



BIOC*3570 Analytical Biochemistry

Fall 2018

Section(s): C01

Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

Credit Weight: 0.75

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1 Course Details

1.1 Calendar Description

This course covers the tools and techniques by which biological molecules are isolated, separated, identified, and analyzed. Detailed discussion of experimental methods for macromolecule purification and characterization is included.

Pre-Requisite(s): (CHEM*2400 or CHEM*2480), BIOC*2580

1.2 Course Description

Students must pass (mark of 50% or better) **both** the laboratory component (35%) **and** the theory component (65%) to obtain a final passing mark in the course. In cases where this standard is not reached, the final mark assigned will be either the mark calculated as given above or 47%, whichever is *less*. College policy precludes changes to the marking scheme for individual students, except in case of illness.

Introductory biochemistry is a prerequisite for this course. The following aspects of the subject are important background, and familiarity with them will be assumed: basic aspects of protein and nucleic acid structure, including structures of all amino acids and nucleotides; flow of genetic information; basic enzymology. Please take some time to review this material carefully, especially if some time has passed since you took intro. biochemistry.

If you have not taken a molecular biology course before, you should read the relevant chapters on DNA and RNA in Lehninger, Voet and Voet, Stryer, or another textbook before week 5.

1.3 Timetable

Tue. - 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m., MCKN Room 115

Thur. - 12:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m., MCKN Room 115

1.4 Final Exam

Exam time and location is subject to change. Please see WebAdvisor for the latest information.

2 Instructional Support

2.1 Instructor(s)

Manfred Brauer

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday after class, by appointment or e-mail

2.2 Instructional Support Team

Lab Co-ordinator: Colin Cooper

Email: ccoope08@uoguelph.ca

Office: SSC 3502

Office Hours: By appointment

3 Learning Resources

3.1 Required Resource(s)

Safety Glasses and Lab Coat (Equipment)

3 Ring Binder (Equipment)

Laboratory Notebook (Equipment)

Non-spiral bound

Laboratory Manual (Lab Manual)

Available through the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

3.2 Recommended Resource(s)

Principles and Techniques of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Textbook)

Principles and Techniques of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, by K. **Wilson** and J. **Walker**, 7th edition, 2011.

Lehninger et al. (Textbook)

The latest edition of the text by Lehninger *et al.* (6th edition, 2013)

Voet & Voet (Textbook)

The latest edition of the text by Voet & Voet (5th edition, 2016)

J. Berg, J. Tymoczko and L. Stryer (Textbook)

The latest edition of the text by J. Berg, J. Tymoczko and L. Stryer (7th edition, 2014)

Available on Reserve.

Mathews, Van Holde and Ahern (Textbook)

The latest edition of the text by Mathews, Van Holde and Ahern (2013)

Youtube (Website)

<https://youtube.com>

Search: enzyme techniques, electrophoresis molecular biology, recombinant, mass spectrometry, proteomics, fluorescence.

Google Scholar (Website)

<http://www.google.com>

scirus.com (Website)

Science Direct (Website)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/>

Look for Methods in Enzymology

Pub Med (Website)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>

3.3 Additional Resource(s)

Biochemistry Lab: Modern Theory and Techniques (Textbook)

Biochemistry Lab: Modern Theory and Techniques, by R. Boyer, 2nd edition, 2011.

Available on Reserve.

Fundamental Laboratory Approaches for Biochemistry and Biotechnology (Textbook)

Fundamental Laboratory Approaches for Biochemistry and Biotechnology, 2nd edition, by A. Ninfa & D. Ballou, 2010

Available on Reserve.

Bioanalytical Chemistry (Textbook)

Bioanalytical Chemistry, by Mikkelsen & Corton, 2004

Available on Reserve.

Experimental Biochemistry (Textbook)

Experimental Biochemistry, by Switzer and Garrity, 1999

Available on Reserve.

Analytical Biochemistry (Textbook)

Analytical Biochemistry, 2nd edition, by D.J. Holme and H. Peck, Longman, 1993

Available on Reserve.

Physical Biochemistry (Textbook)

Physical Biochemistry (2nd edition, 1982) D. Freifelder (QH 345.F72).

This is a particularly good reference text for spectroscopy, centrifugation, electrophoresis, and other physical techniques.

Available on Reserve.

