

Bioinformatics 2 (BIO2)

Response to student feedback in 2017/18 course survey

We have taken note of the feedback from students in this course survey, and have the following comments in response:

- We certainly recommend that, especially for people who have had little or no exposure to Biology (for Computer Scientists) or Computing (for Biologists), that they consider taking BIO1 in Semester 1. This is ****not**** a formal prerequisite because students come with different backgrounds and experiences and we do not want to preclude those who are comfortable taking the more advanced BIO2 course from doing so.
- The assignment is designed to be challenging and for those who particularly enjoy it there is considerable scope to develop the work further to strive for higher marks by demonstrating a deeper understanding of the associated issues and showing initiative in developing ways to address them. Starting coursework early is always a good idea so that you can evaluate how much time is likely to be required to complete it.
- We plan to develop the course further to offer more opportunities for hands-on practical computing and to create a stronger narrative to the learning whilst not losing the breadth of topics covered as this is one of the key attractions of the course for many students.

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