



DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

**BCHM 30700 – Biochemistry Syllabus
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This is a fully online course, which can be taken remotely, as long as you have the required resources. You should consider if online learning is right for you, and speak with your advisor if necessary, before enrolling in this course. It will require a lot of discipline, organization, time management, and collaboration with people at other remote locations (and time zones!). PLEASE NOTE THAT A WIRED INTERNET CONNECTION (using an Ethernet cable) WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE UPLOAD AND DOWNLOAD SPEEDS WILL BE MORE RELIABLE THAN WIFI. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE THIS COURSE USING ONE OF THE CAMPUS-OWNED COMPUTERS (eg, in the library).

COURSE SUMMARY

Students who enroll in BCHM 30700 have wide-ranging interests and aspire to pursue careers in biological or life sciences and engineering, medicine, veterinary medicine, animal science, dietetics, food science, botany and nutrition. This course will provide students with the basic foundation of biochemistry concepts that will be required for the pursuit of their academic and career objectives. The first third of the course will use a structure-based approach to introduce students to central biomolecules including nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids. As each biomolecule is described, its relevance and context will be demonstrated using real-world examples drawn from human health and agriculture. This part of the course will cover the molecular basis of protein structure and the catalytic activity of enzymes. During the second third of the course, the essential features of the central dogma will be described with an emphasis on the enzymes and macromolecules that are involved in replication, transcription and translation. The final third of the course will cover metabolic pathways and focus on the interconnection between glycolysis and the citric acid cycle and the production of chemical energy by the formation of proton gradients.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of BCHM 30700, students with a passing or above grade will be able to:

- Examine the structure/function relationship of biological macromolecules.
- Outline the central dogma of molecular biology.
- Describe intermediary carbon metabolism: glycolysis, the citric acid cycle, oxidative phosphorylation and photosynthesis.
- Evaluate case studies and articles that discuss the contributions of biochemistry to society, including improvements to medicine agriculture and the economy.

TEXTBOOK

Essential Biochemistry, 4th Edition, by Pratt and Cornely. Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Access to WileyPLUS online is strongly recommended. Practice problems may be referenced in the text, and you may be directed to the text for resources.

SUGGESTED VERSIONS	ISBN
Hardcover Text with WileyPLUS	978-1118567883
Loose-leaf, binder-ready text with WileyPLUS	978-1119360261
E-text with WileyPLUS	9781119104995

BLACKBOARD

The syllabus for the course, along with all content and links to additional resources, required software, and assessments, will be available via the Purdue University Blackboard Learn site at <https://mycourses.purdue.edu/>

COMPUTERS

A reliable computer or laptop that is equipped with a webcam is required in order to take this course. A tablet such as an iPad will not be sufficient. If your computer does not have a built-in webcam, you will need to purchase one that can be used with your computer. Usually you cannot install software or hardware on a shared computer (such as in the computer labs on campus, or in a library), so it is assumed that you have your own computer for this course. Course deadlines will not be extended for computer breakdowns or crashes. Make sure you back up your work remotely if necessary to avoid losing work when a computer breaks down.

If you cannot take assessments by their due dates because of lack of access to a computer, software, internet access, or webcam, you will forfeit the points for that assessment. There are system requirements for running the software that is needed. If your system cannot download, install, or run the Lockdown Browser, you will not be able to take any course assessments. Neither your instructor, nor your TAs, will be able to troubleshoot any computer issues for you. You may contact ITaP, or the Academic Success Center for help.

REQUIRED SOFTWARE

To take quizzes in this course you will be using Respondus LockDown Browser and Respondus Monitor. Instructions for Respondus LockDown Browser, including system requirements, can be found at <http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/tools/respondus-browser.html>. Respondus Monitor will require you to have a webcam.

To take exams in this course, you will use ProctorTrack. Information on how to use this will be provided before Exam 1.

INTERNET ACCESS

You will need regular wired access to high-quality internet that will allow you to stream content in both directions. Poor connectivity will not be accepted as an excuse for not reviewing content, missing assessment deadlines, or browser or system crashes on your end.

The consequences of low download speed will be disruptions to streaming the video content, and accessing other materials. The consequences for low upload speed will be inability to take or complete assessments. An unreliable internet upload speed means you risk your browser crashing while you take your assessment. If this happens, you will not have the opportunity to

complete the assessment. There are multiple platforms you can use to check your connection speed. A consistent minimum (not average) speed of 20 Mbps download and 5-10 Mbps upload speed is required. This is assuming your network is unshared, and your router can handle the data. Neither your instructor, nor your TAs, will be able to troubleshoot any internet connectivity issues for you.

