

BIOCHEMISTRY (BIOC)

Courses numbered 800+ are considered professional/first-professional-level courses. Courses numbered 500-799 are considered graduate-level coursework, but may be appropriate for some students (e.g., those in dual degree programs).

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, please contact the School of Medicine student records coordinator (natalie.harper@louisville.edu).

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 (<http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/>).

BIOC 545. Biochemistry I 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Description: Chemistry of amino acids, protein structure and function; metabolism of carbohydrates, fats and amino acids.

Note: Credit may not be earned in both BIOC 545 and BIOC 645.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)

BIOC 547. Advanced Biochemistry II 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 545 Biochemistry of nucleotides and nucleic acids; RNA, DNA and protein biosynthesis, biomembrane phenomena, enzyme properties, kinetics, and control mechanisms; ligand binding.

Description:

Note: Credit may not be earned in both BIOC 547 and BIOC 647.

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BIOC 603. Special Topics in Biochemistry 1-4 Units

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 645 and BIOC 647 (or concurrently), or consent of instructor.

Description: Arranged to fit individual needs on topics of current interest or to receive some advanced training or conduct research project.

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BIOC 606. Biochemistry Seminar 1 Unit

Description: Both Fall and Spring semesters.

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BIOC 611. Techniques in Biomolecular Interactions 4 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Prerequisite(s): Student must be registered in the graduate school.

Description: Biochemical, molecular, and bioinformatic techniques to understand cellular interactions, including chromatin associations that inform DNA structure, editing, and gene expression; protein-protein interactions; and protein: ligand associations that influence enzyme activity.

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BIOC 613. Biochemistry Laboratory 2-4 Units

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Description: The course will consist of participation in the research programs of two laboratories in the department. A half-semester will be devoted to each laboratory. Pass/Fail grading.

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BIOC 619. Research 1-15 Units

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Description: Biochemistry research.

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BIOC 620. Scientific Method and Grant Writing 2 Units

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): Restricted to students in the Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics graduate programs; permission of course director.

Description: This objective of this course is to introduce students to the fundamentals of grantsmanship. The topics incorporate all aspects for grant application process as well as overview of the scientific method, generation of hypotheses, and research design. Student-directed learning is a major component for this course with the summative event being completion of a grant proposal. A reiterative writing process for proposal development will be ongoing throughout the course.

Note: May be repeated once for up to 4 credits.

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BIOC 630. Responsible Conduct of Research: Survival Skills and Research Ethics 1-4 Units

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Description: The topics covered include 11 areas of Research Compliance training mandated by the NIH for training grants and focuses on contemporary research ethics in biomedical sciences.

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- BIOC 640. Principles of Biochemistry** 5 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Covers general aspects of biochemistry with special emphasis given to areas applicable to dentistry. Topics include protein structure and function; chemistry and metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, and nucleotides; molecular genetics; nutritional biochemistry; calcification; and molecular endocrinology. Clinical conferences keyed to current lecture topics are presented by clinical faculty.
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- BIOC 645. Advanced Biochemistry I** 4 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): Students must be registered in the graduate school.
Description: Chemistry of amino acids, protein structure and function; metabolism of carbohydrates, fats and amino acids.
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- BIOC 646. Nucleic acids and information metabolism** 1 Unit
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Description: This course addresses conceptual understanding of molecular biology principles with respect to cellular storage, integrity, control, and use of genetic information, with focus on nucleic acids and protein synthesis. Students must be registered in the graduate school.
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- BIOC 647. Advanced Biochemistry II** 4 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 545 or BIOC 645 or consent of instructor.
Description: Biochemistry of nucleotides and nucleic acids; RNA, DNA and protein biosynthesis, biomembrane phenomena, enzyme properties, kinetics, and control mechanisms; ligand binding.
Note: Credit may not be earned in both BIOC 547 and BIOC 647.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- BIOC 648. Journal Club in Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics** 1 Unit
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: This course will consist of student presentations of primary, peer-reviewed literature featuring current knowledge and techniques relevant to biochemical, molecular, and genetic understanding of molecular and cellular processes in health and disease.
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- BIOC 649. Protein Function: from interactions to enzyme control** 1 Unit
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Description: This course is focused on the conceptual understanding of biochemical principles related to protein interactions and general enzymology and enzyme function. Students must be enrolled in the graduate school.
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- BIOC 661. Molecular Mechanisms of Toxicology** 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
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: Crosslisted with PHTX 661.
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- BIOC 662. Biomedical Research Data Analysis Methods** 1 Unit
Term Typically Offered: Summer Only
Prerequisite(s): Currently enrolled graduate students in good standing.
Description: A lecture and discussion course designed for graduate students desiring to learn the basic statistical methods and data presentation approaches that are used in biomedical research.
Note: This course requires permission from the instructor.
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- BIOC 663. High-Throughput Sequencing Data Analysis** 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): Students must be registered in the graduate school and are expected to have a basic understanding of molecular biology.
Description: Permission from the course director is needed for students not meeting these prerequisites. High-Throughput Sequencing Data Analysis will focus on current issues in bioinformatics, including: next generation sequencing; microRNA and mRNA integrative analysis; epigenetics, metagenomics, personalized genomics, and single cell sequencing.
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- BIOC 667. Cell Biology** 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Prerequisite(s): One quarter of graduate level biochemistry or consent of instructor.
Description: An 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. Graded.
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BIOC 668. Molecular Biology 3-4 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): Student must be registered in the graduate school.

Description: Students are expected to have a basic understanding of molecular biology principles and protein structure. Best preparation for succeeding in the course is previous course in biochemistry and experience with reading scientific literature. Permission from the Course Director is needed for students not meeting these prerequisites. This course examines the fundamental principles of molecular biology as they apply to mechanisms controlling gene expression. Topics include: transcriptional and post-transcriptional regulation of gene expression; RNA and miRNA biology; and protein synthesis and regulation. An emphasis will be on student-directed learning requiring completion of pre-class reading, and in-class discussion of current literature.

Note: Crosslisted with BIOL 668.

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BIOC 670. Biomedical Genetics and Genomics 3-5 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Prerequisite(s): Students must be registered in the Graduate School.

Description: This course examines the fundamental principles of genetics and genomics as they apply to biomedical research. Topics include: Mendelian, population, quantitative genetics, epigenetics, and bioinformatics. An emphasis will be on reading and critiquing current literature.

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BIOC 675. Cancer Biology 4 Units

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 545 or BIOC 645 or equivalents.

Description: A comprehensive course on cancer biology with emphasis on molecular mechanisms and research. Topics will include: the public health impact of cancer, molecular mechanisms of carcinogenesis and metastasis, host-tumor interactions, current and future molecular therapies and prevention, apoptosis, tumor immunology, cancer genetics and genomics, prevention, metabolism in cancer cells, signal transduction, cell cycle, and oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes. There will also be clinical-based lectures.

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BIOC 680. Biomolecular Interactions 2 Units

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 645 and BIOC 647 or equivalents.

Description: This course examines techniques used to characterize biomolecules and their interactions including surface plasmon resonance, equilibrium dialysis, microcalorimetry, analytical ultracentrifugation, dynamic light scattering and absorption fluorescence and circular dichroism spectroscopies.

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BIOC 816. Special Project-Biochemistry 1-16 Units

Description: This course is to be arranged to fit individual needs to cover topics of current interest or to participate in research projects or to receive some advance training.

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