MICR & MOLECULAR GENETICS (MMG)

Courses

MMG 001. First Year Colloquium. 1 Credit.
Colloquium is designed to enhance faculty-student interactions in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and to inform first-year majors about the educational and research opportunities in MMG. Instructor's permission for non-majors. Fall.

MMG 065. Microbiology & Pathogenesis. 0 or 4 Credits.
Overview of microbiology, emphasizing the relationships between the structure, metabolism, and genetics of microorganisms and their roles in nature and in pathogenesis. Prerequisite: One semester chemistry. Not intended for students who have completed BIOL 001 and BIOL 002 or equivalent. Fall.

MMG 095. Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
An approved area of study or project under the guidance of an MMG faculty member and the Academic advisor.

MMG 104. Intro Recombinant DNA Tech. 2 Credits.
Introduction to the basic principles and techniques used in recombinant DNA technology. Pre/co-requisites: BCOR 011/BCOR 012; Microbiology & Molecular Genetics major or minor restriction. Spring.

MMG 101. Microbiol & Infectious Disease. 0 or 4 Credits.
An introduction to basic microbiology and microbes that cause infectious diseases, with a focus on microbial structure, function, metabolism, ecology, and pathogenesis. Pre/co-requisites: One semester Biology and Chemistry. Fall.

MMG 105. 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: BIO 205, CHEM 205. Fall.

MMG 106. 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: BIO 206, CHEM 206. Spring.

MMG 107. 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: BIO 207 and CHEM 207.

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: BIO 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: BIO 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: BIO 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 230. Adv St Emerging Infectious Dis. 3 Credits.
Presents an 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. Prerequisites: MMG 101; MMG 225 recommended.

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 240. Macromol Struct Prot&Nucl Acid. 3 Credits.

MMG 284. Biochemistry Senior Seminar. 1 Credit.
Oral and written presentation of a subject of current biochemical interest. Prerequisite: Audit of BIOC 381. Cross-listed with: BIOC 284/CHEM 284.

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 297. Advanced Undergrad Research. 1-6 Credits.
Undergraduate students are involved in advanced individual research projects sponsored by department member. Arrangement with individual department member and Undergraduate Program Director approval. Fall. Pre/co-requisite: MMG 197, MMG 198 or Advisor Permission.

MMG 298. Advanced Undergrad Research. 1-6 Credits.
Undergraduate students are involved in advanced individual research projects sponsored by department member. Arrangement with individual department member and Undergraduate Program Director approval. Spring. Pre/co-requisite: MMG 197 or MMG 198 or Advisor Permission.

MMG 299. Senior Seminar. 1 Credit.
This required capstone course for Microbiology and Molecular Genetics majors involves written and oral presentations by graduating seniors on current topics in microbiology/molecular genetics. Prerequisites: MMG 101; second semester Senior standing. Spring.