4 Learning Outcomes

4.1 Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Students will learn modern and classical methods to characterize protein structure and function, including UV-Visible and fluorescence spectroscopy, enzyme assays, peptide sequencing, and mass-spectrometry.
 2. Students will learn how to purify a protein from a biological source, using ion-exchange, gel-exclusion and affinity chromatography, electrophoresis, centrifugation and immunological methods.
 3. Basic comprehension of chemical principles of acid-base equilibria, buffers, dissociation constants, and binding specificity will be reinforced and expanded.
 4. Students will learn how to characterize, isolate, purify, amplify and modify RNA and DNA. This will include up-to-date PCR methods, recombinant DNA methods in prokaryotic and eukaryotic systems, and use of reporter genes.
 5. The laboratory will provide hands-on experience in applying concepts covered in lecture, and in scientific writing, including analysis and reporting of experimental results.
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5 Teaching and Learning Activities

In addition to lectures, we will have tutorials/problem sessions, as indicated in the detailed outline. Problem assignments will be given out regularly; solutions will be discussed in the tutorial sessions, and made available at the library Reserve desk.

To obtain benefit from these exercises, it is essential that you attempt the problems on your own before attending the tutorial session.

5.1 Laboratory

Labs will be held in SSC 3101 from 1:30 - 5:20 pm.

Labs start on the second week of classes (September 10-14). You will need to purchase and read the lab manual. Please contact Dr. Colin Cooper (SSC 3502, ccoope08@uoguelph.ca) if you have lab related questions.

Attendance at all laboratory periods is mandatory. If a lab is missed, medical or other documentation must be given to the lab coordinator as early as possible. Please see the current undergraduate calendar section VIII: Undergraduate degree regulations and procedures.

The laboratory portion of the course is worth 35% of the course grade. This 35% consists of two lab reports; report 1 worth 10% report 2 worth 15%, and your lab notebook which is worth 10%. Please see the lab manual for further details.

Lab Manuals may be purchased from the Molecular and Cellular Biology Department at date and times to be announced. Students must provide their own safety glasses, lab coat, and non-spiral bound laboratory notebook.

6 Assessments

6.1 Assessment Details

Midterm Exams (30%)

There will be 2 in-class midterm exams, each worth 15%.

Laboratory (35%)

Lab Report 1 - 10%

Lab Report 2 - 15%

Lab Notebook - 10%

Final Examination (Cumulative) (35%)

7 Course Statements

7.1 Policy on Missed Examinations

Only valid medical or compassionate reason will prevent a grade of zero for any missed examination. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the necessary documentation from Medical or Psychological Services or the Director of Student Affairs. *Make-up tests will not be given.*

7.2 Course Evaluation

As part of the faculty evaluation process in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, students are reminded that written comments on the teaching performance of the lecturer may be sent to the Chair at any time. Such letters must be signed; a copy, with the signature removed, will be made available to the instructor. Your comments and feedback are always appreciated.

8 Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology Statements

8.1 Academic Advisors

If you are concerned about any aspect of your academic program:

- Make an appointment with a program counsellor in your degree program. [B.Sc. Academic Advising](#) or [Program Counsellors](#)

8.2 Academic Support

If you are struggling to succeed academically:

- Learning Commons: There are numerous academic resources offered by the [Learning Commons](#) including, Supported Learning Groups for a variety of courses, workshops related to time management, taking multiple choice exams, and general study skills. You can also set up individualized appointments with a learning specialist.
- Science Commons: Located in the library, the Science Commons provides support for physics, mathematic/statistics, and chemistry. Details on their hours of operations can be found at: [Chemistry & Physics Help](#) and [Math & Stats Help](#)

8.3 Wellness

If you are struggling with personal or health issues:

- [Counselling Services](#) offers individualized appointments to help students work through personal struggles that may be impacting their academic performance.
 - [Student Health Services](#) is located on campus and is available to provide medical attention.
 - For support related to stress and anxiety, besides Health Services and Counselling Services, Kathy Somers runs training workshops and one-on-one sessions related to [stress management and high performance situations](#).
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9 University Statements

9.1 Email Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

9.2 When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. The regulations and procedures for [Academic Consideration](#) are detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar.

9.3 Drop Date

Courses that are one semester long must be dropped by the end of the fortieth class day; two-semester courses must be dropped by the last day of the add period in the second semester. The regulations and procedures for [Dropping Courses](#) are available in the Undergraduate Calendar.

9.4 Copies of Out-of-class Assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

9.5 Accessibility

The University promotes the full participation of students who experience disabilities in their academic programs. To that end, the provision of academic accommodation is a shared responsibility between the University and the student.

When accommodations are needed, the student is required to first register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Documentation to substantiate the existence of a disability is required, however, interim accommodations may be possible while that process is underway.

Accommodations are available for both permanent and temporary disabilities. It should be noted that common illnesses such as a cold or the flu do not constitute a disability.

Use of the SAS Exam Centre requires students to book their exams at least 7 days in advance, and not later than the 40th Class Day.

More information: www.uoguelph.ca/sas

9.6 Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

The [Academic Misconduct Policy](#) is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar.

9.7 Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

9.8 Resources

The [Academic Calendars](#) are the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate, graduate and diploma programs.
