2015-2016 Catalogue

CELLULAR, MOLECULAR, AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

OVERVIEW

The Cellular, Molecular and Biomedical Sciences (CMB) program provides personalized training in a graduate-student focused, state-of-the-art research environment. Our graduates are highly qualified scientists ready to take on the rigors of scientific careers in academia, industry, and government.

Our interdisciplinary program is comprised of highly dedicated research faculty in 16 departments across the UVM campus. This breadth, combined with a collegial atmosphere, provides an ideal environment for studying the molecular, cellular, genetic, biophysical, and biochemical mechanisms that control phenotypic responses that underlie human disease.

DEGREES

• Cellular, Molecular and Biomedical Sciences M.S.
• Cellular, Molecular and Biomedical Sciences Ph.D.

FACULTY

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BIOC Courses

**BIOC 205. Biochemistry I. 3 Credits.**
Introduction to chemistry and structure of biological macromolecules; examination of mechanisms of chemical processes in biological systems including enzyme catalysis, biosynthesis, regulation, and information transfer. Prerequisite: CHEM 142 or CHEM 144. Cross-listed with: CHEM 205 and MMG 205.

**BIOC 206. Biochemistry II. 3 Credits.**
Continuation of Biochemistry I. Biochemistry of nucleic acids; nucleic acid based processes, such as replication and transcription; cellular information transfer, genomics, and proteomics. Prerequisite: BIOC 205, CHEM 205, or MMG 205. Cross-listed with: CHEM 206, MMG 206.

**BIOC 207. Biochemistry Lab. 2 Credits.**
Introduction to biochemical tools, including spectrometry, chromatography, and electrophoresis; natural and recombinant enzyme isolation; assays of DNA-modifying enzymes; computer-based structure/function exercises. Prerequisite: BIOC 205, CHEM 205, or MMG 205. Cross-listed with: CHEM 207, MMG 207.
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<td>BI0C 212</td>
<td>Biochemistry of Human Disease. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Molecular approach to genetic, metabolic, and infectious diseases; recombinant DNA technology and medicine; molecular biology of cancer. Prerequisite: CHEM 042, CHEM 044, or CHEM 141.</td>
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<td>BI0C 240</td>
<td>Macromol Struct Prot&amp;Nucl Acid. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Introduction to structural biology and macromolecular structure with an emphasis on protein-protein and protein-nucleic acids interactions. Prerequisites: BIOL 002 or BCOR 012, and CHEM 142; Junior standing. Cross-listed with: MMG 240. Alternate years.</td>
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<td>BI0C 301</td>
<td>General Biochemistry. 0 or 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Survey for science majors. Chemistry, structure, metabolism, and function of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids; enzymes, bioenergetics and respiratory processes. Prerequisite: CHEM 142 or CHEM 144, or Instructor permission.</td>
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<td>BI0C 302</td>
<td>General Biochemistry. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Survey for science majors. Amino acids, nucleic acids, protein synthesis, cellular and physiological control mechanisms. Prerequisite: CHEM 142 or CHEM 144, or Instructor permission.</td>
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<td>BI0C 305</td>
<td>Medical Biochemistry. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>A survey course in human biochemistry, with particular emphasis on medical applications.</td>
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<td>A survey course in human biochemistry, with particular emphasis on medical applications.</td>
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<td>BI0C 307</td>
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<td>Areas of biochemistry not treated in concurrent advanced course offerings.</td>
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<td>BI0C 309</td>
<td>Laboratory Research Rotations. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Two sequential research projects in Departmental faculty laboratories, composed of experimental work, an oral presentation, and a written report. First semester.</td>
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<td>BI0C 310</td>
<td>Laboratory Research Rotations. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Two sequential research projects in Departmental faculty laboratories, composed of experimental work, an oral presentation and a written report. Second semester.</td>
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<td>BI0C 325</td>
<td>Data Analysis&amp;Presentation I. 2 Credits.</td>
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<td>Develop graduate level skills in data analysis, reading, writing, teaching and presenting your own work and that of others (Part 1 of 2). Prerequisites: Graduate standing; Enrollment in BI0C 301 and CLBI 301. Cross-listed with: MPBP 325.</td>
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<td>BI0C 326</td>
<td>Data Analysis&amp;Presentation II. 2 Credits.</td>
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<td>Develop graduate level skills in data analysis, reading, writing, teaching and presenting your own work and that of others (Part 2 of 2). Prerequisites: BI0C 301, CLBI 301; Graduate standing. Cross-listed with MPBP 326.</td>
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<td>BI0C 351</td>
<td>Proteins I: Structure&amp;Function. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Special Topics: Introduction to concepts in protein structure and chemistry as well as exploration of ideas in a &quot;hands on&quot; fashion using computational resources. Prerequisite: BI0C 301, or Department permission. Alternate years.</td>
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<td>BI0C 352</td>
<td>Protein: Nucleic Acid Interact. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Structure of DNA and RNA, and the structure and assembly of nucleoprotein complexes will be described using examples from prokaryotes, yeast, viruses, and mammalian cells in culture. Prerequisite: MMG 211 or equivalent, and BI0C 302 or equivalent. Cross-listed with: MMG 352. Alternate years.</td>
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<td>BI0C 353</td>
<td>Proteins II: Enzymology. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>General consideration of enzyme nomenclature, purification, assay, kinetics, mechanisms, cofactors, active sites, subunit structure, allosteric and regulatory properties, and control of multienzyme systems. Prerequisite: BI0C 301, or Department permission. Alternate years.</td>
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<td>BI0C 354</td>
<td>Nucleic Acids II. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>The study of structure, composition, organization, function, synthesis, and metabolism of nucleic acids and nucleoprotein particles and matrices in eukaryotic organisms. Prerequisite: BI0C 302.</td>
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<td>BI0C 370</td>
<td>Physical Biochemistry. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Protein interaction, solubility and fractionation, electrophoresis, sedimentation, phase rule study, diffusion, viscosity, spectrophotometry, and related topics. Prerequisites: BIOL 302 and CHEM 162, or Department permission.</td>
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<td>BI0C 372</td>
<td>Cancer Biology. 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Overview of cancer biology for health science students. Foundation for cancer research. Lecture format; interdisciplinary viewpoint; outside lectures. Prerequisite: BI0C 302, or Department permission.</td>
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<td>BI0C 381</td>
<td>Seminar. 1 Credit.</td>
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<td>A review of recent developments and current literature in the various fields of biochemistry. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.</td>
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<td>BI0C 391</td>
<td>Master's Thesis Research. 1-12 Credits.</td>
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<td>BI0C 392</td>
<td>Independent Literature Rsch. 1-12 Credits.</td>
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<td>Reading and literature research culminating in a paper on a topic of current interest in biochemistry.</td>
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Cell Biology Courses

