

BIOS FAQs

Can I participate in BIOS even if I don't intend to take BIOL 1201 in the fall?

No, enrollment in BIOL 1201 is a prerequisite for participation in BIOS. The week is designed to help students with the beginning of Introductory Biology and will not be as helpful to non-Biology students. However, if you intend to enroll in BIOL 1201 in the spring because you must take CHEM 1201 prior to enrolling in BIOL 1201, you may participate in BIOS.

Can I apply for BIOS before I register for fall classes?

Yes, you may apply for BIOS any time. In fact, we recommend applying early as interest in the program increases every year.

Can I participate in BIOS as a sophomore?

No, BIOS is only offered to freshmen, as the program is geared toward making the transition to college.

Will I need housing for BIOS?

Campus housing is optional for the week of BIOS. Please refer to the "Housing FAQs" link for all housing information. There is an additional fee of approximately \$165 for students who opt for campus housing (exact price to be determined).

Will I need a parking permit for the week of BIOS?

Yes, if you will be parking on the LSU campus for the week of BIOS you will need a special permit. There is a place on the BIOS application for you to request a parking pass. We will have the passes available at the Check-in on Sunday, but only if you have requested one in advance. Your fall permit is not valid until the next week.

Will I receive course credit for participating in BIOS?

No, this is an optional orientation program. No official LSU credit will be given for BIOS.

Will meals be provided during BIOS?

Yes, students will receive 3 meals a day during BIOS. Breakfast and lunch will be served in one of the campus dining halls, and a hot meal is provided each evening in either the LSU Student Union or the dining hall (schedule to be determined). Light appetizers will be served at the closing reception on Friday.

Will there be a final awards celebration that parents can attend?

Yes, we will have a celebration and awards on Friday afternoon around 12:30. This will be immediately followed by the closing ceremony and reception.

How do I pay for BIOS?

The BIOS fees will be posted to your LSU billing statement in beginning in May, and you may pay the same way you pay your other university fees. For more information on payment options, contact the Bursar's Office at bursar@lsu.edu.

Is there any financial aid available for BIOS?

Yes, we have need-based financial aid that will cover \$250 of the \$350 BIOS fee. For more information, please see the "Financial Aid" section under "For Students".

Is the Biology 1201 textbook included in the BIOS fee?

As part of your program fee you will receive the Biology 1201 **electronic textbook** and the access code for any other online companion material. You will also receive a student response card (“clicker”) that you will use both during BIOS and Biology 1201. The actual textbook is not part of the program fee but can be purchased from the LSU Bookstore or another source.

How do I cancel my BIOS registration?

You may cancel your BIOS registration by emailing the program administrator at bios@lsu.edu. You will receive a full refund if you cancel before the deadline. Please note that you must officially cancel to have the charges removed.