PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY (PHTX)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes. 500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website.

PHTX 606. Seminar 1 Unit
Description: The fall semester of Pharmacology seminar is designed to introduce first- and second-year graduate students to the formal organization of a scientific presentation.
Note: Graded on a Pass/Fail basis.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

PHTX 616. Advanced Pharmacology 1-12 Units
Description: Work conducted outside the thesis area and with a preceptor other than the thesis director. By special arrangement.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

PHTX 617. Laboratory Rotation Research 1 Unit
Description: The purpose of this course is to provide students in search of a laboratory in which to perform thesis/dissertation research the opportunity to become acquainted with the research of particular faculty and the techniques used in that faculty's laboratory. Students will approximately 10-15 hours per week conducting literature surveys and conducting experiments under the direction of graduate faculty mentor. They will function as a member of the laboratory for the duration of the rotation. Rotations are for one-half semester each. Students will do two rotations in a semester. Course may be retaken once.
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PHTX 618. Topics in Pharmacology & Toxicology 1-12 Units
Prerequisite(s): Department majors only.
Description: Topics of current interest in Pharmacology and Toxicology. By special arrangement.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

PHTX 619. Research 1-12 Units
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

PHTX 625. Scientific Writing 2 Units
Description: This course is to give students hands-on experience with writing and critiquing scientific papers and proposals. The course will involve both didactic lectures and student presentations and workshops. Students will be graded on their class involvement, presentations, and homework assignments. No special restrictions or conditions are stipulated.
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PHTX 631. Risk Assessment 1 Unit
Description: This one-hour course will introduce students to the historical underpinnings of risk assessment, and to methods, policies, and procedures used by risk assessors in today’s governmental bodies. At the conclusion of the course, students should understand how peer-reviewed publications, especially those demonstrating close response, are used in the derivation of acceptable exposure limits. Emphasis will be placed on the estimation of acceptable exposure limits for non-carcinogenic effects of orally encountered chemicals.
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PHTX 632. Analysis of Parametric & Non-parametric Data 2 Units
Description: An introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics including exploratory analysis, graphing, descriptive methods, estimation, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, correlation, and regression. Students will be introduced to the theory and application of one-, two- and multi-group parametric and non-parametric methods. In addition, students will learn how to calculate the odds or risk of developing disease given an exposure using simple logistic regression analysis. Students will give an oral presentation that incorporates statistical principles learned to their individual graduate research projects.
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PHTX 633. Career Opportunities in the Biomedical Sciences 1 Unit
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail
Description: The goal of this course is to expose biomedical trainees to a range of diverse career options so that they can make confident and informed decisions about the way that they will move their career. Students will have the opportunity to hear from and to interact with professionals that hold positions in non-academic biomedical or biomedically related career fields. Students will complete an Individual Development Plan and learn how to compose a curriculum vita and a resume.
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PHTX 634. Introduction to Medical Product Regulatory Affairs 1 Unit
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Prerequisite(s): Permission of the course director.
Description: This is a Graduate level course that will familiarize students with basic concepts of regulatory compliance during drug, biologic, and medical device development. Basic concepts to be taught are: 1. Product development life-cycles, focusing on phases of development and stages for interactions with regulatory agencies; 2. Quality control and assurance in the laboratory, manufacturer, and clinic the basis of good practices; 3. Familiarization with FDA guidance documents, ICH guidelines, and the code of federal regulations. Upon completion of the course, students should have an understanding of the relationship between regulators, drug or device developers (bench scientists and clinicians), manufacturers, and patients.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHTX 641. Pharmacology I 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): First-year Pharmacology graduate student or permission of course director.
Description: This course will provide a foundation of the general principles of pharmacology upon which the students can subsequently build their knowledge in pharmacology. The course will progress through Goodman & Gilman’s "The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics," chapter-by-chapter, to introduce these fundamental areas and extend into neuropharmacology and pharmacological modulation of cardiovascular function.
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PHTX 642. Pharmacology II 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): First-year Pharmacology graduate student or permission of course director.
Description: This course will present the pharmacological principles: modulating inflammation, immunomodulation, hematopoiesis, steroid action and endocrine systems, chemotherapy, and antibiotics.
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PHTX 643. Toxicology I 3 Units
Description: This course will present the General Principles of Toxicology, Neurotoxins, and Organ Specific Toxicities.
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PHTX 644. Toxicology II 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Description: This course will present the Principles of Toxicity Testing, DNA Damage and Repair, and Environmental Toxicology.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHTX 652. Geriatric Pharmacology 1 Unit
Prerequisite(s): PHTX 395 or equivalent.
Description: This course will be offered to senior graduate students and nursing students wishing to expand their knowledge on the pharmacokinetics, drug metabolism, toxicities, distribution and drug dosages and interaction in the elderly.
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PHTX 661. Molecular Mechanisms of Toxicology 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 668.
Description: Molecular interactions of drugs and toxicants on cellular processes, including foreign compound metabolism, signal transduction, cell cycle, DNA repair/DNA replication are covered and put in context topics in molecular epidemiology.
Note: Cross-listed with BIOC 661.
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PHTX 667. Advanced Cell Biology 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Prerequisite(s): One quarter of graduate-level Biochemistry or consent of instructor.
Description: Advanced treatment of contemporary cell biology including membrane structure and function, cytoskeleton, signal transduction, regulation of cell cycle, apoptosis, and molecular mechanisms of cellular differentiation. Spring semester.
Note: Cross-listed with BIOC 667, ASNB 667, BIOL 667 and MBIO 667.
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