

# BIOL 488A

## Introduction to Natural History Collections & Biodiversity Science

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to Natural History Collections & Biodiversity Science is a brand-new undergraduate course that introduces students to specimen-based science and features UBC's own Beaty Biodiversity Museum. The course will include a combination of weekly lectures and labs, as well as a major creative project and Beaty Museum Skills Passport.

### WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

By the end of the course, students will have a foundation in biodiversity science, how biological diversity is preserved in natural history collections, and how those collections are used in scientific research. Along the way, we will explore the historical and contemporary roles of natural history collections in science and society and feature the people behind the collections.

### THIS COURSE IS FOR...

Any UBC student with a 3rd-year standing, interested in hands-on experience with natural history collections.



### AT A GLANCE

When: 2024/25 WT2 (Jan-April)

Lecture: Mondays, Wednesdays 2-3pm

Lab: Thursdays 2-5pm

Location: Beaty Biodiversity Museum

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: 3rd-year standing, any specialization/faculty

### INSTRUCTORS



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