

# Fall 2024 Undergraduate Program Director (UPD) Report

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## Instructions

This is a form for SEBS Governing Council major representatives. The purpose of this form is to encourage student engagement with faculty/department representatives and to identify academic issues that may be addressed by the council.

1. Talk to students in your major, ask around if there are any current academic issues (ex: class conflicts within the major, issues with professors or department, lack of resources).
2. Look at Degree Navigator, write down the course requirements
3. Formulate a list of things you would like to know about the program (corporate connections with the university, current research projects, opportunities for students to get involved, recent changes to the program)
4. Email Undergraduate Program Director and Arrange Appointment
5. Fill out this form and submit by 11:59pm on November 17th, 2024.

n/a

## General Information

Your Name

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Represented Major

Microbiology

Date of Meeting with UPD

11/25/24

Class Year

2025

UPD Name

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Major/Departmental Website Link (if applicable)

<https://dbm.rutgers.edu/>

## Major Information

Major Options -- What options are offered within the major? How do they differ?

No difference of tracks or special options

Total Number of Students within the Major (estimate if unknown from UPD)

About 85 students

Goals within the Major -- What are expectations of students post-graduation?

Find employment, join a graduate program, enter med school

List Upper-Level major courses -- What is the goal of each course?

This is the link to our different electives, <https://dbm.rutgers.edu/microbiology/graduation-requirements.html>

## Student Issues

Are there concerns with classes within the major? Are there any suggestions for solutions to these concerns?

We don't have any concerns at this time. I think students are overall always concerned about scheduling, travel time between campuses and EBE opportunities. We always would like our transfer students to continue to be welcomed more into our community (we created a successful peer mentoring network as support).

From the perspective of the UPD or other major faculty members, what can currently be improved upon in the major or department? Are there any suggestions for solutions to these issues?

We are always open to new courses to add to our elective list. As a school/university as a whole, bringing back the staggered schedules again so that students don't have to worry about classes that are too close in time. Also, add more seats to lower level STEM courses such as biology and chemistry. Create a site that would make it easy for students to find EBE courses/opportunities.

Are there any Visitor Events/Talks/Seminars/etc. going on within the major?

Our fermentation club seminar is held every Wednesday at 12 pm.

Suggestions for students in this major (ex: organizations to join, news to pay attention to)

We will offer an ASM(American Society of Microbiology) membership to rising seniors starting 2025.

Changes within the major for the upcoming year

We will add at least one new elective course.

Any other suggestions, comments, concerns?

N/A