

Bio-Bits

A Newsletter from Brookdale's Biology Department **Spring 2008**

WELCOME

Welcome to the Spring 2008 semester at Brookdale! This newsletter contains helpful information about the Biology Department and a number of campus resources. The Biology Office is located in MAS-049 (lower level of MAS; 732-224-2402).

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Independent Study (Open) Laboratories

In Independent Study Lab, materials from closed lab sessions are available for additional study. Learning Assistants staff the labs, which are open more than 35 hours per week. To ensure success on course practicals, students should visit Open Lab regularly throughout the semester. In Fall 2007, the Anatomy Independent Study Lab logged **4200 student visits!**

Independent Study Lab Hours

General Biology/Life Sciences/Microbiology
BIOL101/BIOL102/BIOL105/BIOL213
Room MAS 041

Monday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	12:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Independent Study Lab Hours
Anatomy and Physiology I and II
BIOL111/BIOL112
Room MAS 056

Monday	8:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
	1:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Science Computer Lab

A Science Computer Lab is available to all students enrolled in Biology Classes for lecture and lab work, research, and on-line tests. The lab is located in **MAS 107** (middle level of MAS). **Hours:**

Monday	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Wednesday	11:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Friday	Noon – 4:00 PM

Study Rooms

Rooms for individual and collaborative study are available to all science students on the first floor of the MAS building (middle level of MAS – “glass” rooms).

Faculty Office Hours

Students seeking clarification of course material may do so during faculty office hours. Hours for each instructor are posted on the door of the Science Office, MAS 049.

Recitation Sessions

Weekly recitation sessions are scheduled for students enrolled in BIOL111 and BIOL105. The optional sessions, held before and/or after class, provide students with a regularly scheduled time to seek clarification of course material.

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT WEB PAGE

The Biology Department Web Page contains useful information for students, including descriptions of Weekly Labs, Course Syllabi and Program Requirements. Access the Web Page by going to the Brookdale Home Page (www.brookdalecc.edu), clicking “Quicklinks” (top right center), “Academic Departments” and “Biology”. The site is currently “*Under Construction*”, but important student links are operational.

BIOLOGY SEMINAR

As part of its Current Topics in Biology Seminar Series, the Biology Department is sponsoring a talk entitled “*Manatees: Elusive and Endangered Sirens of the Sea*”, Thursday, February 21st, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM in MAN105. Caryn Self Sullivan, President and co-founder of Sirenian International and a Principal Investigator at the Earthwatch Institute, will deliver the lecture. Contact: masmith@brookdalecc.edu

BROOKDALE SCIENCE CLUBS

The Biology Club provides an excellent opportunity for students from all majors to interact with faculty, staff and fellow students. The club is a great way to learn about biology through field trips and recreational activities. Planned activities this semester include trips to the *Museum of Natural History* and *Jenkinson's Aquarium*. Meetings are held in MAS 053. Contact Sally: scohen@brookdalecc.edu, or biologyclub@brookdalecc.edu.

NJ Waterwatch – Scheduled Activities

Feb 7th, 11:45 AM, SLC106 – Semester Kick-Off
Feb 21st, 11:45 AM, SLC 109 – Campus Clean Up
April 19th, Earth Day Clean Up at Poricy Park
April 26th, Beach Sweeps, Ocean Grove
Contact: Sonya Abrams, bcc@njwaterwatch.org

Science Clubs, Continued

W.E.S.T. Contact: awey@brookdalecc.edu

Horticulture Club. Contact:

lvancleve@brookdalecc.edu

BCC COUNSELORS

Students that need help with course selection should make an appointment with BCC counselors. Call 732-224-2586.

HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Students interested in pursuing a degree in Health Science may obtain an Admissions Packet on the Nursing Department Webpage, in the BCC Admissions Office, or in the Health Sciences Office (MAS120). Students that have not yet attended an *Information Session* should direct questions to Enrollment Specialist Beth Stryker (bstryker@brookdalecc.edu; 732-224-2330); Students that have attended an Information Session should direct questions to Sharon Stouter ([sstouter@brookdalecc.edu](mailto:ssstouter@brookdalecc.edu)). An **email hotline** is also available to answer student questions: prenursinginfo@brookdalecc.edu.

BANKIER LIBRARY

Hours

Monday – Thursday	7:15 AM – 10:00 PM
Friday	7:15 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Phone: 732-224-2706.

Librarian Steve Chudnick is the Biology Subject Specialist (schudnick@brookdalecc.edu). **Resources**
For instructions on how to access the vast resources of the Bankier Library from home, go to the Brookdale homepage (www.brookdalecc.edu), click "Library" (top right), "Connect" (center) and "Connecting from Home" (left column, under "Help").

TESTING CENTER HOURS

The Testing Center is located in the lower level of the CAR building, one floor below Registration. (Parking Lot 5; Phone: 732-224-2584).

Hours

Monday	8:30 AM – 8:45 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM – 8:45 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 8:45 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM – 8:45 PM
Friday	8:30 AM – 4:45 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 3:45 PM

Note: Last request for course tests is one hour and 45 minutes before closing time. Brookdale ID required.

TRANSFER and TRANSFER RESOURCES

Brookdale's Transfer Resources/Articulation Office works with four-year institutions to ensure maximum transferability of Brookdale courses. The Transfer Resources Website contains online college catalogs, information on transfer and transfer scholarships, and a link to NJ Transfer. To access the website, go to the Brookdale homepage (www.brookdalecc.edu), click "Current Students" (top left) and "Transfer Resources" (left column).

Representatives from four-year colleges will visit Brookdale between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the SLC on the following dates:

Seton Hall University	February 5 th
Stockton College	February 6 th
Montclair State	February 12 th and April 1 st
Felician College	February 13 th and March 12 th
Rider University	March 4 th

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Every year, one outstanding student from each Division of the college is recognized at graduation. Students with GPAs of 3.5 or greater are eligible to apply for this prestigious honor. Applications will be available soon in the Biology Office (MAS049).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lisa Eichenholtz Memorial Nursing Scholarship – A \$1000 scholarship is available to a returning second year nursing student. Deadline: May 1st. Contact: 732-224-2705.

Jan Astin Scholarship – A \$4400 scholarship is available to a BCC student enrolled in the Radiation Technology Program Fall, 2008. Deadline: May 1st. Contact: 732-224-2705.

AAUW Scholarship – A \$500 - \$1000 scholarship is available to a female resident of Monmouth County. Criteria: BCC student; plans to pursue a bachelor's degree; 25 years of age by April 1, 2008; 24 credits by May 2008; GPA of 3.0. Contact: Barbara Iwanski, 732-345-8094.

Fairways Garden Club Scholarship – A \$1000 scholarship is available to a 2008 BCC graduate going on to a four year college to study horticulture, botany, floriculture, landscape design, environmental science, land management or any related subject. Deadline: March 30th. Contact: 732-224-2705.

Many more **Scholarships** are available to qualified Brookdale students. To see a complete listing, find *Community Interest* on the BCC Homepage (www.brookdalecc.edu), then click on "Alumni and Foundation" and "Scholarships".

IMPORTANT DATES: SPRING 2008 TERM

Jan 26th – Last day to complete Fall 2007 Incompletes
Feb 21st – Candidacy for Graduation Forms Due
Mar 3rd-19th – Priority registration, Summer and Fall 08
Mar 16th-22nd – Spring Break; No classes
Mar 20th – Open Registration, Summer and Fall 08
April 22nd – Last day to withdraw from classes
May 18th – Commencement

Please note that the Spring 2008 Course Catalog contains incorrect dates for Registration and Withdrawal from classes.

SNOWING?

Listen to Brookdale Public Radio, 90.5 FM The Night, to learn if BCC classes have been cancelled.