

RRCC Biology Course Info for Spring 2021

BIO Course	RRCC Delivery Option(s)	Lab Class?	Required Meetings On Campus?	Required to Be Online at a Certain Time?	Additional Info for RRCC Sections (does not apply to CCCOnline sections)
105	Remote	yes	no	yes	free textbook and very minimal lab purchases required
106	Online or Remote	no	no	yes remote section no online section	
111	Online or Remote	yes	no	yes remote sections no online sections	free virtual lab simulations (no lab kit cost)
112	Online or Remote	yes	no	yes remote sections no online section	free textbook and virtual lab simulations (no lab kit cost)
116	Online	no	no	no	
201	Online or Remote	yes	no	yes remote sections no online sections	minimal lab purchases required
202	Online or Remote	yes	no	yes remote sections no online sections	minimal lab purchases required
204	Remote	yes	no	yes	lab kit cost ~\$450 but lower tuition than online
216	Online	no	no	no	
224	Hybrid	yes	yes	yes	students meet on campus the last 4 weeks of the semester (see schedule of classes); minimal lab purchases required

NOTE:

- RRCC sections start with "4" for Online (470, 471, etc.) and with "8" for Remote (801, 802, etc.)
- Online courses do not require you to be online at a specific time but there are still due dates and deadlines throughout the semester
- Remote courses require you to be online at certain times - the required synchronous online meeting times are listed in the schedule of classes
- Courses that start with "C" for the section number (C11, C21) are not RRCC sections and are instead taught and administered by CCCOnline; these lab classes have lab kit fees that range from \$125 to \$333 (paid with tuition and fees) and most also require you to purchase a microscope

EXPANDED INFORMATION

In response to COVID-19 and with safety, student success, and quality instruction ALL a priority, all but one of the RRCC Biology courses for Spring 2021 are being taught in a Remote format and/or in an Online format.

What do you mean by "Remote" and "Online"?

- For both format types, there are no on-campus meetings - all instruction occurs online.
- Courses are not self-paced; due dates and deadlines occur throughout the semester.

What is the difference between Remote and Online?

- Remote:
 - o All instruction occurs as a mix of synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous (on your own time) interactions. This more closely resembles typical face-to-face courses even though there is no on-campus presence.
 - o Regular online class meetings with your instructor (e.g., by video conference like WebEx or Zoom) during the days and times indicated on the schedule of classes.
 - o On-campus (lower) tuition rate ([click here for details on tuition and fees](#))
 - o RRCC courses offered in this format: BIO 105, 106, 111, 112, 201, 202, 204 – identified by section numbers that start with "8" (801, 802, etc.) and with "RDL REMOTE" as the location.
- Online:
 - o All instruction occurs online as asynchronous (no real-time) interactions
 - o Requesting an individual meeting with your instructor synchronously online may be an option
 - o Online (higher) tuition rate ([click here for details on tuition and fees](#))
 - o RRCC courses offered in this format: BIO 106, 111, 112, 116, 201, 202, 216 – identified by section numbers that start with "4" (470, 471, etc.) and with "RDL RRCCONLINE" as the location. (Online

courses are also available via CCCOnline but these are not RRCC sections - see below for more information on these courses.)

How can I tell the difference between the Remote and Online formats when I register?

- Remote courses can be recognized by having a section number that starts with "8" (801, 802 etc.) and "RDL REMOTE" as the location.
- Online courses can be recognized by having a section number that starts with "4" (470, 471, etc.) and "RDL RRCCONLINE" as the location.

What about section numbers that start with "C" (e.g., C11, C21) and have "RCON CCCONLINE" as the location?

- These are courses taught and administered by CCCOnline (not by RRCC) – this means they are not taught by an RRCC instructor and the RRCC Biology Department is not in charge of the course.
- Lab courses with C section numbers have lab kit fees embedded in their tuition and fees and most also require you to purchase a microscope.

Which one should I pick?

- Choose a Remote format course if:
 - o You're someone who does better with a more structured schedule including certain times to attend class and receive some real-time instruction. Note that this means you will need to be available to meet during the days and times indicated in the schedule of classes, just as you would with an on-campus class.
- Choose an Online format course if:
 - o You cannot attend synchronous online class meetings (as listed as specific days and times in the schedule of classes).
 - o You'd prefer not to have to be online at a specific time and don't need real-time, synchronous instruction. Note that there will still be due dates and deadlines – just no real-time instruction.

What about labs?

- All courses that have a laboratory component will still provide students the opportunity to learn the associated content and skills and students will receive laboratory credit as usual.
- Labs will be completed at home and online with a lab kit and/or simulated labs.