## DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

### Courses

#### Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BC)

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<td>BC 192</td>
<td>Biochemistry Freshman Seminar</td>
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<td>Introduction to curriculum and career options for biochemistry majors.</td>
<td>Must register for lecture and recitation.</td>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>Traditional</td>
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<td>BC 295</td>
<td>Introductory Independent Study</td>
<td>Var[1-3]</td>
<td>LIFE 102 or CHEM 112, may be taken concurrently</td>
<td>Apply principles and knowledge being learned in first and second year life sciences and chemistry courses.</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>Traditional</td>
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<tr>
<td>BC 351</td>
<td>Principles of Biochemistry</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>(BZ 110 or BZ 120 or LIFE 102) and (CHEM 241 or CHEM 245 or CHEM 341 or CHEM 345)</td>
<td>Structure and function of biological molecules; biocatalysis; metabolism and energy transduction.</td>
<td>For majors in biological sciences, engineering, and preprofessional students in the health sciences. Sections may be offered: Online.</td>
<td>Fall, Spring</td>
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<tr>
<td>BC 353</td>
<td>Pre-Health Genetics</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>BC 351</td>
<td>Applies and extends the biochemical concepts learned in BC 351 to macromolecules and molecular processes based on nucleic acids.</td>
<td>Sections may be offered: Online.</td>
<td>Fall, Spring</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>BC 360</td>
<td>Responsible Conduct in Biochemical Research</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>LIFE 212</td>
<td>Research ethics and the responsible conduct of research.</td>
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<td>Fall</td>
<td>Traditional</td>
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<td>BC 401</td>
<td>Comprehensive Biochemistry I</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(CHEM 245 or CHEM 343, may be taken concurrently or CHEM 346, may be taken concurrently and (MATH 155 or MATH 160).</td>
<td>Macromolecular structure and dynamics; membranes; enzymes; bioenergetics.</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>Traditional</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>BC 403</td>
<td>Comprehensive Biochemistry II</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(BC 351 or BC 401) and (CHEM 245 or CHEM 341 or CHEM 345).</td>
<td>Metabolic pathways and their regulation; cellular biochemistry.</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>BC 404</td>
<td>Comprehensive Biochemistry Laboratory</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>BC 401, may be taken concurrently and (CHEM 246 or CHEM 344 or CHEM 346) and (LIFE 212 and LIFE 203).</td>
<td>Experimental approaches to studying macromolecules, metabolism, and gene expressions.</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
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<td>BC 406A</td>
<td>Investigative Biochemistry: Protein Biochemistry</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>BC 404</td>
<td>Advanced inquiry-based protein chemistry and molecular biology lab.</td>
<td>This is a partial semester course.</td>
<td>Fall, Spring</td>
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<td>BC 406B</td>
<td>Investigative Biochemistry: Molecular Genetics</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>BC 404</td>
<td>Advanced biochemical and molecular biological techniques and a problem-solving approach to molecular genetics.</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
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*Course Descriptions and Registration Information are subject to change.*
BC 406C Investigative Biochemistry: Cellular Biochemistry  Credits: 2 (1-3-0)
Course Description: Advanced biochemical and molecular biological techniques and a problem-solving approach to cellular biochemistry.
Prerequisite: BC 404.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 411 Physical Biochemistry  Credits: 4 (3-0-1)
Course Description: Thermodynamics; reaction rates; quantum chemistry; spectroscopy; macromolecular folding and interactions; ligand binding; enzyme kinetics; membranes.
Prerequisite: (BC 351 with a minimum grade of B or BC 401) and (CHEM 113) and (MATH 161 or MATH 255).
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 441 3D Molecular Models for Biochemistry  Credit: 1 (0-1.5-.5)
Course Description: Computer instruction to construct 3D models of proteins and nucleic acids using leading software.
Prerequisite: BC 401, may be taken concurrently.
