**Bio Advising Newsletter – September 1, 2020**

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1. **Biology Advising Options during Add/Drop**

***We have 5 remote options to serve students with time-sensitive questions, scheduling issues, and permissions during Add/Drop. Please get in touch if we can help you with something!***

1. [**Covid-19 FAQs**](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/bioadv-covid19FAQs) (updated for Fall 2020)
2. **Chat Box** (new!) on the [Bio Advising Website](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/advising)

* Weekdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
* Note: The Chat Box will only appear on the page during the above-mentioned times.

1. **Zoom Drop-In Hours**

* Weekdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
* [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/92026072290](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F92026072290&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cfa95295199dc49fd885908d8437fcaf0%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637333563440143674&sdata=PXC8egCfjf4FLodxqXZuYXiLQ%2BEczYEsC4xOHzoq7r0%3D&reserved=0)

1. **Email** [bioadv@pitt.edu](mailto:bioadv@pitt.edu)
2. **10-Minute Appointments**

* Schedule using the Navigate Student app or [Website](https://pitt.guide.eab.com/app/#!/authentication/remote/)
* Choose any one of the 5 advisors, and a time that works for you.

**To prepare for any of the options 2- 5, check out our**[**new digital fillable Major Progress Trackers and Semester-by-semester planner**](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/remote-advising#DigitalAdvising)**.**

30-minute appointments for in-depth Academic and Career planning, and Spring Term Advising Holds begin September 7th (scheduled through Navigate Student).

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1. **Permission Numbers for BIOSC Classes**

If an  instructor gave you permission to get enrolled in a BIOSC course and you need a permission #, please email [bioadv@pitt.edu](mailto:bioadv@pitt.edu)

If you need a permission # for a class from another Department, find the [correct Department to contact.](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/personalized-advising/meet-advisors/department-and-program-advisors)

Include in your email:

* your name
* peoplesoft #
* Department and 4-digit code (Ex: BIOSC 0350)
* 5-digit class number
* 5-digit recitation number (if applicable)
* permission from the instructor, or explanation of why you need a permission number and supporting evidence

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1. **Remote Instruction Extended until Sept 14**

From Provost Cudd,

“Although I had hoped that after beginning the first week of the semester remotely we would move immediately to mostly in-person classes, we now think it prudent to **extend the remote period until September 14**. This adjustment to the schedule will allow for the completion of staged arrival and shelter-in-place procedures so that all students can start in-person classes at the same time. Additional information about what in-person classes will take place while Pitt is in the Elevated Risk posture will be forthcoming.”

Instructors should be posting Zoom links or other relevant information in Canvas.

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1. **Is My Class Remote or In Person after Sept 14?**

You should check at least 3 places:

* **The class schedule.**  If the class is listed as WEB-based, it will be entirely online for the entire semester (don’t forget to check your recitation as well!!) If a classroom is listed, you must check the operational posture and the course syllabus for more information.
* **The University's**[**operational posture**](https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/operational-postures)**.**
  + high risk = all classes will be online
  + *elevated risk* = most classes will be online, but some classes with fewer than 25 students may meet in person
  + *guarded risk* = classes with a listed classroom will have optional in-person meetings - check with your course syllabus for details.
* **Course syllabus.**  This will have detailed information regarding how a class will run.  Please check Canvas.

Before the end of add/drop, you can change the grade option on your own by editing your courses in your Student Center. *This is not reversible.*

After the end of add/drop and until Sep 20, you can still change your grade option at 140 Thackeray Hall.

*“Certain courses are offered on the S/NC (Satisfactory/No-Credit) grade option. This option was designed to encourage students to explore new and potentially difficult subjects without fear of the risks of failure. Under this option, a student who does satisfactory work (a grade of C or better) in a course receives the grade of S. If the student’s work is not satisfactory (a grade of C- or lower), the grade of NC (No Credit) is given. Courses for which an S is received are counted toward graduation, but are not computed in the GPA. Courses in which an NC is received are counted toward neither graduation nor the GPA.”*

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1. **Advising Appointments After Add/Drop**

Starting Monday, September 7, advisors will be available for half-hour General Advising and Pre-Enrollment Appointments. You can begin scheduling this week.