CLBI 295. Special Topics. 1-8 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Credit as arranged.
CLBI 301. Cell Biology. 3 Credits.
Advanced survey of cell organelles, their composition, origin, and the relationship between their structure and function. Emphasis on recent literature and current controversies. Prerequisite: CHEM 142; Graduate standing in Biology or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: BIOL 301, PBIO 301.

CLBI 302. Spec Cells & Cell Processes. 3 Credits.
Current issues and research in the field of plant, invertebrate, mammalian cell, and molecular biology. Prerequisite: CLBI 301. Cross-listed with: BIOL 302.

CLBI 381. Seminar. 1 Credit.
One hour.

CLBI 391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-12 Credits.
Credit as arranged.

CLBI 395. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Credit as arranged.

CLBI 396. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Credit as arranged.

CLBI 491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-12 Credits.
Credit as arranged.

Microbiology Molecular Genetics Courses

MMG 201. Molecular Cloning Lab. 3 Credits.
Intensive advanced laboratory course in the fundamentals of recombinant DNA technology through the isolation and characterization of a unique gene. Prerequisite: MMG 104 or BIOC 207 or Instructor permission. Fall.

MMG 203. Mamm Cell Cult: Molecular Biol. 0 or 4 Credits.
The basic principles and techniques of mammalian cell culture, as well as cell and mammalian molecular genetics. Prerequisite: BCOR 103 or MMG 104, Permission of Coordinator. Alternate years. Spring.

MMG 205. Biochemistry I. 3 Credits.
Introduction to chemistry and structure of biological macromolecules; examination of mechanisms of chemical processes in biological systems, including enzyme catalysis, biosynthesis, regulation, and information transfer. Prerequisite: CHEM 142 or CHEM 144. Cross-listed with: BIOC 205, CHEM 205. Fall.

MMG 206. Biochemistry II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of Biochemistry I. Biochemistry of nucleic acids; nucleic acid based processes, such as replication and transcription; cellular information transfer, genomics, and proteomics. Prerequisite: MMG 205. Cross-listed with: BIOC 206, CHEM 206. Spring.