TIPS: 1. Run a **speedtest** on your computer: <http://beta.speedtest.net/>
2. **Malware** can build up and bog down internet processing, and even though the connection speed is high quality, the internet may be extremely slow. It is recommended that you use some type of malware checker/remover/cleaner.
3. Make sure there are not **high demands on your bandwidth** while you are taking an assessment. If your roommates are playing online videos games, streaming movies etc, that will impact the bandwidth available to you, and may cause your assessment to fail.

LECTURES

Lectures will be delivered online through Blackboard Learn. They are divided into content areas to help you keep the material organized. There is no set time that you are required to be online, however, it is strongly recommended that you create a schedule for watching the lectures. There is no limit to how many times you can view a lecture video or any other content.

ASSESSMENT

Quizzes

There are five quizzes during the course, which you will take using Respondus Lockdown Browser. You will have a 24-hour period within which you must complete the quiz. Once you begin the quiz, you must complete it; you cannot stop and start. These are closed-book, timed quizzes. You must take them in a suitable environment, ie, no-one else in the room, well lit, and do an environment scan with your webcam before starting to demonstrate that you have no materials (including your phone) on your desk.

Examinations

There are three exams that will be given. Each in-semester exam is worth 100 points. The final exam is worth 150 points. Two of the exams will be given during the semester, and the last exam will be given during the final week. The date of the final exam will be announced when scheduled. Exams 1 and 2 are non-cumulative; Exam 3 (the final exam) is cumulative.

The Exams will be administered using software called "Proctortrack" on Blackboard. You will have a 24-hour window within which they must be completed. **These are closed-book, monitored, timed exams.** You must take them in a suitable environment, ie, no-one else in the room, well-lit, and do an environment scan with your webcam before starting to demonstrate that you have no materials (including your phone) on your desk.

Missing an exam or quiz will result in a grade of zero being recorded unless documented justification for the absence is presented. You will have a minimum of a 24 hour-window to complete all assessments, therefore, no rescheduling of quizzes or exams will be permitted for any reason. **Missing deadlines for assessments will result in a 10% deduction of your grade per hour that the submission is late.** Poor internet connection, falling asleep before the submission deadline, etc., will not be accepted as a reason for late submissions of assessments.

Requests for re-grading of a quiz or exam must be submitted within a week of the assessment grade being made available to you.

Please note that the Final Exam will be scheduled by Purdue to be held during Finals week (or the three days following the end of classes). Given that this is an online class, if there is a unanimous call by the class to change the day of the Final, Dr. Hart will allow it. There will be no rescheduling of the Final Exam for any reason except an emergency, for which documentation must be provided (ie, rescheduling for a vacation, or Study Abroad is not permitted). Please plan accordingly.

Clinical Connections

These are **team** activities. Clinical Connections are articles that detail practical applications of the topics we cover in regular lectures. They are all available for viewing on Blackboard. Each week, questions will be released that your team must answer and submit as an assignment the following Friday.

In preparing your final submission, it is required that you will all contribute to the activity and answering questions on your team discussion board. **If you do not post your work to the discussion board, it is assumed that you did not participate in the activity and you will likely incur an individual penalty.** Each team will have 4 or 5 members. Each member will take ownership of one question, with the remaining questions rotated between team members. Once your team is happy with the answers, one of the team members will submit a final document. These activities will be due at the end of day Friday on weeks they are given.

If you have questions about your part of the Clinical connection, the first thing you should do is ask your team members for feedback. If you would like to ask your TA additional questions about the activity, this should be done well ahead of the submission deadline to ensure you get adequate feedback. Waiting to request feedback until a day before the submission deadline may not give your TA enough time to respond (the day of submission sometimes results in a very busy email inbox!).

Individual/Team Project

This project is called "Biochemistry in the Media", and will ask you to analyze the presentation of biochemistry in a particular media source, real or fictional. Your source can be a news article, an article or post from social media, a movie or tv show, or any other source. It is expected that you will not begin this project until halfway through the course. Detailed instructions will be provided on Blackboard, but you should note, your submission will include a short video that you make! There will be the option to complete this project as a team project, but the requirements for submission multiply with every additional team member (up to four team members). These teams do not need to be the same as your Clinical Connections teams.