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1. **UTA, Research & Independent Study Forms for Credit – Deadline 4pm Sept 4**

NEW THIS SEMESTER!!! Follow these instructions…

1. Download a fillable form on our [website](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms).
2. Complete the form, along with all signatures.
3. Take a picture or screen shot of the completed and signed form and save it with your name (example: Lastname\_BIOSC1690 form).
4. Submit completed and **signed** forms  to [BIOSC undergraduate research & UTA form submission](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaGM10LRx1cUTyJ) **by 4:00pm on September 4**

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1. **Fall 2020 Enrollment (Add/Drop) – deadline Sept 4**

**The waitlist runs through midnight the last day of add/drop. Make sure to check your waitlisted classes!**

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1. **S/NC Grade Option – deadline Sept 16**

In considering if you would like to take a course as Letter Grade or Satisfactory/No Credit we recommend that you wait until the week of 9/14 to get the most data and determine how you want to proceed. Students with majors in the Dept of BIOSC may choose to take one BIOSC core course as S/NC.  Other minors, certs, and majors may have their own requirements.  Please check with the appropriate advisor before making a decision.

* Before Sept 4, you can change the grade option on your own by editing your courses in your Student Center. ***This is not reversible****.*
* After Sept 4 and until Sept 16, you can still change your grade option by filling out [this form](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Grade%20Option%20Audit%20Fillable.pdf) and emailing to [StudentRecords@AS.Pitt.edu](mailto:StudentRecords@AS.Pitt.edu)

**Please note that students will not have the option to change their grade option after September 16.**

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Interested in volunteering? Connect with Community Agencies and learn more about their volunteer opportunities.

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1. **Biology Peer Advisors**

Our Peer Advisors start office hours Monday, Sept 7! These students are an **invaluable** **resource** for helping you navigate scheduling, bio classes, remote learning, gen eds, extracurriculars, take-out food, Netflix series, etc. They are here to share their experiences in and out of the classroom. Definitely check in with them!

**Fall Schedule:**

Monday 11:00 – 12:00 Kayla & Peter [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/93436310447](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F93436310447&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C85e276b3294e4513dc1008d84e131e5b%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345191303044300&sdata=lr2blObAVJXZt7eGkWHJePt0nphlAfFl7tCePnymlfc%3D&reserved=0)

Monday 2:00 – 3:00 Jacob & Luke [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/95151233172](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F95151233172&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cb36ceccb60964d07b22f08d84de66303%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637344999179643106&sdata=R2xGZzB%2BAr3ALw961d%2FxjGVKy4QfMZ77XFIMYHnjeI4%3D&reserved=0)

Tuesday 2:45 – 3:45 Sarah & Sarah [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/92732583725](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F92732583725&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C777b874fcf5442bb01df08d84dea63ec%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345016381653626&sdata=6ijR3dA%2Fu8NUpdu73%2BaUCyjG8UcCFJVzw12%2BhdtuL6I%3D&reserved=0)

Thursday 11:00 – 12:00 Madison & Nicole [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94822145512](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F94822145512&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C5bdc2d6509b74731544f08d84ddb4f9d%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C1%7C637344951612737199&sdata=y3I9h42l1LTbMmU10DjPjCS2YDD8YttixmuCFlSwaA4%3D&reserved=0)

<https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/peer_advising>

In the meantime, you can read about these students on our blog: [http://bit.ly/2BS5zg6](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F2BS5zg6&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cfa95295199dc49fd885908d8437fcaf0%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637333563440163660&sdata=Vuv29tN9%2F25CzCSQxOIIAEnpD6nS9%2Fe40tuab%2BO8tYI%3D&reserved=0)

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1. **PIC Health Careers**

If you are pre-med/pre-health, make sure that you schedule an appointment with Pitt Interprofessional Center for Health Careers (PICHC) who will be able to assist you with the testing and application processes. Refer to their [website](https://www.prehealth.pitt.edu/about-us) for more information, and schedule your appointment through the Navigate app.