MMG 207. Biochemistry Lab. 2 Credits.
Introduction to biochemical tools, including spectrometry, chromatography, and electrophoresis; natural and recombinant enzyme isolation; assays of DNA-modifying enzymes; computer-based structure/function exercises. Co-requisites: MMG 205 or MMG 206. Cross-listed with: BIOC 207 and CHEM 207.

MMG 211. Prokaryotic Molecular Genetics. 3 Credits.
The organization, replication, and expression of genes in prokaryotes, focusing on the genetics of Escherichia coli and its viruses. Prerequisite: Introductory microbiology, biochemistry, genetics, and/or cell biology courses. Fall.

MMG 220. Environmental Microbiology. 3 Credits.
The activities of microorganisms, primarily bacteria, in air, soil, and water. Prerequisites: MMG 101 and Organic Chemistry Alternate years.

MMG 222. Clinical Microbiology I. 0 or 4 Credits.
Comprehensive study of human pathogenic bacteria and their disease states in humans. Laboratory sessions provide practical experience in handling and identifying these pathogens. Alternate years. Spring. Prerequisites: MMG 065 or MMG 101 or equivalent or Instructor permission.

MMG 223. Immunology. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the immune response with respect to structure and function of immunoglobulins and the T-cell receptor, tolerance, innate and adaptive immunity, the Major Histocompatibility Complex, hypersensitivity states, transplantation, cancer, and AIDS. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Alternate years, Spring.

MMG 225. Eukaryotic Virology. 3 Credits.
An in-depth analysis of eukaryotic virus-mammalian cell interactions emphasizing mechanisms by which viruses modulate gene expression in infected cells. Prerequisite: MMG 101 or MMG 104 or equivalent. Alternate years. Fall.

MMG 231. Programming for Bioinformatics. 3 Credits.
Introductory course on computing (including scripting, database, and statistical analysis) for developing bioinformatics applications. Particular emphasis is given to comparative genomics and systems biology scenarios. Prerequisites: STAT 151, STAT 153, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: CS 231. Alternate Years. Spring.

MMG 232. Methods in Bioinformatics. 3 Credits.
This course provides a methodological survey of bioinformatics. Particular emphasis is given to algorithms associated with sequential analysis, comparative genomics, structural biology, and systems biology. Prerequisites: STAT 151, STAT 153, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: CS 232. Alternate Years. Spring.

MMG 233. Genetics and Genomics. 3 Credits.
Integrated entry into both genome science and modern genetic analysis. Students will develop skills needed to access, organize and interpret emerging genomic information. Fall. Prerequisite: Junior/ Senior/Graduate standing in biological or computational sciences.

MMG 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.
Supervised investigations in microbiology or molecular genetics. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Credit as arranged.

MMG 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.
Supervised investigations in microbiology or molecular genetics. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Credit as arranged.
MMG 310. Current Topics in MMG. 2 Credits.
Seminar to focus on specific issues at the forefront of current research in molecular genetics. Meetings will involve student presentation and discussion of research articles. Prerequisite: Permission of Coordinator.

MMG 312. Eukaryotic Molecular Genetics. 3 Credits.
The use of lower eukaryotes, such as the yeasts Saccharomyces cerevisiae and Schizosaccharomyces pombe, as model genetic systems to answer questions of basic biological importance. Prerequisites: Instructor permission; MMG 233 and CLBI 301, or equivalent.

MMG 320. Cellular Microbiology. 4 Credits.
Utilizes primary literature to explore the cellular and molecular basis of microbial pathogenesis caused by viruses, pathogenic bacteria and protozoan parasites. Alternate years. Spring.

MMG 330. Emerging Infectious Disease. 3 Credits.
Interdisciplinary approach to understanding the emergence, and re-emergence, of infectious diseases in a rapidly changing global environment. Historical, cultural, environmental and biological perspectives are incorporated into the analysis of emerging bacterial, viral and protozoal pathogens. Prerequisite: Introductory undergraduate course in Microbiology. Course in virology is recommended.

MMG 332. Critical Reading. 1 Credit.
Students will participate in group discussions to critically evaluate and interpret the experimental data from one assigned paper from the scientific literature per week. Prerequisite: Permission of Coordinator. Fall.

MMG 333. Genetics and Genomics. 3 Credits.
Integrated entry into both genome science and modern genetic analysis. Together, genetic and genomic information provide unprecedented insights into biological functions, pathways and systems. Emphasizes skills needed to access, organize and interpret emerging genomic information. Graduate students only. Prerequisite: Graduate enrollment in a program within the biomedical or biological sciences.