GRADING SCHEME

Exam 1	100 points
Exam 2	100 points
Exam 3 (Final)	150 points
Quizzes (x5, drop 1)	100 points
Clinical Connections (x 6, drop 1)	100 points
Clinical Connections Evaluations (x2)	25 points
Individual/Team project	50 points
Scavenger Hunt	25 points
*Knowledge Assessment	20 points
**Replay activities	6 points
***End of course survey	6 points

Total points 670

ϕ Points for the knowledge assessment are awarded partially based on completion of the assessment, and partly on your score.

* These are Extra Credit tasks and you will be awarded points based on completing the assessment/survey.

**Replay is a way for you to practice your mastery of the content and earn XPs for doing so. You earn XPs based on mastery, but also time-on-task. Students within the top 50% of XPs at the end of the semester (on 08/01/18) will be awarded the extra credit. More information on this will be provided in an announcement on Blackboard Learn.

*** End of course survey extra points will be awarded to the entire class if at least 80% of the class completes the survey. If less than 80% of the class completes the survey, these extra points will not be awarded to anyone.

The cutoff values for letter grades are as follows:

603 points	A
536 points	B
469 points	C
402 points	D
401 points and below	F

OBTAINING EXTRA HELP

Your TAs (Erin, Kirsten, and Elaine) will communicate with you via the discussion boards, and can be contacted via email if you have additional questions. Additional resources will be offered if needed prior to exams. Dr. Hart will be available to answer questions on the discussion boards or via email. **Please note: any content-related questions should be asked on the discussion boards.**

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT (Please read this in its entirety to make sure you don't inadvertently engage in one of these activities. Ignorance of the policies will not be considered in judgment of academic dishonesty)

There will be a Zero-Tolerance policy for lack of personal integrity in this course. At a minimum, cheating will result in zero points for the assignment or exam in question. It's also possible that a student will fail the class as a result. It is always best to avoid the very appearance of cheating.

Academic misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated in any course offered by the Department of Biochemistry. Information on Purdue's policies with regard to academic misconduct can be found at http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/student_conduct/regulations.html

A first incident of academic misconduct will result in a minimum of two actions:

- **The incident will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. Academic misconduct may result in disciplinary sanctions including expulsion, suspension, probated suspension, disciplinary probation, and/or educational sanctions.**
- **Zero points will be assigned as the grade for the exam, quiz, or assignment in question.**
- **If the first incident is considered significant enough (e.g. dishonesty on the final exam), the result may be an automatic F for the course.**

A second incident of academic misconduct will result in the above actions, plus the following:

- **Dr. Hart will ask that the Office of the Dean of Students support her recommendation that the student be removed from the course.**

Dr. Hart has subscriptions to “study aid” websites such as Chegg, Course Hero, Cram, Quizlet, and more. If she determines that your assignment answers come from one of these websites, or that you have used these websites inappropriately in completing any coursework, you have engaged in academic dishonesty, and you will be penalized accordingly. In addition, if it is determined that you share ANY course materials (questions and/or answers to questions) with any third party, including but not limited to friends, classmates, or a website, that is considered academic dishonesty, and you will be penalized accordingly. If it is determined in a future semester that such academic dishonesty has occurred (for example, you share your materials with a friend who will take the course in a future semester, or upload materials to a website), the penalties will be retroactively applied, and your course grade will be changed.

Please note reported incidences of academic misconduct go on record for reference by other instructors. Further, a record of academic misconduct is likely to influence how current/future situations are handled.

To provide you with an unambiguous definition of academic misconduct, the following text has been excerpted from "Academic Integrity: A Guide for Students", written by Stephen Akers, Ph.D., Executive Associate Dean of Students (1995, Revised 1999, 2003), and published by the Office of the Dean of Students in cooperation with Purdue Student Government, Schleman Hall of Student Services, Room 207, 475 Stadium Mall Drive West Lafayette, IN 47907-2050.

“Purdue prohibits “dishonesty in connection with any University activity. Cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University are examples of dishonesty.” [Part 5, Section III-B-2-a, [Student Regulations](#)] Furthermore, the University Senate has stipulated that “the commitment of acts of cheating, lying, and deceit in any of their diverse forms (such as the use of substitutes for taking examinations, the use of illegal cribs, plagiarism, and copying during examinations) is dishonest and must not be tolerated. Moreover, knowingly to aid and abet, directly or indirectly, other parties in committing dishonest acts is in itself dishonest.” [University Senate Document 72-18, December 15, 1972]

More specifically, the following are a few examples of academic dishonesty which have been discovered at Purdue University.

