needs to be distributed to the committee at least one week before the oral exam.

The oral exam is attended by the student’s committee members and they will ask specific questions that test the knowledge of the experimental system that was discussed in your written portion. During the oral exam the committee will also ask question regarding the student’s general knowledge of Microbiology.

**B Examination**
The B Exam is an oral defense of your thesis or dissertation. The exam can be taken after completing all degree requirements, but not earlier than one month before completing the minimum Registration unit requirements. At least two registration units must be earned between the passing of the A exam and the scheduling of the B exam.
The form for scheduling the A or B exam and for providing results to the graduate school can be found at: [https://gradschool.cornell.edu/forms](https://gradschool.cornell.edu/forms)

**GRADUATE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT**

**Journal Club**
The Department of Microbiology, a graduate student volunteer and Professor Esther Angert organize the Journal Club. One graduate student is paired with a faculty, post doc or senior graduate student to present background information and the results of a current research article. Participating in the Journal Club is an excellent way to keep up on current literature, trends in microbiology, provides the opportunity to critically evaluate the literature, interact with faculty members, and practice presenting scientific information to an audience of peers and professors.

All Microbiology graduate students are required to enroll in this course, BioMI 7910, after their first year during the semester preceding their A exam.

**Field of Microbiology Students (FoMS)**
FoMS is a voluntary student organization that facilitates discussion on various topics relevant to Microbiology graduate students. Both academic and non-academic matters are covered at FoMS meetings such as: nomination of departmental and student-invited speakers, organization of activity schedules for recruitment weekend, organization of social/recreational events, dissemination of information for all Cornell graduate students (e.g. changes in health insurance, dissertation guidelines, etc.). FoMS is a great way to interact with Microbiology graduate students and graduate students across campus.

For more information on FoMS: [https://micro.cornell.edu/academics/graduate/foms](https://micro.cornell.edu/academics/graduate/foms)

**Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA)**
GPSA is part of the Cornell’s system of governance charged with representing the interest of graduate and professional students. Every graduate field and professional school selects a representative to attend the assembly; from the field representatives, voting members and executive officers are elected. Graduate and professional students pay a student activity fee, which the funds collected GPSA sponsors social events, such as the End-of-Year BBQ.

For more information on GPSA: [http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSA/Home](http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSA/Home)

**Seminars**
There are many opportunities to hear speakers from fields other than Microbiology, below is a list of possibilities.

*Microbiology Seminar-Thursday, 4:30 pm*
Required for all students in the field of Microbiology. Topics could include various aspects of microbiology, such as environmental microbiology and pathogenic microbiology. In addition to Cornell faculty, speakers from other Universities are invited to speak.
[https://micro.cornell.edu/news/events](https://micro.cornell.edu/news/events)
**Biogeochemistry, Environmental Science and Sustainability-Friday, 4:00 pm**
This seminar series focuses on environmental microbiology such as carbon and nitrogen cycling. [http://www.eeb.cornell.edu/igert/?page_id=60](http://www.eeb.cornell.edu/igert/?page_id=60)

**Infection & Immunity-Friday, 12:15 pm**
Required of students in the umbrella “Pathobiology” program. Invited speakers present seminars on the subjects of infection, pathogenesis, and immunology.

**Molecular Biology and Genetics-Friday, 4:00 pm**
[https://mbg.cornell.edu/news/events](https://mbg.cornell.edu/news/events)
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MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

CU INFO
CUinfo is a website maintained by Cornell University that provides faculty, staff, and students with current campus alerts, Ithaca weather, and other happenings around Cornell.
http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/

STUDENT CENTER
Student center provides students to check registration, add/drop classes, make changes to special committees, view financial aid information, and details on your student record.
www.studentcenter.cornell.edu

MAIL AND MAILBOXES
The Department of Microbiology mail room is located in 151 Wing Hall and is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Mailboxes are provided for all graduate students, faculty, and staff. Please check your mailbox regularly.

Campus mail is a free service and is to be used for University business only. Envelopes and mailing supplies are available in 107 Wing Hall.

Packages can be sent via UPS or Fed Ex with an account number. Please contact any staff member to help with the process.

BULLETIN BOARD
The department provides bulletin boards to provide important information to the community:
- Seminar Announcements-outside 102 Wing Hall
- Job Postings-across 115 Wing Hall
- List of faculty, staff, and graduate students-outside 106 Wing Hall

PURCHASES
If the project director expects you make frequent purchase, they can request that you gain access to the Cornell’s purchasing system, eShop. Permission, account number, and detailed business purpose must be obtained from the project director before making the purchase. To gain the access needed the project director needs to contact Lillian Henry, Department Manager, 103 Wing Hall.

FLEET GARAGE VEHICLES
A student with a valid driver’s license and registered with the Fleet Office may use a vehicle for business purposes only, typically there are fees associated with the use of a vehicle. The
Department Manager will need to authorize the amount, once approved, they are charged to a department account.  
[https://fcs.cornell.edu/content/lease-university-fleet-vehicle](https://fcs.cornell.edu/content/lease-university-fleet-vehicle)

**PARKING ON CAMPUS**  
All vehicles on campus must be registered with the University Transportation Services at 116 Maple Avenue. Parking is limited and permits are disbursed on a tier system. Their hours of operation are 7:30 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Friday.  
[https://fcs.cornell.edu/content/parking-students](https://fcs.cornell.edu/content/parking-students)

**KEYS AND BUILDING ACCESS**  
Wing Hall is open 7:30 am-5:00 pm daily. If you need access to the building please see Patti Brenchley, 102 Wing Hall.

If your PI would like you to have a key to an office or lab they must notify Patti Brenchley in 102 Wing Hall.

**LAB INFORMATION-TRAINING**  
Students who will be working a lab are required to take the basic lab safety course.

The department also encourages students to take the Dry Ice and Hazardous Materials Shipping trainings.

For further information and available trainings please see the Environmental Health & Safety website: [https://sp.ehs.cornell.edu/lab-research-safety/Pages/default.aspx](https://sp.ehs.cornell.edu/lab-research-safety/Pages/default.aspx)