Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Courses (BMB)

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This is a list of courses with the subject code BMB. For more information, see Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Carver College of Medicine) in the catalog.

**BMB:3110 Biochemistry** 3 s.h.
One-semester survey of basic concepts in modern biochemistry and molecular biology; emphasis on application of biochemical concepts to human metabolism; appropriate for students who plan to pursue a career in health care or want an overview of biochemistry as a discipline. Requirements: one year each of college-level biology and chemistry. Recommendations: one semester of organic chemistry.

**BMB:3120 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I** 3 s.h.
Physical and chemical foundations of biochemistry, structure of biological molecules, catalysis, transport, and oxidative reactions in biology; first of two-semester sequence that concludes with BMB:3130. Requirements: two semesters of general chemistry and one of organic chemistry. Recommendations: BIOL:1411, BIOL:1412, and an additional organic chemistry course.

**BMB:3130 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II** 3 s.h.
Molecular principles of photosynthesis and biosignaling; metabolism of lipids, amino acids, and nucleic acids; DNA replication, transcription, and protein translation; team-taught, didactic lecture style; second of a two-semester comprehensive biochemistry sequence. Prerequisites: BMB:3120 with a minimum grade of C-.

**BMB:3140 Experimental Biochemistry** 2 s.h.
Use of modern instruments and techniques to fractionate, identify, and characterize constituents of biochemical systems. Prerequisites: BMB:3120 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: two semesters of general chemistry and one semester of organic chemistry.

**BMB:3150 Development of Senior Research Project** 2 s.h.
Preparation for biochemistry majors pursuing a senior research project in BMB:4999; communicating technical information through writing and speaking; presenting scientific journal articles and writing experimental protocols; developing detailed proposal for one-year senior research project. Prerequisites: BMB:3120 or BMB:3140 or BMB:3130. Requirements: biochemistry major, and junior or senior standing.

**BMB:3310 Practical Data Science and Bioinformatics** 3 s.h.
Understanding how to access large biological data sets and use them to answer biological questions is an important skill for researchers; immersive introduction to computational handling of data; how to access and analyze publicly available data; critically evaluate data quality and analysis in context of measuring gene expression; basic coding in R/Studio, plotting and data display, fitting and regression, statistical inference, statistical models, downloading and data wrangling; basic introduction to machine learning (clustering); for students with no computational background. Prerequisites: BIOL:1411 with a minimum grade of C- and BIOL:1412 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: college algebra. Recommendations: BMB:3110, or BMB:3120 and BMB:3130, or other upper-level life sciences courses. Same as CBIO:3310, MMED:3310.

**BMB:3800 Biochemistry Teaching Practicum** arr.
Training for qualified junior or senior undergraduates majoring in biochemistry or a related field to contribute to undergraduate courses; interns may hold review sessions, offer regular office hours, draft questions for homework or exams, assist in proctoring exams, assist students in a laboratory setting, and help with course implementation; guidance from the faculty director and instructors in each course; interns are expected to work approximately three hours per week for each semester hour of credit earned. Requirements: completion of a course covering the same or equivalent material with a grade of B or higher, and must arrange for a short interview with the appropriate course director prior to registration.

**BMB:3993 Undergraduate Biochemistry Research** arr.
Preparation for BMB:4999; directed research with a biochemistry faculty member; experience in an active biochemistry research lab, learning and performing experiments relevant to current projects in that lab, including exposure to scientific literature; arranged in advance by student and biochemistry faculty member.

**BMB:4240 Biophysics and Advanced Biochemistry** 3 s.h.
Principles and experimental approaches used to study macromolecular structure, stability, and function; ligand binding and macromolecular interactions; enzyme kinetics and mechanisms; X-ray crystallography and NMR spectroscopy; single molecule and other biophysical approaches. Prerequisites: BMB:3120 and BMB:3130 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: one year of biochemistry. Recommendations: physical chemistry course and one semester of calculus.

**BMB:4310 Computational Biochemistry** 3 s.h.
Introduction to biomolecular modeling and computer simulation techniques; biomolecular structure and molecular driving forces; principles of structural optimization and conformational sampling; applications to biomolecular phenotypes; scripting and molecular visualization in PyMol, setting up and running molecular dynamics simulations using VMD and NAMD, performing refinement of X-ray diffraction data sets using Phenix, and executing Poisson-Boltzmann electrostatic calculations using APBS. Prerequisites: (MATH:1560 or MATH:1860) and CHEM:1120. Recommendations: BMB:3110 or BMB:3120. Same as BME:4310.
**BMB:4999 Advanced Undergraduate Biochemistry Research** arr.
Advanced directed research with a biochemistry faculty member; work on an individualized research project relevant to research goals of that lab; learning related scientific literature and presentation of research results; arranged in advance by student and biochemistry faculty member and taken after completion of core biochemistry curriculum. Prerequisites: BMB:3120 with a minimum grade of B- and BMB:3130 with a minimum grade of B- and BMB:3140 with a minimum grade of B-. Requirements: BMB:3993 or URES:3994 or HONR:3994 or prior research experience or lab practicum.

**BMB:5215 Directed Readings for Graduate Students** arr.
Directed readings with course content arranged with professor.

**BMB:5240 Biophysics and Advanced Biochemistry** 3 s.h.
Principles and experimental approaches used to study macromolecular structure, stability, and function; ligand binding and macromolecular interactions; enzyme kinetics and mechanisms; X-ray crystallography and NMR spectroscopy; single molecule and other biophysical approaches. Requirements: one year of biochemistry. Recommendations: physical chemistry course and one semester of calculus.

**BMB:5244 Molecular Recognition** 1 s.h.
Focus on determinants in protein small molecule binding, particularly involving pharmaceutically relevant enzymes and receptors; how modern structure-based drug discovery is greatly aided by ability to employ protein structures in discovery and design of certain classes of drugs; structural approaches for predicting and improving drug affinity and selectivity, which have made a lasting impact across a number of diseases; important contemporary topics include in-depth lectures on fragment based drug discovery (FBDD); use and pitfalls of in silico docking and other screening methods, and emergence of covalent drugs. Requirements: introductory course in biochemistry. Same as PHAR:5542.

**BMB:5261 Research Techniques** 1-6 s.h.
Laboratory rotation for first-year graduate students in biochemistry.

**BMB:5282 Seminar** 0-2 s.h.
How to evaluate reports of scientific investigations critically; techniques for presenting scientific information.

**BMB:5875 Perspectives in Biotechnology** 1 s.h.
Topics related to careers in biotechnology with an emphasis on preparing graduate students for careers outside of academia; discussions led by a series of guest speakers from leading biotech industries; understanding the societal impact of basic research; participation in round-table discussions; and presentation of student research findings. Requirements: graduate standing and good academic standing in a participating department supported by the Predoctoral Training Program in Biotechnology. Same as CBE:5875, CEE:5875, CHEM:5875, MICR:5875, PHAR:5875.

**BMB:7251 Introduction to Protein Structures** 1 s.h.
Basics of protein structures and amino acids; module covers chapters 1-5 of Lehninger’s Principles of Biochemistry. Recommendations: first-year graduate standing in biosciences or physical sciences.