- substituting on an exam for another student
- substituting in a course for another student
- paying someone else to write a paper and submitting it as one's own work
- giving or receiving answers by use of signals during an exam
- copying with or without the other person's knowledge during an exam
- doing class assignments for someone else
- plagiarizing published material, class assignments, or lab reports
- turning in a paper that has been purchased from a commercial research firm or obtained from the internet
- padding items of a bibliography
- obtaining an unauthorized copy of a test in advance of its scheduled administration
- using unauthorized notes during an exam
- collaborating with other students on assignments when it is not allowed
- obtaining a test from the exam site, completing and submitting it later
- altering answers on a scored test and submitting it for a regrade
- accessing and altering grade records
- stealing class assignments from other students and submitting them as one's own
- fabricating data

- destroying or stealing the work of other students
- Allowing another student to access your work for a course you have already taken

Plagiarism is a special kind of academic dishonesty in which one person steals another person's ideas or words and falsely presents them as the plagiarist's own product. This is most likely to occur in the following ways:

- using the exact language of someone else without the use of quotation marks and without giving proper credit to the author
- presenting the sequence of ideas or arranging the material of someone else even though such is expressed in one's own words, without giving appropriate acknowledgment
- submitting a document written by someone else but representing it as one's own"

CLASS ATTENDANCE

In accordance with University policy, you are expected to attend every scheduled class. In an online class, this means you are responsible for ensuring you schedule adequate time for viewing and studying the course materials. For the official university policy, see:

www.purdue.edu/odos/services/classabsence.php and
http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/regulations_procedures/classes.html

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances. To get information about changes in this course consult the class Blackboard site or e-mail or phone the instructor.

ON-LINE COURSE EVALUATIONS

During the last week of the semester, you will be provided an opportunity to evaluate this course and your instructor(s). To this end, Purdue has transitioned to online course evaluations. On Monday of the eighth week of classes, you will receive an official email from evaluation administrators with a link to the online evaluation site. You will have one week to complete this evaluation. Your participation in this evaluation is an integral part of this course. Your feedback is vital to improving education at Purdue University. I strongly urge you to participate in the evaluation system.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

Purdue University's non-discrimination policy will be upheld in this classroom. Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life.

Purdue University views, evaluates, and treats all persons in any University related activity or circumstance in which they may be involved, solely as individuals on the basis of their own personal abilities, qualifications, and other relevant characteristics.

RECOMMENDED LECTURE SCHEDULE*

Week	Topic	Chapter	Assignments Due (see Blackboard for due dates)
1	Introduction to Biochemistry	1	Scavenger Hunt
1	Aqueous Chemistry	2	Knowledge Assessment 1
1	From Genes to Proteins	3	
2	Protein structure	4	Quiz 1: Tuesday 6/18/19
2	Protein function	5	
2	How Enzymes Work	6	Clinical Connection
3	Enzyme kinetics and Inhibition	7	
3	Carbohydrates	11	Quiz 2: Wednesday 6/26/19
3	Lipids and membranes	8	Clinical Connection
4	Exam 1: Monday 07/02/2018		Exam 1: Monday 07/01/2019
4	DNA Replication & Repair	20	
4/5	Transcription & RNA	21	Clinical Connection
5	Protein Synthesis	22	Quiz 3: Wednesday 7/10/19 Clinical Connection
6	Exam 2: Monday 7/16/2018		Exam 2: Monday 7/15/2019
6	Metabolism & Bioenergetics	12	
6	Glucose Metabolism	13	Clinical Connection
7	The Citric Acid Cycle	14	
7	Oxidative Phosphorylation	15	Quiz 4: Wednesday 7/24/19 Clinical Connection
7/8	Photosynthesis	16	Knowledge Assessment 2 Quiz 5: Tuesday 7/30/19
8	Exam review, prep for final exam		Knowledge Assessment 2 End-of-course survey
	FINAL EXAM		FINAL EXAM: Wednesday 7/31/19

*Schedule is subject to change. Exam and Quiz dates will not be changed, except in the event of an emergency on campus.

This assignment schedule is not comprehensive. There will be other assignments given as needed to help you practice and gain mastery of the content, the details of which can be found on Blackboard. Please contact your TA if you have any questions about assignments or due dates.