



SUMMER BIOLOGY COURSE

MAY 28 TO JUNE 28, 2024

Overview

Berean Christian High School is pleased to offer its popular, fully-accredited, college-preparatory Summer Biology course, affectionately known as "Summer Bio."

Summer Biology is a survey course designed to enable the student to gain a deep appreciation of how the complex systems of life, and their intricate design, point clearly to God as Creator and Sustainer of all living matter, and that, therefore, man is accountable to God concerning how he lives his life. It is taught in an **intensive, accelerated** format over 5 weeks/24 instructional days, from **Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, June 28, 2024**. The course fulfills both Berean Christian graduation requirements and college-preparatory course requirements for a high school biology course.

Here are some reasons why this course may be right for you:

- You want to take as many science courses as you can, and you understand that you can free up your schedule to take more science courses during your years at Berean Christian if you can fulfill Biology during the summer.
- You love the idea of completing the equivalent of a year-long course in under 5 weeks, and you have an academic and behavioral record that demonstrates you are up for the challenge of this accelerated course.
- You will be able to focus on just one course at a time- a course that may prove more difficult when you are juggling six other courses during the regular school year.
- You can lighten your load during the regular school year by fulfilling this graduation requirement in the summer, allowing for more time to be involved in sports, music, drama, student leadership, cheerleading, and/or clubs.

FACTS

- The course is fully accredited as a **full year** College Preparatory Biology course, fulfilling both Berean Christian graduation requirements and college admissions requirements.
- Because of the rigors of this accelerated class, to succeed in this course students must:
 1. **maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or above in their current academic classes;**
 2. **be characterized by focused, non-disruptive classroom behavior;**
 3. **be comfortable with an accelerated pace of learning, where one to three science chapters PER DAY are covered and tested**
- All course applications will be reviewed for approval by both the Director of Academics and the Deans.
- **It is considered a 2024-2025 course, and therefore families must pay their student's Berean Christian re-enrollment fee for 2024-2025 no later than May 15, 2024.** (The re-enrollment fee is \$495 in January and February, increasing to \$595 after 2/28/24.)
- The course will be led by Berean Christian teacher **Mr. Stephen Franklin**.

SCHEDULE

The class is held on the Berean Christian campus, Mondays through Fridays, typically 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in room B-2. (Start and dismissal times, as well as the room, may vary on certain days.)

There will be several off-campus, working field trips, up to one day each week. **Students should bring a daily lunch, as there will be no on-campus lunch service.**

You can contact teacher Mr. Franklin at sfranklin@bereanchristian.com for additional information about course content and the typical daily schedule.

ATTENDANCE & GRADING POLICY (IMPORTANT!)

Due to the accelerated, intensive nature of the course, students **cannot miss more than one day** in order to fulfill the requirements for receiving credit for the course. **If your family has a late May or June trip planned, or if your student has other conflicts that would require the student to miss more than one day, regretfully this course is NOT a fit for your student.**

Tentative Grading Breakdown: Tests & Projects-40%, Labs-30%, Daily Work-25%, Pop Quizzes-5%

Missed tests and quizzes cannot be made up. Field trips are considered labs, and, if missed, may only be made up for a maximum grade of 70%.

COST

The cost of the 2024 Summer Biology program is **\$2,090**. There are no tuition assistance, ministry, or staff discounts applicable to this course. Payment options include:

- Payment in full, **with \$100 discount through 1/31/24: \$1,990** due with online registration form submitted by 1/31/24. (Payment in full after 1/31/24 is \$2,090.)
- There are various installment plan options for **\$2,090** total, such as a 6-payment option: **\$590 initial payment due** with online registration form, plus \$300/month due January through May 2024 (billed on family incidental billing account due the 20th of each month). See online application for other deposit-plus-installments options.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Please carefully review your late May & June 2024 family calendar for conflicts BEFORE enrolling in Summer Biology; due to various irrevocable contracts Berean Christian enters into over the coming months in order to be able to offer this unique course, **our refund policy upon cancellation is by necessity very strict**, and a family's refund amount, if any, is based upon the date that **emailed cancellation notice** is received:

<u>Cancellation by:</u>	<u>Family will forfeit/owe:</u>
January 31, 2024	\$590
February 28, 2024	\$890
March 31, 2024	\$1,190
April 30, 2024	\$1,490
May 15, 2024	\$1,790
No refund for cancellations after May 15, 2024	

Families must email kgrieb@bereanchristian.com to cancel. For families on the payment plan, charges billed to account as due prior to the cancellation date will remain due, even if not yet paid.

Exceptions:

- If Berean Christian is able to fill cancellation with a waitlisted student, Berean Christian will be able to refund all but \$250 of the canceled student's charges. **Since this is not always possible, you must assume if you enroll that you will remain responsible for the full amount described above in the event of your cancellation.**
- Waitlisted students not ultimately offered program enrollment will receive a 100% refund of any amount paid with application plus as billed (students whose initial application does not receive approval will receive full refund less \$50 processing fee; please do NOT apply if student doesn't meet criteria).
- In the unlikely event that Berean Christian needs to cancel the course, all payments will be 100% refundable.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- The 2024 Summer Biology Application/Enrollment will be ONLINE. The application link will be emailed to the parents listed in communications in FACTS, and the link can also be found on www.bereanchristian.com.
- **The application will open on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:30 am.** The course will be filled on a first-come first-served basis with up to 18 eligible & approved students. A waitlist will be maintained after the 18th student.
- Historically, the course has sometimes filled within the first few days of the applications being accepted (sometimes as soon as the first morning). Most years there are a handful of enrollment cancellations that allow for a few waitlisted students, if any, to be admitted.
- Parents will receive emailed notification of their student's Summer Bio enrollment status (accepted & enrolled, accepted & waitlisted, or denied) within one week of submission of online application. (If the application is submitted during Christmas break, notification will be shortly after school resumes in January.)
- This is considered a 2024-2025 course, and thus parents must complete the Berean Christian 2024-2025 FACTS online re-enrollment process for their student no later than May 15, 2024. (The re-enrollment fee is \$495 by February 29, 2024, but \$595 after February 29, 2024.)