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1. **Biology Representation at the Career Center**

Ashley Hennen will now be assisting majors within the Department of Biology. She can assist you with your résumé, finding a job/internship, preparing for interviews, building your network, and more! Click [here](https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/login) to schedule a phone, Zoom, or email appointment via Handshake. You can email Ashley directly at [amh348@pitt.edu](mailto:amh348@pitt.edu).

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1. **Grad School Recruitment Opportunities**

A group of biomedical science and engineering focused graduate programs have created a consolidated website and calendar of events to help you on your virtual graduate program search for fall 2020.

The [BioGAP Recruitment Calendar Website](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F__https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fnagapbiogap%2Fvirtual-recruitment-events-calendar__%3B!!KwNVnqRv!Wa1UcbqYBfpa5xoSMl78oW4MFUiPc6v0SIGoIF1lNmNQiJdd499z2V1A1_1U9OU%24&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C108869876eab433e90e208d84ac97efe%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637341576561892567&sdata=6O%2FmtFwaFlqnAJi5ayF3oStQG8hYbKW9e1d5QBpa8Uk%3D&reserved=0" \o "Original URL: https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://sites.google.com/site/nagapbiogap/virtual-recruitment-events-calendar__;!!KwNVnqRv!Wa1UcbqYBfpa5xoSMl78oW4MFUiPc6v0SIGoIF1lNmNQiJdd499z2V1A1_1U9OU$  Click to follow link.) contains more details about three types of events:

1. Admission workshop panels jointly held by representatives from more than twenty institutions. Six presentations will cover topics including the application process, funding, interviews, REUs, and more.  Register at [https://forms.gle/bqK1FfQ6pNsyj7G46](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F__https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FbqK1FfQ6pNsyj7G46__%3B!!KwNVnqRv!Wa1UcbqYBfpa5xoSMl78oW4MFUiPc6v0SIGoIF1lNmNQiJdd499z2V1AFqksdLM%24&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C108869876eab433e90e208d84ac97efe%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637341576561902562&sdata=cGiJvO4IGVUpygpkF7yBRWg%2FIdMLfFMmY2Mv%2Fm33SlU%3D&reserved=0).
2. Large professional recruitment fairs that are either open to the public or available to event registrants.  Register at [http://careereco.com/join/biomed](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F__http%3A%2F%2Fcareereco.com%2Fjoin%2Fbiomed__%3B!!KwNVnqRv!Wa1UcbqYBfpa5xoSMl78oW4MFUiPc6v0SIGoIF1lNmNQiJdd499z2V1AgfnIP7I%24&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C108869876eab433e90e208d84ac97efe%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637341576561902562&sdata=9%2Ffnn2rUix13HMwwHU2qbZrWa9rZ6d0eVfjDy%2BGDTMY%3D&reserved=0).
3. Virtual Information Sessions held by individual institutions.  See the BioGAP calendar for further details.

This new resource is provided at no cost. We hope that the website and accompanying calendar help streamline the graduate school exploration process and provide a little bit of clarity in a year when so much has been unclear.  Again, the website is [https://sites.google.com/site/nagapbiogap/virtual-recruitment-events-calendar](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F__https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fnagapbiogap%2Fvirtual-recruitment-events-calendar__%3B!!KwNVnqRv!Wa1UcbqYBfpa5xoSMl78oW4MFUiPc6v0SIGoIF1lNmNQiJdd499z2V1A1_1U9OU%24&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C108869876eab433e90e208d84ac97efe%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637341576561912555&sdata=eSERzSumyaQZYweB0%2Blk5qWBzZNmcqHUNWJwb%2FCOntU%3D&reserved=0).

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1. **Job Opportunity for Graduates– Insanally Lab at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**

The Insanally Lab at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine is seeking a full-time laboratory technician. We’re a brand-new neuroscience lab that studies the neural mechanisms that support flexible behavior. We incorporate a wide range of techniques including behavioral paradigms, neural recordings at different scales, optogenetic manipulations, and novel computational methods to relate neural recordings to behavior. We take mentoring seriously and strongly believe in fostering a productive and supportive environment for all lab members. We seek a highly motivated individual with excellent organizational and communication skills to help manage the laboratory. The successful applicant will be responsible for managing rodent colonies, running behavioral experiments, surgical implantations, and providing technical and administrative support to other trainees in the lab. For more information, check out our lab website: insanallylab.com

Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in biology, neuroscience, or related field.

