

Department: Biology

Course Information: Genetics Lab Biol 2202

Instructor: Professor Katie Nemeth

Below is information about the sections of the course, the number of LAs we expect to hire per section, and the meeting times that you will be expected to attend for each section.

Before you apply, ensure that these times fit into your schedule.

Section #	Expected Number of LAs for this section	LAs need to attend course functions at the following times:
1	1	LAs can attend 3 or 4 hours of a session. It is best to come at the start of a section. Section 1: W 9:00AM-12:50PM
2	1	LAs can attend 3 or 4 hours of a session. It is best to come at the start of a section. Section 2: W 1:00-4:50 PM
3	1	LAs can attend 3 or 4 hours of a session. It is best to come at the start of a section. Section 3: W 5-8:50 PM OR Section 4: Th 1:00-4:50 PM OR Section 5: Th 5-8:50 PM

In addition to being available for the times listed above, working as an LA also requires the following:

1. All LAs must meet weekly with their faculty member to prepare for the following week's events at a time mutually acceptable to the faculty and LA
2. **All new LAs** must be available to attend a training from 4:30pm – 8pm on Monday, August, 2026 (if you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from attending this training, please contact Carrie Misuraco at cmisurac@d.umn.edu)
3. **All new LAs** must be available to complete training on one of the following weekly times:
Wednesdays 3-3:50pm

Wednesdays 4-4:50pm

Thursdays 2-2:50pm

What will an LA do in this course?

The role of the LA varies slightly in each course. Read below for more information on the LA's role in this course.

What is the role of the LA in this course?

LA will provide feedback to the instructor to help address student questions during the lab module and classwork. Any areas of clarification would be appreciated during our meetings. This course will have weekly meetings with other LAs and the professor. We will discuss the upcoming lab and look at the handouts. Additionally, LAs may have the opportunity to practice specific techniques. LAs will be asked to develop questions for open-book quizzes based on the reading and/or techniques. LAs should attend one of the five lab sections. Attendance for approximately 3 hours of the lab would be considered. Some weeks, the lab does not require LA assistance; however, weekly meetings may still occur. I enjoy the collaboration and student perspective I gain from working with LAs.

How could being an LA for this course benefit you?

As an LA, you will gain valuable experience anticipating and solving problems, writing sample questions, and sharpening your critical thinking skills. Throughout the semester, working closely with students and the instructor, you will deepen your understanding of core biology concepts, reinforcing your knowledge and preparing you for future courses, career, and possible entrance exams (MCAT, GRE, LSAT, or PCAT). Regular interaction with the course instructor will also give you opportunities to ask about career paths, graduate school applications, and how to request strong letters of recommendation. I am excited to collaborate and support your growth as both a student and a mentor.

Additional Questions:

