



Charles Darwin Study Hall Biology Section – University of Geneva Rules and Regulations

The "Charles Darwin Study Hall" ("the Hall") is managed by the Biology Section and is accessible to all academic members (broadly defined, see below) of the Section. It can be used as a place to study, read and write. Its mission is also to promote informal scientific discussions and exchanges in small groups (its layout is suitable for groups of 2 to 4 people). It should not be considered a seminar room.

The Hall is located on the 5th floor (room 5004) of the Sciences III building, 4 boulevard d'Yvoy, 1205 Geneva. For safety and security reasons, access is limited to a maximum of 16 people at any time. Upon special request, the location may be used for events of up to 50 people.

The Hall is protected by secured (badged) access, 24/7 video surveillance and an alarm.

Accessing this area implies acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Art. 1 Access to the Hall

1.1 / Opening Hours

The Hall is open all hours to authorised people (24/7). Note: access may be temporarily restricted for special events. These events are noted in the Darwin Hall Sciences room booking calendar (using Outlook).

1.2 / Access conditions

The Hall is a place exclusively for study and informal scientific exchanges. Its access requires the use of the multiservice badge. Only the academic badge holders (PIs, MERs, CCs, CEs, post-docs and doctoral students of the Biology Section) will be granted access. However, the latter may invite, under their sole responsibility and without prejudicing the members of the Section external colleagues, technicians, and master students carrying out their research work. Please make a special request to the Section administration should you wish to invite more than three (3) external guests at the same time.

Art. 2 Respect for places and people

This environment is placed at your disposal for the betterment of study and research. Please treat the place with respect, ensure that the room is as clean and tidy when you leave as it was when you arrived.

Courtesy and mutual respect is expected in a public place of study and scientific exchange and users should conduct themselves accordingly. Noise levels should be kept to an appropriate level to ensure others can study in the environment.

Books are free for use and donations of general interest scientific books are welcome(d). Please report any damage to books, other objects, or furniture to the Section Administrator.

Please note that in the Hall, it is strictly forbidden to:

- Eat or drink (except drinks in closed containers such as 'autoseal travel mug')
- Smoke or vape
- Make/take calls
- Introduce alcohol, illegal substances, or dangerous objects
- Handle plants, skulls, or other decorative items
- Reserve seats or places
- Introduce animals, except dogs accompanying the visually impaired or disabled
- Move or damage the furniture
- Bring in roller skates, rollerblades or scooters
- Post, distribute flyers, conduct surveys or polls, or engage in any trade or advertising without permission from the Section
- Dispense religious or political propaganda

Any person who by his/her behaviour or words shows a lack of respect can be excluded.

The Section of Biology and the University of Geneva declines all responsibility in the event of loss, theft, or damage to personal effects.

Art. 3 Access to IT equipment

The large screen at the entrance to the Hall is connected to a computer. Only use the provided magnetic pens when working with this screen. Do not touch the screen with your fingers or other instruments. For the convenience of others, when you have finished using the device, please return it to the default content.

Departments and laboratories are encouraged to develop specific content in the form of muted films, Keynote / PPT / PDF presentations. Content can be added to the system (subject to approval) by sending a request to the Section administration. Do not attempt to add content directly to the device.

Art. 4 Non-compliance of the rules and regulations and sanctions

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations or any act of unacceptable behaviour may result in expulsion from the location and/or other sanctions. In accordance with University regulations, all users are required to comply with any reasonable request to leave by a member of staff or security officer. Threats, intimidation or harassment against any user or staff member will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Damage made to the facilities and/or equipment may additionally require reimbursement and be subject to disciplinary action.

Art. 5 Final and repealing provisions

5.1 / Entry into force

These regulations enter into force on 01.06.2021 and repeal all previous provisions.

5.2 / Approval

These regulations were approved by the Section President (Prof. Michel Milinkovitch) and the Directors of the Section's departments (Prof. Françoise Stutz, Prof. Roman Ulm, and Prof. Ivan Rodriguez) on June 1, 2021.