Salary: ~$30-$37k depending on qualifications.

Interested applicants should contact Michele Insanally at [mni@pitt.edu](mailto:mni@pitt.edu)

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1. **Funded PhD Position – Conservation and Climate Change – UC Santa Cruz**

The [Zavaleta lab](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzavaleta.eeb.ucsc.edu%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cf484f2882ff44265123c08d84e76a30e%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345618732910885&sdata=%2BI9zgSyXqFkZboneu4pHLJZ6dWX3Ir6CAq9aQQKmGCk%3D&reserved=0) in the [Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eeb.ucsc.edu%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cf484f2882ff44265123c08d84e76a30e%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345618732910885&sdata=ZFaBpwuhm03mk9zhNYIOpuwwVTfyUcgJGF1XQUuGA8I%3D&reserved=0) at the University of California-Santa Cruz seeks a Ph.D. student to join the Sierra Nevada Rosy-finch Project beginning summer 2021. The project links climate and other environmental changes to the ecology and conservation of mountaintop communities, with opportunities to develop dissertation work on population dynamics, distribution modeling, food webs and local adaptation, among other topics. Our lab, department and campus (an R-1, Hispanic-Serving Institution) value inclusion and diversity, and we encourage prospective students from backgrounds underrepresented in our field to apply.

The ideal candidate has experience in and commitment to four areas:

* Vertebrate field ecology, with experience handling and observing birds, mammals or herps, and with interest in pursuing research on the ecology and conservation of an alpine-breeding songbird in a range of topic areas.
* Work, living and travel in alpine environments including mountain safety and backpacking to enable safe, effective fieldwork in our study system.
* Mentoring students from diverse backgrounds in field research experiences, to enable undergraduate field interns to contribute successfully to the project.
* Excellent quantitative and writing skills, to analyze and communicate the outcomes of research to scientific and general audiences.

To inquire directly about your potential fit or to find out more, please send Erika ([Zavaleta@ucsc.edu](mailto:Zavaleta@ucsc.edu)) a cover letter with resume/CV, transcripts (screenshot/ unofficial fine), and a writing sample (paper, statement, proposal, report, etc. with you as sole or lead author). Erika will contact strong candidates for a video interview.

UCSC is located on the unceded territory of the Awaswas-speaking Uypi Tribe, at the land-sea interface in one of the most biodiverse places in North America. The EEB Department, on UCSC’s coastal campus at the western edge of town, is home to a close-knit community of faculty, staff and students nested within the vibrant community of Santa Cruz, California.

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1. **Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)**

The Department of Biological Sciences' Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity is soliciting applications for an exciting opportunity for traditionally underrepresented undergraduate researchers to apply for attendance and presentation at Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS: [https://www.abrcms.org/index.php/present-at-abrcms/submit-an-abstract](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.abrcms.org%2Findex.php%2Fpresent-at-abrcms%2Fsubmit-an-abstract&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C2899eda3145e4bbbd46208d84e94e045%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345748611110348&sdata=wGDiaMX3vYuspdYPIK%2Bya0rs0juBNLISMDniYT4zR40%3D&reserved=0)).

This virtual conference will take place Nov 9-13, and the department is planning its first ever participation in the conference this year and would like to support some biology undergrads to attend.

This is a very prestigious conference at which to present your own research (either as an oral presentation or poster) and a great networking opportunity for your future career.

