

BCH Biochemistry

BCH 395 INDEPENDENT WORK IN BIOCHEMISTRY. (3-12)

Students will carry out a laboratory research project and related reference reading. Laboratory: 9-36 hours per week. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: Permission of instructor.

BCH 401G FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOCHEMISTRY. (3)

Descriptive chemistry of amino acids and proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids. Discussion of structure and function; metabolism and bioenergetics; and biological information flow. At the undergraduate level, understanding is demonstrated through hour examinations; at the graduate level, understanding is demonstrated through hour examinations and a brief paper. Lecture, three hours; one optional conference. Prereq: CHE 107, CHE 236 and BIO 152 or equivalent.

BCH 517 EXPERIMENTAL METHODS IN BIOCHEMISTRY. (4)

A laboratory course dealing with the instrumentation and procedures of biochemical research. Because many of the materials used are labile, the course is given in a block during a four-week period at the end of the spring semester. Five days per week during four-week intersession, or summer session. Prereq: BCH 401G, 502 or 811 and consent of instructor.

BCH 601 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR GENETICS. (1)

Each semester five distinguished scientists visit the UK campus to deliver a series of three formal lectures each and participate in numerous informal contacts with graduate students. The emphasis is on the presentation of the most current advances (often unpublished) in selected topics in molecular and cellular genetics. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. (Same as BIO/MI/PLS/PPA 601.)

BCH 604 STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY. (3)

An advanced course on the structure and function of proteins and nucleic acids. Topics include: the physical determinants of protein structure, classification of protein architecture, protein-nucleic acid and protein-protein interactions, sequence dependence of nucleic acid structure, ribozymes, dynamics and evolutionary relationships. Prereq: IBS 601-602/BCH 607-608 or equivalent.

BCH 607 BIOMOLECULES AND METABOLISM. (3)

An introductory graduate-level biochemistry course designed to provide a basic knowledge of molecular and biochemical principles necessary for advanced graduate study. Protein structure and function, enzyme catalysis, the generation and storage of metabolic energy, amino acid, nucleotide, and lipid metabolism and biological membranes and transport will be covered. Prereq: CHE 105, 107, 230 and 232; BIO 150 and 152; or equivalents. (Same as IBS 601.)

BCH 608 BIOMOLECULES

AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY. (3)

An introductory graduate-level biochemistry course focused on the cellular mechanisms that underlie the regulated expression of genes, including transcription and translation, as well as basic mechanisms of DNA replication/repair and recombination. Genetic engineering and other experimental approaches critical to molecular biology research will be reviewed. Prereq: CHE 105, 107, 230 and 232; BIO 150 and 152; or equivalents. (Same as IBS 602.)

BCH 609 PLANT BIOCHEMISTRY. (3)

The course will consider the chemical constituents of plants (with emphasis on biologically or nutritionally significant compounds unique to plants), their biosynthesis, contribution to key metabolic and defense processes and the regulation of their synthesis. Included will be discussions of photosynthesis, carbohydrates, lipids, isoprenoids and phenylpropanoids, nitrogen fixation, nitrogen and sulfur reduction and assimilation, alkaloids and additional secondary compounds, frontiers in plant biochemistry. Prereq: BCH 607 or equivalent or consent of instructor. (Same as PLS/PPA 609.)

BCH 610 BIOCHEMISTRY OF LIPIDS AND MEMBRANES. (3)

A lecture and seminar course devoted to intermediary metabolism of lipids and various biochemical aspects of the structure, assembly and functions of biological membrane systems. Prereq: CHE 232, CHE 444G, BCH 401G, 502 or 811. BCH 502 may be taken concurrently.

BCH 611 BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY OF NUCLEIC ACIDS. (3)

A lecture and seminar course devoted to a study of the principles of nucleic acid chemistry and to the role of nucleic acids in cellular function. Prereq: BCH 401G, 502 or 811.

BCH 612 STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF PROTEINS AND ENZYMES. (3)

Primarily a lecture course devoted to the relationship of the structure of protein molecules to their biological roles. Proteins will be discussed in terms of their size, shape, conformation, primary structure, catalytic mechanism and regulatory properties. Prereq: BCH 401G, 502 or 811; CHE 444G or consent of instructor. May be taken concurrently with BCH 502.

BCH 615 MOLECULAR BIOLOGY. (3)

An integrative and functional approach to the regulatory aspects of DNA, RNA and proteins in procaryotic and eucaryotic cells. Lectures and discussions with readings in original literature. Prereq: A course in genetics (e.g. BIO 304) and a course in nucleic acids and elementary molecular biology (e.g. BCH 502) or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO/MI 615.)