MMG 352. Protein:Nucleic Acid Interact. 3 Credits.
Structure of DNA and RNA, and the structure and assembly of nucleoprotein complexes will be described using examples from prokaryotes, yeast, viruses, and mammalian cells in culture. Prerequisite: MMG 211 or equivalent; AGBI 201 or BIOC 301; BIOC 302 or equivalent. Cross-listed with: BIOC 352. Alternate years. Spring.

MMG 391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.

MMG 491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.

MPBP Courses

MPBP 301. Human Physiology & Pharm I. 4 Credits.
An integrated examination of the physiology and pharmacology of the peripheral nervous, muscle and cardiovascular systems in the human body. Pre/co-requisites: CHEM 032 and CHEM 042 or equivalent, two semesters general physics, and two semesters calculus. May not be taken for credit with MPBP 306.

MPBP 302. Human Physiology & Pharm II. 4 Credits.
An integrated examination of the physiology and pharmacology of the endocrine, digestive, renal and respiratory systems in the human body. Pre/co-requisites: CHEM 032 and CHEM 042 or equivalent; two semesters general physics, two semesters calculus, MPBP 301 or Instructor permission. May not be taken for credit with MPBP 306.

MPBP 303. Critical Reading. 1 Credit.
Critical reading of the current literature, team taught by the faculty in the Dept. of Molecular Physiology & Biophysics, giving broad exposure to the expertise present in the department.

MPBP 306. Medical Physiology. 8 Credits.
Function in the whole human organism, and at the cellular, tissue, and organ levels, considered biologically and physically. Pre/co-requisite: Permission of Department Chair. May not be taken for credit with MPBP 301 or MPBP 302.

MPBP 308. Biometrics & Applied Statistic. 3 Credits.
The rationale and application of biostatistical methods in the biological, health and life sciences with emphasis on interpreting and reporting results. Prerequisite: STAT 141 or equivalent. Cross-listed with: BIOS 308, STAT 308.

MPBP 310. Molecular Control of the Cell. 3 Credits.
Examines the fundamental molecular mechanisms that control dynamic cellular processes. Advanced topics in cell biology will be explored from the single molecule to the whole tissue level with an emphasis on the coordination of complex molecular systems. Prerequisites: MPBP 301, BIOC 301, BIOC 302; Instructor permission.

MPBP 323. Biophysical Techniques. 4 Credits.

MPBP 325. Data Analysis&Presentation I. 2 Credits.
Develop graduate level skills in data analysis, reading, writing, teaching and presenting your own work and that of others (Part 1 of 2). Prerequisites: Graduate standing; Enrollment in BIOC 301 and CLBI 301. Cross-listed with: BIOC 325.

MPBP 326. Data Analysis&Presentation II. 2 Credits.
Develop graduate level skills in data analysis, reading, writing, teaching and presenting your own work and that of others (Part 2 of 2). Prerequisites: BIOC 301, CLBI 301; Graduate standing. Cross-listed with: BIOC 326.
MPBP 333. 3D Electron Microscopy & Image Processing. 1 Credit.

MPBP 381. Seminar. 1 Credit.
Presentation and discussion by advanced students, staff, and invited speakers, of current topics in physiology. Prerequisite: Department permission.

MPBP 391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.

MPBP 395. Special Topics in MPBP. 1-4 Credits.
Topics of interest to Graduate students beyond the scope of existing courses.

MPBP 491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.

Neuroscience Courses

NSCI 225. Human Neuroanatomy. 0-3 Credits.
Functional anatomy of the human nervous system and its cells. Focus on both peripheral and central nervous system. Lectures and laboratory (gross and microscopic anatomy). Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

NSCI 302. Neuroscience. 4 Credits.
Functional anatomy of the human nervous system. Lectures and laboratory providing learning experience with dissected specimens, gross and microscopic anatomy. Incorporates clinical information from physician-scientists. Prerequisite: Physical Therapy major or Instructor permission.

NSCI 306. Techniques in Neurobiology. 3 Credits.
Discussion of techniques used to study the nervous system. Experience with light, fluorescence, electron microscopy; microsurgical procedures; electrophysiological stimulating, recording techniques; neuronal tracing techniques. Prerequisite: Permission of the Instructor.

NSCI 320. Developmental Neurobiology. 3 Credits.
Provides fundamental knowledge of cell-to-cell interactions necessary for proper development and organization of the nervous system. Topics include pattern formation, neuronal differentiation, axon guidance, and target interactions. Prerequisite: Permission of the Instructor. Alternate years.

