Expectations regarding Coop, Internships and Research Project Courses in CBS for S20
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On Monday, March 23 Premier Doug Ford announced the mandatory closure of all non-essential businesses. In addition to the recent measures taken by the University of Guelph, the Province’s decision will impact University operations and raise important questions about the continuity of co-op work terms, and work-integrated learning courses such as summer research and internship courses. Information regarding co-op can be found on the FAQ page of the Coronavirus Information website.

Expectations for CBS Summer Research and Internship Courses
Students can enroll in a summer research or internship course, involving either on- or off-campus activities, provided they meet one of the two requirements listed below. Students will be required to provide proof of meeting criteria 1 or 2 to the course coordinator when seeking approval to enroll in any of the research or internship courses.

A student is not permitted to work within a workplace unless one of the following criteria is met:

1) the student can complete all work from home; or
2) the student is working with an organization/research setting deemed essential and the placement has the approval of the workplace supervisor and physical distancing requirements can be fully achieved.

Students will be required to provide confirmation that one of the above criteria can be met. Note that most research on campus is on hold and thus criterion #2 will rarely be met for on-campus placements.

Please be advised that the status of these courses may change depending on the directives from the university or the provincial government.

Enrolment details
BIOL 3660, Internship in Biological Science: Students who can secure a 100-hr internship in a workplace, in which the above requirements are met and can begin in early to mid-May (and finish by Aug 14th) can apply for a S20 internship course. The deadline for submitting an application to the course coordinator is prior to May 15th, 2020*. Students who cannot meet these deadlines for the summer offering of BIOL 3660 but are able to secure an internship position starting in June or July, can enroll in the fall offering of the internship course, section 01. Students would enroll in the fall offering during the June course selection period. Student must submit their forms and be enrolled by June 30th, 2020*.

Summer Research Project Courses: Students interested in a research project course in the S20 semester will need follow the same process for enrolling in research courses as previously outlined through departmental websites and the applicable course outline. Prior to submitting the required paper, students will need to confirm with their potential faculty advisor that they are able to work from home or if the research is deemed as essential that physical distancing measures can be met. Confirmation that either one of these criteria can be met, the departmental registration form and course waiver form need to be submitted to the course coordinator before May 15th, 2020*. The course coordinator is listed on WebAdvisor as the instructor.

*The current deadline for adding courses is May 15th, 2020. Please monitor the university covid-19 website for updates as this may be extended.