Registration Information: Must register for laboratory and recitation.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 463 Molecular Genetics  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Molecular basis of gene structure, replication, repair, recombination, and expression.
Prerequisite: (BC 401 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently) or BC 351 with a minimum grade of C and (LIFE 210) and (BC 351).
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BC 463 and BC 563.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 464 Molecular Genetics Recitation  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Methods used to study the molecular basis of gene structure, replication, repair, recombination, and expression.
Prerequisite: (LIFE 210B) and (BC 351, may be taken concurrently or BC 401, may be taken concurrently).
Registration Information: Must have concurrent registration in BC 463.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 465 Molecular Regulation of Cell Function  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Molecular regulation of cell organization, membrane formation, organelle biogenesis, cell communication, shape and motility, growth, aging, and death.
Prerequisite: (LIFE 210) and (BC 403, may be taken concurrently or BC 351).
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both BC 465 and BC 565.
Terms Offered: Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 466 Molecular Regulation of Cell Function-Honors  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Discussions of current articles in cell biology including methods and molecular mechanisms that explain cell behavior in health and disease.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must have concurrent registration in BC 465.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 467 Biochemistry of Disease  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Biochemical basis of specific human diseases.
Prerequisite: BC 401.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 475 Mentored Research  Credits: 3 (0-6-1)
Course Description: Plan and conduct mentored research with weekly discussion of progress, presentation at all-university symposium, and submission of written report.
Prerequisite: BC 404.
Registration Information: Must register for laboratory and recitation.
Maximum of 9 credits allowed in course.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 484 Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Assist in teaching selected courses in biochemistry and molecular biology.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: A maximum of 10 combined credits for all 384 and 484 courses are counted towards graduation requirements.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 487A Internship  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Work experience with an approved preceptor outside of a university laboratory environment.
Prerequisite: BC 401 and BC 403 and BC 404.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. Minimum GPA of 2.0.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 487B Internship: International  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Research in foreign host laboratory in contact with CSU mentor.
Prerequisite: BC 401 and BC 463 and BC 495 - at least 1 credit.
Registration Information: Selection by departmental committee. BC 495 (one credit in lab of CSU mentor).
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.
BC 493  Senior Seminar  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Critical analysis of selected literature in biochemistry and molecular biology.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: BC 401 or concurrent registration.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 495  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Faculty-directed exploration of areas of special interest in biochemistry and molecular biology.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 496  Group Study  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Faculty-directed exploration of areas of special interest in biochemistry and molecular biology.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 498  Research  Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Supervised laboratory research in biochemistry and molecular biology.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 499A  Thesis: Laboratory Research-Based  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Laboratory-based research thesis.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 499B  Thesis: Literature Based  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Prerequisite: BC 493.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 499C  Thesis: Literature-based in Health and Med Sci  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Thesis - Literature-based in Health and Med. Sci.
Prerequisite: BC 493.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 499D  Thesis: Literature-based in Pre-Pharmacy  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Thesis - Literature-based in Pre-Pharmacy.
Prerequisite: BC 493.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 499E  Thesis: Literature-based in Neurobiochemistry  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Thesis - Literature-based in Neurobiochemistry.
Prerequisite: BC 493, may be taken concurrently.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 499F  Thesis: Literature-Based in Data Science  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Thesis - Literature-based in Data Science.
Prerequisite: BC 493.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 511  Structural Biology I  Credits: 4 (3-0-1)
Course Description: Structural principles of biological macromolecules and techniques of structural analysis.
Prerequisite: BC 401, may be taken concurrently.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 512  Principles of Macromolecular Structure  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Physical interactions controlling folding and solution behavior of biological macromolecules, including proteins, nucleic acids, and membranes.
Prerequisite: BC 411, may be taken concurrently.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 513  Enzymology  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Kinetic methods, mechanism, and regulation of enzyme catalysis.
Prerequisite: BC 403.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 517  Metabolism  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Design and regulation of metabolic pathways.
Prerequisite: BC 351 and BC 403.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 521  Principles of Chemical Biology  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: CHEM 521.
