

**M4M Meetings for Majors  
BSCH FOOD and FOOD Coop Majors  
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Hi everyone,

My name is Lisa Duizer and I'm the Chair of the Food Science Department.

Welcome. You're about to begin studying in the best food science department in Canada. As you move through your four (or five) years in the program depending on whether you're in co-op, you'll see that there are a lot of exciting things that go on in the food science area. Once you start getting into your food science courses in your later years, you're going to learn about the chemistry of food, the microbiology of food, how to process food and how to formulate new food that may end up on a supermarket shelf.

I'm sure that learning remotely is not how you expected to be starting your university experience. Working remotely is new for all of us and it can sometimes be lonely. I would encourage you to take advantage of as many opportunities as you can to meet your classmates. The food science community is small and everyone knows everybody else. You'll be seeing your classmates for many years after graduation at events like the Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology annual table top session. It's a bit like a University reunion and it's always exciting to go to the event to see where new graduates end up.

One way to get to know your classmates is to get involved in as many activities as you can. And we make that very easy for you with the Food Science club meetings. The food science club is a very active club run by undergraduate students. They're responsible for the sale of milkshakes during college royal which if you haven't experienced, you should before you graduate. They also host a number of meetings during the semester and you'll be seeing invitations from our current president, Michelle. She and the executive have done a good job of planning remote activities for you to take part in and I would strongly encourage you to attend as many of their meetings as you can.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about anything, don't hesitate to contact me. You can find my information on the Food Science homepage and I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Enjoy your new semester and I look forward to meeting you in person at some time in the future.