

MICR & MOLECULAR GENETICS (MMG)

Courses

MMG 1010. 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.

MMG 1020. Unseen Wrlds:Microbes & You. 3 Credits.

Examination of current topics in Microbiology, such as antibiotic resistance, vaccinations, sexually transmitted diseases, and the human microbiome, focusing on the impact of microbes on human and animal health, the environment, agriculture, and modern culture around the world. Catamount Core: GC1, SU.

MMG 1030. Methods in Microbial Ecology. 2 Credits.

A research methods laboratory course framed around identifying novel antibiotic-producing bacterial strains from local soil. Covers fundamental lab skills and practice reading and evaluating the work of other scientists. Students will create a research poster to present their findings.

MMG 1650. 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 1400 and BIOL 1450 or equivalent.

MMG 1990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

An approved area of study or project under the guidance of an MMG faculty member and the Academic advisor.

MMG 1991. Internship. 1-3 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 1993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 1995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 2010. 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. Prerequisites: BCOR 1400, BIOL 1400, BCOR 1425, or BHSC 1340; CHEM 1400. Pre/co-requisites: One semester of Biology and Chemistry.

MMG 2040. Intro Molecular Genetics. 0 or 4 Credits.

Designed to present the science of molecular genetics combined with the laboratory practices of recombinant DNA technology (genetic engineering), gene editing, and bioinformatics. Prerequisite: MMG 2010; Microbiology & Molecular Genetics major or minor. Pre/Co-requisites: BCOR 1400 or BCOR 1425; Microbiology & Molecular Genetics major or minor.

MMG 2060. Intr Biomedical Research Meth. 3 Credits.

Introduces life science majors/minors to the scientific processes involved in biomedical research and to current research techniques and approaches, also introduces reading and interpreting primary literature articles, as well as discussing current topics regarding the ethical concerns of biomedical research. Prerequisite: MMG 2010.

MMG 2114. Vaccines: Science and Ethics. 3 Credits.

Explores the history of vaccines, the science supporting current vaccination programs and the controversies surrounding them. Explores both historical and current social, economic, and ethical factors related to the development of vaccines and the adoption of immunization programs in different cultural settings. Combines audio lecture, projects, activities and case studies to help students learn, practice and apply course materials. Prerequisites: BIOL 1100, BCOR 1400, BCOR 1425, or Instructor permission.

MMG 2990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

An approved area of study or project under the guidance of an MMG faculty member and the Academic advisor. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Credits negotiable.

MMG 2991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 2993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 2994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 2995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Undergraduate Program Director approval. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 3010. Applied Cell & Mol Bio Lab. 4 Credits.

A course based undergraduate research experience (CURE), covering the basic principles and techniques of mammalian cell culture and molecular biology tools to perform a student-designed CRISPRi experiment. The research culminates with working group presentations and the writing of individual research manuscripts. Lab work outside of class time is routinely necessary. Prerequisites: MMG 2040 or BIOC 3007 or Instructor permission.

MMG 3050. 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 1550 or CHEM 2585. Cross-listed with: BIOC 3005.

MMG 3060. 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 3050. Cross-listed with: BIOC 3006.

MMG 3070. Biochemistry Lab. 3 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 3005 or MMG 3050. Cross-listed with: BIOC 3007.

MMG 3110. Bacterial Genetics. 3 Credits.

Bacterial genetics and the biology of bacteria at an intermediate to advanced level. Specific topics include regulation of replication, transcription, translation, post-translation, mRNA stability, secretion, signaling, and motility. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3110 and MMG 5110. Prerequisites: MMG 2010, MMG 2040, BCOR 2300.

MMG 3200. Environmental Microbiology. 3 Credits.

The activities of microorganisms, primarily bacteria, in air, soil, and water. Prerequisites: CHEM 2580 or equivalent with Instructor permission.

MMG 3210. Advanced Medical Microbiology. 3 Credits.

Addresses the clinical importance of infectious diseases with emphasis on the appropriate collection, handling and identification of clinically relevant bacteria. Disease states, modes of transmission, prevention and antibiotic susceptibility testing will also be discussed. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3210 and MMG 5210. Prerequisites: MMG 2010 or equivalent or Instructor permission.

MMG 3220. Adv Medical Microbiology w/lab. 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. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3220 and MMG 5220. Prerequisites: MMG 2010; or Instructor permission.

MMG 3230. 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. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3230 and MMG 5230. Prerequisite: MMG 2010, BCOR 2500, or MMG 2990.

MMG 3250. 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. Prerequisites: MMG 2010 and BCOR 2500 or equivalents.

MMG 3270. Cancer Genetics. 3 Credits.

Examination of genetic mechanisms that either protect us from cancer or increase our vulnerability to cancer. Also discusses genetic methods that are being used to discover genes that influence cancer risk or may prove useful in diagnostics or cancer therapy. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3270 and MMG 5270. Prerequisites: BCOR 2300 and BCOR 2500 or the equivalent.

MMG 3300. Emerging Infectious Diseases. 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 2010, BCOR 2500. Catamount Core: D2, SU.

MMG 3310. Survey Bioinformatic Databases. 3 Credits.

Provides a broad overview of bioinformatics as applied to biomedical research. Topics include data mining, DNA sequence alignment, genetic variation, study design for high-throughput sequencing (HTS), and transcriptomics. Emphasizes a direct, hands-on experience and interacting with software, as opposed to creating software. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3310 and MMG 5310. Prerequisite: MMG 2040 or BCOR 2300; Instructor permission. Catamount Core: QR.

MMG 3320. Advanced Bioinformatics. 3 Credits.

Provides advanced training in bioinformatics tools and techniques. Particular emphasis is given to programs associated with sequence analysis, comparative genomics, structural biology, and computational biology. Other topics such as data integration, biological data interpretation, R and UNIX-scripting, multi-omics, and systems biology will be covered. Emphasizes a direct, hands-on experience. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3320 and MMG 5320. Prerequisites: MMG 3310. Catamount Core: QR.

MMG 3330. 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. Credit not awarded for both MMG 3330 and MMG 5330. Prerequisites: Biological or computational sciences major; minimum Junior standing. Pre/Co-requisites: MMG 2010, BCOR 2500.

MMG 3350. Bioterrorism. 3 Credits.

Covers the microbiological, epidemiological, social and political aspects of bioterrorism. Also examines potential strategies for bioweapon preparedness and response, with a specific focus on ethical and social issues. Prerequisites: MMG 2010.

MMG 3990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

Supervised investigations in microbiology or molecular genetics. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Credit as arranged.

MMG 3991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 3993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

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MMG 3994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 3995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Undergraduate Program Director approval. Pre/co-requisite: MMG 2995 or Advisor Permission. Offered at department discretion.

MMG 4899. Senior Seminar. 1 Credit.

Required capstone course for Microbiology and Molecular Genetics majors; involves written and oral presentations by Seniors on current topics in microbiology/molecular genetics. Prerequisites: MMG 2010, MMG 2040.

MMG 4990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

An approved area of study or project under the guidance of an MMG faculty member and the Academic advisor. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Credits negotiable.