

Not Rocket Science (NRS)
Saturdays & Wednesdays* 1:00-1:30 PM
CHLY 101.7 FM
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***repeat**

Not Rocket Science (NRS) is a thirty minute weekly radio show about the science of everything and everything science. The purpose of the show is to demystify science by discussing and presenting scientific information in a format accessible to the public. NRS has been on the air of Vancouver Island University's campus radio station, Radio Malaspina 101.7 FM, since 2007. It is produced and hosted by a collective of five Vancouver Island University scientists, Todd Barsby (a chemist), Liz Gillis (a wildlife biologist), Greg Arkos (a physicist), Gara Pruesse (a computer scientist), and Stefanie Duff (an evolutionary biologist) and it airs segments generated by those producers and by a growing cadre of contributing scientists (chemists, earth scientists, biologists, mathematicians, and physicists). It also serves as a platform for contributions by VIU science students. The topics vary weekly and are wide ranging: from interviews of visiting and local scientists who are giving public lectures on the VIU campus, and monologues on the night sky or the science of mashed potatoes, to round table discussions about science and its role in society. A compilation of short excerpts from a diverse variety NRS segments has been submitted for consideration in the Outstanding Achievement Award competition (Current Affairs/Magazine Show).