**Meeting times:** M, 12:00-12:50 pm, TH387  
Course Website: A Moodle site will be used to distribute seminar schedules, course readings, and other announcements ([http://moodle.pugetsound.edu](http://moodle.pugetsound.edu))

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**Course Description**  
Biology Colloquium was designed as a broad introduction to the research carried out by faculty in the Department of Biology at the University of Puget Sound. During the course, faculty will present their research, with special attention to how undergraduates could participate in various projects. In addition, each speaker will outline the approaches used in their laboratories, their expectations for students in the laboratory, and their overall philosophy for student-faculty research. If you are interested in carrying out research with a faculty member in Biology, this course is an ideal way to gain an overview of the broad research interests in this department. Following a presentation (or even before, if you have read ahead!) that interests you, you can approach a specific faculty member and inquire about student research possibilities in her or his laboratory.

**Course Objectives**  
1. Promote active and sustained engagement with current science research.  
2. Introduce students to the diversity of research activities within the Biology Department.  
3. Help students identify research areas of interest and faculty with whom they might conduct research.

**Expectations and Responsibilities**  
1. Attend all faculty presentations. Your attendance is mandatory and you will not pass the class if you have more than one unexcused absence.

2. One week preceding each presentation, I will provide a paper to introduce you to the next speaker’s area of research. Based on this required reading material, you must turn in three distinct questions for at least eight of nine faculty presentations prior to the beginning of the faculty member’s seminar. These questions will be provided to the faculty member speaking.

3. **Participate** in asking questions during each speaker’s seminar.
**Evaluation Criteria**

This course is Pass/Fail. Students meeting the minimum requirements found in the Expectations and Responsibilities section will earn a Pass; students not meeting the minimum requirements will earn a Fail. Failure to adhere to the content guidelines found in the Expectations and Responsibilities section will result in **NOT** earning credit for the attended seminar in question. Standard Puget Sound University policies apply regarding withdrawal from this course with a W or WF.

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