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Molecular and Cellular Biology

The MCB graduate program offers opportunities for interdisciplinary studies in molecular and cellular biology leading to the MSc and PhD degrees in the following five fields:

- Biochemistry
- Cell Biology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Plant Biology

The research groups directed by the faculty pursue fundamental and applied research questions involving diverse biological systems (plants, humans and other animals, prokaryotic and eukaryotic microbes). In general, they follow lines of scientific enquiry at the level of molecules to cells. See the department website for additional information.

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IX. Graduate Programs, Molecular and Cellular Biology

MSc Program
The MCB MSc program is offered in five fields: 1) biochemistry; 2) cell biology; 3) microbiology; 4) molecular biology and genetics; and 5) plant biology. The objective of the program is to provide graduate students with a high level of relevant knowledge and expertise in contemporary molecular and cellular biology, including experimental techniques, library research, writing and communication skills. Graduates will have the knowledge and skills needed to carry out high quality scientific research and will be prepared for employment in positions with some responsibility in the research and teaching enterprises of academic institutions (as instructors and technical staff), in science-related positions in the broad biotechnology sector (e.g. food and beverage industries, pharmaceuticals, biomedical, and agriculture-related industries), or in government sector institutes and laboratories. They will be well prepared to continue their graduate education at the PhD level. Alternatively they may opt to complete a professional degree (such as law, medicine, or business) or a teaching certificate.

Admission Requirements
To be considered, applicants must have completed a four-year honours undergraduate science degree (or its equivalent) in a relevant discipline. Normally, the applicant must have achieved a “B” (75%) average or higher during the last two years of full-time study. In exceptional circumstances, students with a “B-minus” average (70%) will be considered provided there is strong supporting evidence of research aptitude and potential.

Each applicant must obtain the support of a faculty member willing to serve as his/her thesis advisor.

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Admission Process
Graduate student applications to programs in the College of Biological Science are handled by the Office of the Associate Dean, Research (ADR). Before submitting an application, applicants are strongly encouraged to view the "Before you Apply" and "Admission Process" webpages on the ADR Future Student's site. Complete application instructions may also be found on the Office of Graduate Studies webpage or in the Graduate Calendar

Degree Requirements
Students in the MSc program must complete a minimum of 2 courses (1.5 credits) at the graduate level. The course MCB*6500 MSc Research Topics in Molecular & Cellular Biology (1.0) is mandatory. This two-semester course should be completed in the first year of study and normally within the first two semesters. Senior undergraduate courses may be taken on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. An average of “B-minus” (70%) must be achieved in the prescribed courses.

The MSc thesis research must involve original enquiry into a well-defined question in the molecular biosciences. It is expected that the research will not have been previously reported in the literature and, wherever possible, the research should yield publishable data.

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Degree Requirements
Students in the PhD program must complete MCB*7500 PhD Research Topics in Molecular & Cellular Biology. This two-semester course should be completed in the first year of study and normally within the first two semesters. Students without an MSc degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology or the equivalent are required to take one additional graduate course. Other courses may be taken on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. An average of “B-minus” (70%) must be achieved in the prescribed courses.

To be a candidate for the PhD degree, each student must pass a PhD Qualifying Exam. The Qualifying Examination is completed before the end of the fifth semester (for students with an MSc) or the end of the seventh semester (for students without an MSc).

The PhD thesis research must involve original enquiry into a well-defined question in the molecular biosciences. It is expected to result in the publication of one or more papers in high-quality peer-reviewed journals. The research must represent a significant contribution to the relevant research field.

All students beyond year 1 in the program are required to participate annually in the CBS Graduate Student Symposium by presenting a poster or giving a short talk describing their research progress.

Interdepartmental Programs
Faculty in Molecular and Cellular Biology also participate in the interdepartmental programs in Bioinformatics, Biophysics and Biotechnology

Collaborative Specializations
Faculty in Molecular and Cellular Biology also participate in the collaborative specializations in Neuroscience or Toxicology

Courses

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This course explores structural biology from three perspectives: 1) the fundamental concepts in structural biology; 2) the methods used to determine structures (including x-ray crystallography, NMR, electron microscopy, and computational modeling); 3) the bioinformatic concepts and tools used to compare, contrast and assign biochemical function to protein structures and sequences. The course emphasizes building a conceptual and practical skill set that will be applicable to any structure related problem.
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This mandatory two semester course emphasizes the development and refinement of the skills of scientific communication. Students submit a written thesis proposal and present a public seminar on a contemporary subject in the molecular biosciences. MCB MSc students normally complete this course within the first two semesters of their program. Students will register in each semester and receive a grade of INP (in progress) at the end of the first semester and a grade at the end of the second semester.

Department(s): Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

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