If you have permission from your research advisor to present your research and fit the criteria (underrepresented in STEM, 2nd-4th year undergrad, masters student, or postbac; fit ABRCMS disciplines [MCDB-type research]), please email Sarah Hainer ([sarah.hainer@pitt.edu](mailto:sarah.hainer@pitt.edu)) with your CV, a research title, and maximum 250 word abstract by 5pm Friday Sept 4th. Please also feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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1. **Biology Related Clubs**

***\*\*\*If you would like to spread the word about your club, email us at*** [***bioadv@pitt.edu***](mailto:bioadv@pitt.edu)***\*\*\****

1. This week’s featured club is the **Genetics Counseling Club**.

Mission: The Genetic Counseling Club was formed to help educate people about the field of genetic counseling. It’s goal is to be a resource for those who are interested in becoming genetic counselors. The club also has a communications committee which creates a newsletter each semester for those interested in getting more involved in the club.

Meetings: Every other Tuesday starting this week at 7:30pm:

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98218179520>

Events: Family House volunteering (past due to COVID)

Winter Break Book Club

Movie Night

For more information:

Email [pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com)

Pitt Genetic Counseling Club Facebook Page

Website and Newsletters: [https://geneticcounselingclub.com/](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgeneticcounselingclub.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C6387d0bc94994a5a31bf08d84dcc2b09%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637344886569315385&sdata=RF%2FVhmrrNQfFElmvLGT3%2BgDi6iVaSxOMPxPcdmy2Ehg%3D&reserved=0)

1. We’d also like to introduce a new club on campus, the **Pinky Swear PACK,** started by Katie Miklos. From Katie…

This organization is a part of the Pinky Swear Foundation, a nonprofit that works to fundraise and spread awareness for pediatric cancer patients. PACK stands for **P**inky Swear **A**mbassadors on **C**ampus for **K**ids.

It is a much more personal way to get involved in supporting this cause. We work very closely with specific children that we call All-Stars, and we can really see the difference we make, which is what motivates me every day! It is a great way to make a difference while we are taking classes mostly online and also provides many leadership positions for anyone interested in even more involvement. I have personally already dramatically improved my leadership skills with this organization, and I have never loved an organization more.

With today’s circumstances, we cannot go on hospital visits at the moment, but that is something we want to do as soon as it is safe for everyone! For now, we plan to be as creative as possible in virtual events to spread awareness and fundraise, and hopefully set up meetings with our All-Stars via Zoom! We are starting this organization from scratch and would absolutely love if any of you join! Absolutely anybody is welcome to join! If interested, please fill out [this application](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdk0qWN9NBdL9ea32VH6c-EFEvB0G193TRW5m5RnRrBaQaq7g/viewform) so we can get to know you more.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [krm137@pitt.edu](mailto:krm137@pitt.edu)

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1. **Study Spaces Around Campus**

Are you looking for a place to study on campus? Click [here](https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/student-learning-living/study-spaces) for a list of more than 60 options. Make sure to follow all signs, including posted occupancy limits and in-use and out-of-use stickers, avoid moving any furniture and clean your space before and after use.

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1. **Study Lab**

Don’t fall behind! Study Lab is offering all of their tutoring and coaching services virtually, beginning Monday, Aug 31. You can make both [coaching and tutoring appointments](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/schedule-tutoring-online-navigate-student) through the Navigate Student App.

For more information on Study Lab services, click [here](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/study-lab/study-lab-remote-distance-learning-services).

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1. **Stress Free Zone**

Are you feeling stressed or anxious? The Stress Free Zone is a free service to help students learn and practice evidence-based, mind/body stress reduction skills.

The Stress Free Zone is operating remotely this semester, but they are still offering classes! Find their schedule, and register for Mindful Moments, Yoga, and other Workshops [here](https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/shs/stressfree/classes-and-workshops/). You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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1. **Bio Advising on Social Media**

Stay up to date with bio advising news, and other noteworthy campus happenings by following us on social media.

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If you haven’t tried this yet, you should!

“NameCoach allows you to record and share the pronunciation of your name with others. Your recorded name can then be easily shared in your email signature, on LinkedIn, and through social media. In addition, instructors can also enable NameCoach in their Canvas courses, making it easy for everyone in a class to learn each other's names.

NameCoach also gives you the option to specify your personal gender pronouns. If you choose to use this feature, your pronouns will be visible to all students and instructors in your Canvas courses.”

Find it here: <https://www.technology.pitt.edu/namecoach>

**See you next week!**

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