What to do if the following courses are full:

BioG 1440 (Comparative Physiology)
BioMG 1350 (Cell & Developmental Biology)
BioG 1500 (Investigative Biology Lab)
Chem 2070 (General Chemistry I)
Chem 2150 (Honors General and Inorganic Chemistry)

BioG 1440 (Comparative Physiology) and BioMG 1350 (Cell & Developmental Biology)

We expect to have sufficient space in the discussion sections to accommodate all students who want to enroll in BioG 1440 & BioMG 1350. If either/both fill during pre-enroll, check back on Student Center periodically throughout the pre-enrollment period, as students often make changes which will result in seats opening up. It is a possibility that the specific section day and time a student is seeking may not be available or that all discussion sections for both courses will fill (and remain full) during pre-enroll. If either of those occur, please do not worry, there are several options and considerations.

- First and foremost, no major in any college requires that you take either of these courses in your first semester at Cornell. Rather, students should complete them no later than the end of the sophomore year, as they are introductory level courses.

- Consider taking BioG 1445: Comparative Anatomy and Physiology instead of BioG 1440. BioG 1445 fulfills the Introductory Biology requirement. This course covers similar conceptual material as BioG 1440, but additionally focuses on comparative anatomy of vertebrate animals through dissection of preserved specimens. This course is taught in a mostly self-guided mode, with only one lecture per week instead of two lectures and a discussion. If you are organized and good with time management, and are thinking of attending medical school, this could be the course for you. The additional hands-on exposure to anatomy is very useful.

- Consider taking BioEE 1780: Introduction to Evolutionary Biology as this is a required course for biology majors and should be completed by the end of sophomore year.

- Spaces in the discussion sections of BioG 1440 and BioMG 1350 will likely open up in August during Add/Drop, as upper class students who pre-enrolled in spring drop the course. The Add/Drop period for first-year students begins on August 21st, so mark your calendar to check back on Student Center for new openings then.

- NOTE FOR BioG 1440 only, once classes begin in August: if enrollment in lecture and sections is full, you can attend the first lecture and the discussion section of your choice the first week, where you will have the opportunity to fill out a form requesting to add the course. Students will be notified by the instructor or TA’s if space becomes available.

Please contact the Office of Undergraduate Biology, 607/255-5233, if you have any questions.

BioG 1500 (Investigative Biology Lab)

Unfortunately, BIOG 1500 does not offer a wait list / make exceptions when labs are full due to safety regulations. However, there are options you may try in order to obtain a seat in a full section. Please
note the following same options apply if you want to switch into a full lab section from your current undesired section.

Even if all course seats are full, follow these procedures:

**Option # 1:**

- Check the enrollment of BIOG 1500 in Student Center as frequently as is feasible for you during the pre-enrollment and Add/Drop period. It is possible that a student who is currently enrolled in the course will drop it ... (a lot of students change their schedule during this time). During the Add/Drop period, empty seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend trying this first, as it is the least complicated.

**Option # 2:**

- Swapping online during the Add/Drop time period: There is a "Swap" button in Student Center (it looks like a double-sided, bent arrow inside a square button). If the lab you want has an open seat, you can use this swap feature during the "Add/Drop" period to switch into a more desirable lab section --- without dropping your spot in the lecture. Always check this first, you should never need to drop the lecture at all.

Please attend the first lecture regardless (On 8/22/17, at 9:05AM in Call Auditorium, Kennedy Hall). That way, if seats in the course open up and you obtain one, you won’t be behind on material.

If you have any questions that aren’t answered here, you can email the course at biolabs@cornell.edu.

**Chem 2070 (General Chemistry I) or Chem 2150 (Honors General and Inorganic Chemistry)**

The Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology has created an electronic waiting list for lab courses that have reached their enrollment limits.

The electronic waiting list system is accessible only at http://chemlabs.arts.cornell.edu/waitlist.cfm The electronic waiting list system will become available on Wednesday, April 12, 2016, and will remain open until 11:59pm on Thursday, August 24, 2017. At that time, Chemistry will take the existing waiting lists and fill in lab spaces as available.

For more information go to http://chemistry.cornell.edu/course-information

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