Course Description: Principles of chemical biology. Chemical methods for understanding and controlling the structure and function of biopolymers.
Prerequisite: CHEM 245 or CHEM 343 or CHEM 346.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BC 521 and CHEM 521.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
BC 563  Molecular Genetics  Credits: 4 (3-0-1)
Course Description: Mechanisms of replication, transcription, processing, translation, and packaging of genetic material, emphasizing original literature and methods.
Prerequisite: BC 401 and LIFE 201B.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Credit not allowed for both BC 563 and BC 463.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 565  Molecular Regulation of Cell Function  Credits: 4 (3-0-1)
Course Description: Molecular regulation of cell organization, membrane formation, organelle biogenesis, cell communication, shape and motility, growth, aging, and death.
Prerequisite: (LIFE 210) and (BC 351 or BC 403, may be taken concurrently).
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BC 565 and BC 465. Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 566  Advanced Topics in Mitotic Processes  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Mitotic spindle, microtubules, kinetochores, and molecular motors, specifically during cell division.
Prerequisite: BC 465 or BC 565.
Restriction: .
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 571  Quantitative Biochemistry  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Introduction to statistics, error analysis, and curve fitting of biochemical data with a focus on practical examples.
Prerequisite: BC 511, may be taken concurrently.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 589  Current Trends in Molecular Biosciences  Credits: 2 (1-2-0)
Course Description: Biochemical and molecular biological foundations of molecular genetics/genetic engineering; molecular analysis of genes.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: B.S. or B.A. in biology or chemistry; secondary school teaching certification required. Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 598  Research  Credits: Var[1-9] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Biochemistry research in a research laboratory.
Prerequisite: BC 401.
Registration Information: Written consent of advisor.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 601  Responsible Conduct in Biochemistry  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Design of experiments; error and fraud, publishing/grant application submission, scientific misconduct, classic examples of fraud, case studies.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Spring. (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 611  Structural Biology II  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Structure and interactions of biological macromolecules related to function.
Prerequisite: BC 511.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 663  Gene Expression  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Eukaryotic transcription mechanisms with emphasis on methods of study and regulatory mechanisms.
Prerequisite: BC 563.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 665A  Advanced Topics in Cell Regulation: Microscopic Methods  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Analysis of cell behavior, function and regulation.
Prerequisite: BC 565.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 665B  Advanced Topics in Cell Regulation: Modern Methods  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Modern methods in cell biology.
Prerequisite: BC 565.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 695  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 698  Research  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.
BC 699 Thesis Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 701 Grant Proposal Writing and Reviewing Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Didactic and hands-on experience with locating funding sources, writing effective grant proposals, and the review process in the bio-molecular sciences.
Prerequisite: (BC 403) and (BC 511, may be taken concurrently) and (BC 563, may be taken concurrently).
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 711A Advanced Topics in Structural Biology: Protein Structure and Function Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 511 and BC 611.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 711B Advanced Topics in Structural Biology: Membrane Proteins Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 511 and BC 611.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 711C Advanced Topics in Structural Biology: Protein-DNA Interactions Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 511 and BC 611.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 711D Advanced Topics in Structural Biology: Biomolecular Spectroscopy Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 511 and BC 611.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 711E Advanced Topics in Structural Biology: Biomolecular NMR Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 511 and BC 611.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 711F Advanced Topics in Structural Biology: Macromolecular X-ray Crystallography Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 511 and BC 611.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 763A Advanced Molecular Genetics Topics: Chromatin and Transcription Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 663, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 763B Advanced Molecular Genetics Topics: Transcriptional Control - Co-Activators and Corepressors Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 663, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 763C Advanced Molecular Genetics Topics: Concepts and Techniques of Genetic Analysis Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: BC 663, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 784 Supervised College Teaching Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 793 Seminar Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 795 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.
BC 796  Group Study  Credits: Var[1-5] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 798  Research  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

BC 799  Dissertation  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.