BCH 618 SEMINAR IN BIOCHEMISTRY. (1)

A weekly seminar, required of all students majoring in biochemistry, devoted to discussions of areas not covered in other courses and to recent developments in the field. May be repeated to a maximum of five credits.

BCH 619 SEMINAR IN BIOCHEMISTRY. (1)

A weekly seminar, required of all students majoring in biochemistry, devoted to discussions of areas not covered in other courses and to recent developments in the field. May be repeated to a maximum of five credits.

**#BCH 620 BIOSYNTHESIS
OF NATURAL PRODUCTS.**

(3)

An overview of the biochemical pathways leading to compounds called natural products/secondary metabolites. Prereq: Two semesters of organic chemistry. (Same as PHR 620/PLS 642.)

BCH 640 RESEARCH IN BIOCHEMISTRY.

(1-9)

Prereq: Consent of instructor.

BCH 749 DISSERTATION RESEARCH.

(0)

Half-time to full-time work on dissertation. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: Registration for two full-time semesters of 769 residence credit following the successful completion of the qualifying exams.

BCH 767 DISSERTATION RESIDENCY CREDIT.

(2)

Residency credit for dissertation research after the qualifying examination. Students may register for this course in the semester of the qualifying examination. A minimum of two semesters are required as well as continuous enrollment (Fall and Spring) until the dissertation is completed and defended.

**BCH 769 RESIDENCE CREDIT
FOR THE DOCTOR'S DEGREE.**

(0-12)

May be repeated indefinitely.

BCH 779 MEMBRANE SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM.

(1)

Outstanding membrane scientists present their current research on biological and/or synthetic membranes. Students read a pertinent paper by the speaker prior to his/her talk and write a short paper on the talk; especially important is relevance of the main points of the talk to membrane science in general and the student's own research in particular. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. (Same as CHE/CME/PHA/PHR 779.)

BCH 780 TOPICS IN BIOCHEMISTRY.

(1-3)

A lecture and seminar course offered on topics of special interest to graduate students. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits.

BCH 812 DENTAL BIOCHEMISTRY.

(6)

This is a comprehensive course in biochemistry designed to fulfill the specific needs of student dentists. Course content is generally as outlined in the American Association of Dental Schools suggested curriculum guidelines for biochemistry. Part I acquaints students with the chemical constituents of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells; topics include the chemistry of lipids, carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins and coenzymes, and the nature of enzyme action. Part II integrates the chemical principles learned from Part I with concepts of cell dynamics, structure,

function, subcellular organization, and metabolism. Topics include intermediary metabolism, bioenergetics, DNA replication, protein synthesis, and cellular regulatory and control mechanisms. Course content, where possible, is related to current concepts concerning the etiology of oral diseases, their treatment, and prevention to assist student dentists in attaining institutional goals and objectives for clinical competency. Prereq: Admission into the College of Dentistry. (Same as OBI 812.)

**BCH 815 FIRST-YEAR ELECTIVE,
BIOCHEMISTRY. (1-3)**

With the advice and approval of his or her faculty adviser, the first-year student may choose approved electives offered by the Department of Biochemistry. The intent is to provide the student an opportunity for exploration and study in an area which supplements and/or complements required course work in the first-year curriculum. Pass-fail only. Prereq: Admission to first year, College of Medicine.

**BCH 819 CELLULAR STRUCTURE AND
FUNCTION/BIOCHEMISTRY. (7)**

The course combines lecture, small group activities, clinical correlations, problem-based learning, and problem-solving sessions in providing an understanding of the relationship of biochemical principles to human health and disease. Close integration with genetics topics provides a better picture of how biochemistry, molecular biology and genetics contribute to normal human development and medicine. Lecture, 20 hours per week. Prereq: Admission to Medical School (first year). (Same as MD 819.)

**BCH 825 SECOND-YEAR ELECTIVE,
BIOCHEMISTRY. (1-4)**

With the advice and approval of his or her faculty advisor, the second-year student may choose approved electives offered by the Department of Biochemistry. The intent is to provide the student with an opportunity for exploration and study in an area which supplements and/or complements required course work in the second-year curriculum. Pass/Fail only. Prereq: Admission to second year medical curriculum and approval of advisor.

**BCH 850-899 FOURTH-YEAR ELECTIVE
FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS. (1-6)**

With the advice and approval of the faculty adviser and the Student Progress and Promotions Committee, the fourth-year student may choose approved electives offered by the various departments in the College of Medicine. The intent is to provide the student an opportunity to develop his fund of knowledge and clinical competence. Prereq: Admission to the fourth year, College of Medicine and/or permission of the Student Progress and Promotions Committee.

Approved elective:

BCH 850 ELECTIVE IN BIOCHEMISTRY