

A photograph of a grassy field with a cross-section of the soil showing a dense network of plant roots. The roots are light brown and extend deep into the dark brown soil. The grass is green and some small yellow flowers are visible. The sky is a clear blue.

# Getting Messy with Microbes:

## *An Introduction to Metagenomics*

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# Metagenomics.

The study of a collection of genetic material from a mixed community of organisms, typically microbial.