

Immunology

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The Immunology Program provides interdisciplinary training in the concepts and methodologies of basic and applied immunology. Faculty members are involved in a variety of research projects dealing with the immune system at all levels—structural, functional, cellular, biochemical, and molecular. Students take course work in immunology and related disciplines and are involved directly in laboratory research throughout their study.

Programs

Graduate Program of Study

Major

- Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology

Students interested in doctoral studies in immunology should apply under the umbrella program in Biomedical Science (select immunology subprogram). Direct application to the Ph.D. in immunology is not currently being considered. Students who entered the graduate immunology program prior to fall 2017 can refer to the 2015-16 General Catalog for previous degree requirements.

Facilities

Training is conducted in laboratories and teaching facilities of the Carver College of Medicine Stead Family Department of Pediatrics and the Departments of Internal Medicine, Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery, Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacology, and Urology; and the College of Public Health Department of Epidemiology. Faculty laboratories and central research core facilities provide students with access to state-of-the-art research equipment.

Courses

Immunology Courses

IMMU:2040 Summer Undergraduate IDGP

Research 0 s.h.

IMMU:6201 Graduate Immunology 3 s.h.

Ontogeny, activation, and function of T lymphocytes and B lymphocytes; innate immune effector mechanisms; major histocompatibility complex; antigen presentation; thymocyte positive and negative selection; signaling of T lymphocytes, B lymphocytes; emphasis on experimental methods for analysis of these processes. Requirements: for IMMU:6201—college biology, general chemistry, and introductory immunology courses; for MICR:6201—courses in college biology, genetics, general chemistry, and introductory immunology. Recommendations: for IMMU:6201—courses in biochemistry and genetics; for MICR:6201—biochemistry course. Same as MICR:6201.

IMMU:6211 Immunology Seminar 1 s.h.

Requirements: immunology graduate standing.

IMMU:6231 Research in Immunology arr.

Laboratory research. Requirements: immunology graduate standing.

IMMU:6241 Writing a Scientific Proposal 1 s.h.

How to write a scientific proposal. Prerequisites: IMMU:6201. Requirements: enrollment in immunology graduate program.

IMMU:6247 Graduate Immunology and Human Disease 4 s.h.

Important principles and key concepts in immunology with a focus on the involvement of the immune system in disease pathogenesis; overview of innate and adaptive immune systems and their functions at cellular and molecular levels; learning enhanced by case-based, small-group discussion and writing exercises. Same as MICR:6247.

IMMU:7217 Integrated Topics in Infectious Diseases 1 s.h.

Clinical cases used to raise questions in host-microbe interactions; case/scientific exposés followed by related journal club discussions at next class session. Same as MICR:7217.

IMMU:7221 Advanced Topics in Immunology 3 s.h.

In-depth analysis of selected areas. Prerequisites: IMMU:6201 or MICR:6201. Same as MICR:7207.