NSCI 323. Neurochemistry. 3 Credits.
Biochemistry of the nervous system. Topics include ion channels, synaptic function, neurotransmitters and neuropeptides, signal transduction, and hormones in brain function. Prerequisite: Permission of the Instructor.

NSCI 326. Basic Science Neurologic Disease. 3 Credits.
In-depth examination of basic mechanisms and clinical aspects of a related subset of neurological disorders, e.g., neurodegenerative disease or disorders of neurotransmission. Disease group changes every year. Prerequisite: Advanced Graduate Students, Neuroscience Faculty and Residents in Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychology.

NSCI 327. Research Conduct in Biomedical Research. 1 Credit.
Topics in Scientific Integrity surrounding responsible conduct and practices in biomedical research. Prerequisites: Advanced Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and assistant professors in the biological or biomedical sciences.

NSCI 328. Techniques in Microscopy. 3 Credits.
Topics shall include practical background in microscopy, including brightfield, epifluorescence, confocal, multi-photon, deconvolution, atomic force and electron microscopy. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

NSCI 329. Topics in Excitable Membranes. 2 Credits.
This course is a graduate course designed to introduce the fundamentals of cellular electrophysiology through independent student reading and faculty-led group discussions of journal articles. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

NSCI 330. Comparative Neurobiology. 3 Credits.
Examination of the cellular mechanisms that underlie selective motor and sensory abilities, and unique behaviors that have evolved in various species. Discussion and student presentations. Pre/co-requisite: Instructor permission.

NSCI 381. Seminar in Neuroscience. 1 Credit.
Research presentations and critical review of the literature in various areas of anatomical and neurobiological sciences.

NSCI 382. Seminar in Neuroscience. 1 Credit.
Research presentations and critical review of the literature in various areas of anatomical and neurobiological sciences.

NSCI 391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

NSCI 491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.

PHRM Courses

PHRM 201. Introduction to Pharmacology. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on biochemical and physiological actions of prototype drugs used in the treatment and prevention of human diseases. Prerequisite: Introductory courses in Biology and Organic Chemistry.

PHRM 240. Molecules & Medicine. 3 Credits.
This course conveys an understanding about drug design and the molecular mechanisms by which drugs act in the body. It highlights the importance of medicinal chemistry as it overlaps with the disciplines of chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, cell biology, and pharmacology. Prerequisites: Intro to Organic Chemistry, Intro to Biology; Permission.
PHRM 272. Toxicology. 3 Credits.
This course is intended to provide an understanding of the chemical, biochemical and physiological factors that determine the pathological effects of chemicals in living systems. Prerequisites: Organic chemistry, background in Biology, or Instructor permission.

PHRM 290. Topics Molecular & Cell Pharm. 3 Credits.
Focuses on basic principles, drug interactions with receptors, membranes, synapses, neurotransmitters, macromolecules, cytoskeleton, ion channels and pumps, and mechanisms of drug resistance. Prerequisite: Introductory course in organic chemistry, background in physiology or health sciences.

PHRM 301. Medical Pharmacology. 6 Credits.
All topics for a conventional course in pharmacology for medical students or health science students. General pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles, treatment rationales and adverse effects.

PHRM 302. Pharmacological Techniques. 1-4 Credits.
Experiments conducted under supervision in the areas of drug metabolism, modes of drug action, physicochemical properties of drugs, bioassay, and toxicology. Thesis masters students limited to three credits.

PHRM 305. Milestones in Pharmacology. 2 Credits.
A critical readings class where students read and present landmark pharmacology papers and link them to modern experiments and clinical applications. Co-requisites: PHRM 201 or Graduate standing.

PHRM 372. Special Topics. 1-3 Credits.
Topics of current interest and importance in pharmacology are considered in depth through presentations by staff, students, and visiting scientists. Prerequisite: Instructor Permission. Credit variable.

PHRM 373. Readings in Pharmacology. 2 Credits.
Intensive directed reading in one area of pharmacology. Pharmacology students must choose a topic outside thesis research area. Term paper and seminar on selected topic required. Prerequisite: Instructor Permission.

PHRM 381. Seminar. 1 Credit.
Current developments in pharmacology are presented for discussion by students. Prerequisite: Instructor Permission.

PHRM 391. Master's Thesis Research. 1-12 Credits.

PHRM 491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-12 Credits.