

Department: Biology

Course Information: General Biology II Biol 1012

Instructor: Professor Paul Bates

Below is information about the sections of the course, the number of LAs we expect to hire per section, and the meeting times you are 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	3	MWF 11:00-11:50am lecture

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?

LAs will interact with students in this course in two ways. During lecture, they will assist students with small-group activities and with complex clicker questions. They will also hold twice-weekly optional help sessions. During these sessions, they will help students with both course content and study strategies. During our weekly preparation meetings, LAs will give me feedback on how well students are understanding the material and suggestions for course improvement.

How could being an LA for this course benefit you?

By serving as an LA in this course, you will strengthen your understanding of the course material. You never learn subject as well as you do by teaching them! You'll also experience different ways of learning material, which can help you in your other courses. If you're thinking about graduate school or other paths that involve instruction, you gain valuable pedagogical training and practical teaching experience.

Additional Questions:

Interest in being an LA for this specific course

