

Important Information for Incoming Freshmen (Fall 2003)

We encourage students to explore our website and browse through our various program offerings. Notices for our Undergraduate Majors are posted on the "Insiders Information" page, under "Of Interest to Our Undergraduate Student Majors".

Listed below are recommended courses for first-year students to assist you in planning your Fall 2003 academic schedule. If you have any questions about curriculum requirements, course selections, student orientation, or anything related to your upcoming student life at UMass-Amherst, just drop us a line. You can contact the Undergraduate Program Director, Dr. Deborah Picking, by email at "dpicking@pssci.umass.edu" or by telephone at (413) 545-2249. We look forward to seeing you this Fall!!

Recommended Course Selections for First-year Students:

- **ENGLWP 112** College Writing (CW) - offered both Fall and Spring
- **CMPSCI 105** Computer Literacy (R2) - offered both Fall and Spring
- **MATH 104** Precalculus Math (R1) - offered both Fall and Spring

All students must satisfy the precalculus requirement. This can be done by completing the MATH 104 course or by testing out of this course on the Math Placement Test administered during the New Student Orientation Program.

- **BIOLOGY 103** Plant Biology (BS) *or* **PLNTSOIL 102** Intro Botany (Fall only)
- **CHEMISTRY 110** (Fall only) *or* **CHEMISTRY 111** (offered both semesters)

Please note that students completing the **Science Option** within the Plant and Soil Sciences major **MUST** take CHEMISTRY 111 followed by CHEMISTRY 112.

- **PLNTSOIL 105** Soils (to be taken in Spring semester)

Also recommended as schedule permits:

RESECON 211 Statistics
RESECON 102 Intro to Resource Economics

Special Instructions:

Students need to have completed MATH 104 (Precalculus) prior to enrolling in CHEMISTRY 111. Students should only consider taking BIOLOGY 103 and CHEMISTRY 111 at the same time if they have had some exposure to chemistry in high school; otherwise, the combined workload could be somewhat overwhelming for a first semester student.