



# BIOT\*6500 Molecular Biotechnology

Fall 2023

Section(s): C01

Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

Credit Weight: 0.50

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## 1 Course Details

### 1.1 Calendar Description

This course will provide an overview of molecular approaches relevant to a broad range of biotechnology industries including those found in medical, microbial, protein, pharmaceutical, environmental and agricultural fields.

**Restrictions:** Restricted to Master of Biotechnology students.

### 1.2 Course Description

This course will provide an overview of molecular approaches relevant to a broad range of biotechnology industries including those found in medical, microbial, protein, pharmaceutical, environmental and agricultural fields. The material covered will involve an analysis of the main molecular techniques required for the biotechnology industries. These include but are not limited to: methods to produce proteins of economic interest in a variety of systems; the ability to modulate important traits through genetic change in important crop species; the ability to detect microorganisms in the environment; methods to detect gene variants for human health; and issues around bioprocessing and fermentation. The emphasis will be on the current approaches in each of these areas using the published literature and how these are being used in the biotechnology industry.

BIOT\*6500 consists of five modules that will combine lecture-based theoretical content with seminar-based presentations. Students are evaluated on their performance in class (**see guidelines**), individual reports (**see guidelines**) and group presentations.

## 1.3 Timetable

Lectures are on Monday mornings, 8:30AM-11:20PM in CRSC 403

All material covered in lectures and the assigned readings are the responsibility of the student.

## 1.4 Final Exam

No final exam time.

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# 2 Instructional Support

## 2.1 Instructional Support Team

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# 3 Learning Resources

## 3.1 Required Resources

### **Courselink (Other)**

Check courselink for latest updates and lecture materials

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# 4 Learning Outcomes

## 4.1 Course Learning Outcomes

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

1. By the end of the course, successful students will:

1. Demonstrate advanced critical analysis of current research literature in molecular biosciences to identify the best approaches for a specific applied research goal

2. Demonstrate a high degree of literacy in written reports

3. Understand the global context in which molecular biotechnology operates by identifying molecular applications that are globally competitive

4. Communicate clearly and persuasively, their analyses and conclusions, in both written and oral form

## 5 Teaching and Learning Activities

### 5.1 Lecture

Sun, Sep 13, 9:30 AM - Sun, Nov 22, 12:30 PM

Topics:

Week	Date	Lecture Topic
1	Sept. 11	Introduction
2	Sept. 18	Genomics (Module 1)
3	Sept. 25	Student Presentations
4	Oct. 2	Proteomics (Module 2)

5	Oct. 9	Fall STUDY BREAK (no class)
6	Oct. 16	Student presentations
7	Oct. 23	Natural Products (Module 3)
8	Oct.. 30	Student presentations
9	Nov. 6	CRISPR-Cas9 (Module 4)
10	Nov. 13	Student presentations
11	Nov. 20	Student presentations (Final Report Due)

## 6 Assessments

### 6.1 Marking Schemes & Distributions

Assessment	% of final grade	Date	Course activity	Learning outcomes assessed
Class presentations Module 1&2	4 x 10%	schedule to be provided	Presentations	1-4

Class participation	4 x 5%		Seminar attendance	1-4
Answers to seminar questions	4 x 5%		Q & A	1-5
Written Data Report  Modules 1-4	20%		TBD	1-5

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## 7 Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology Statements

### 7.1 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](#)

### 7.2 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. <http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/>
- 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: <http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/get-assistance/studying/chemistry-physics-help> and <http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/get-assistance/studying/math-stats-help>

## 7.3 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.  
<https://www.uoguelph.ca/counselling/>
- Student Health Services is located on campus and is available to provide medical attention. <https://www.uoguelph.ca/studenthealthservices/clinic>
- 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.  
<http://www.selfregulationskills.ca/>

## 7.4 Personal information

Personal information is collected under the authority of the University of Guelph Act (1964), and in accordance with Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/index.html>. This information is used by University officials in order to carry out their authorized academic and administrative responsibilities and also to establish a relationship for alumni and development purposes.

For more information regarding the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information policies please see the Undergraduate Calendar.  
(<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/intro/index.shtml>)

## 7.5 Course Offering Information Disclaimer

Please note that course delivery format (face-to-face vs online) is subject to change up to the first-class day depending on requirements placed on the University and its employees by public health bodies, and local, provincial and federal governments. Any changes to course format prior to the first class will be posted on WebAdvisor/Student Planning as they become available.

# 8 University Statements

## 8.1 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.

## 8.2 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 grounds for Academic Consideration are detailed in the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Consideration and Appeals

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Graduate Calendar - Grounds for Academic Consideration

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml>

Associate Diploma Calendar - Academic Consideration, Appeals and Petitions

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/diploma/current/index.shtml>

### 8.3 Drop Date

Students will have until the last day of classes to drop courses without academic penalty. The deadline to drop two-semester courses will be the last day of classes in the second semester. This applies to all students (undergraduate, graduate and diploma) except for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (conventional and alternative delivery) students. The regulations and procedures for course registration are available in their respective Academic Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Dropping Courses

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

Graduate Calendar - Registration Changes

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/genreg-reg-regchg.shtml>

Associate Diploma Calendar - Dropping Courses

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/diploma/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

### 8.4 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.

### 8.5 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 make a booking at least 14 days in advance, and no later than November 1 (fall), March 1 (winter) or July 1 (summer). Similarly, new or changed accommodations for online quizzes, tests and exams must be approved at least a week ahead of time.

For Guelph students, information can be found on the SAS website  
<https://www.uoguelph.ca/sas>

For Ridgetown students, information can be found on the Ridgetown SAS website  
<https://www.ridgetownc.com/services/accessibilityservices.cfm>

## 8.6 Academic Integrity

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 encourages academic integrity. 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.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct  
<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

Graduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct  
<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml>

## 8.7 Recording of Materials

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

## 8.8 Resources

The Academic Calendars are the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies, and regulations that apply to undergraduate, graduate, and diploma programs.



Academic Calendars  
<https://www.uoguelph.ca/academics/calendars>

## 8.9 Disclaimer

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings, changes in classroom protocols, and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email.

This includes on-campus scheduling during the semester, mid-terms and final examination schedules. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website (<https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/>) and circulated by email.

## 8.10 Illness

Medical notes will not normally be required for singular instances of academic consideration, although students may be required to provide supporting documentation for multiple missed assessments or when involving a large part of a course (e.g.. final exam or major assignment).

## 8.11 Covid-19 Safety Protocols

For information on current safety protocols, follow these links:

- <https://news.uoguelph.ca/return-to-campusess/how-u-of-g-is-preparing-for-your-safe-return/>
- <https://news.uoguelph.ca/return-to-campusess/spaces/#ClassroomSpaces>

Please note, these guidelines may be updated as required in response to evolving University, Public Health or government directives.

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