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### **Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry**

Graduate programs are offered that lead to the Master of Science (M.S.) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry. The M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree has thesis and non-thesis options. The non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree has a focus area in Public Health Laboratory Sciences. These interdisciplinary programs draw their faculty primarily from the Microbiology program (School of Biological Sciences) and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (School of Medicine) on the Carbondale campus, and the Department of Medical Microbiology, Immunology, and Cell Biology (School of Medicine) on the Springfield campus. Adjunct faculty from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Division of Laboratories provide training to students in the public health laboratory setting. The programs are designed to offer advanced training (via lecture, discussion and laboratory) in biochemistry, biophysics, bacteriology, genetics, immunology, microbial physiology, cancer biology, mycology, molecular biology, cell biology, developmental biology, structural biology and public health laboratory science. The Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry programs require laboratory research. The non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree program is designed to prepare students for a career in public health laboratory science and requires substantial training in a public health laboratory setting that is directly relevant to career preparation in that area.

### **Master of Science (M.S.) in Molecular Biology, Microbiology, and Biochemistry**

### **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Molecular Biology, Microbiology, and Biochemistry**

#### **Admission**

Prospective graduate students should have an undergraduate degree in any of the biological, chemical or physical sciences. The applicants are recommended to have completed courses in biology, organic chemistry, physics and mathematics. Strong candidates with deficiencies in any area may be admitted, but such deficiencies may restrict the research areas available to the student and may lead to requirements for additional courses during graduate study. An advisory system in the program (see below) will help students in planning their course of study. Prospective students for the thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degrees are encouraged to contact program faculty in areas of their research interest. Prospective students seeking admission to the non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree program with an area of concentration in public health laboratory science are encouraged to contact the Chair of the Public Health Science Program committee.

Students may be admitted to the doctoral program with a bachelor's or master's degree. Students in the thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry program can be admitted to the doctoral program via accelerated entry or the master's equivalency option by the recommendation of the faculty and approval of the Graduate School.

All application materials should be submitted to the Program Director. This program requires a nonrefundable \$65 application fee that must be submitted with the application for Admissions to Graduate

Study in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry. Applicants must pay this fee by credit card. Applications for admission to the thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry programs are evaluated by the M.S./Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry Program Admissions Committee and applications for the non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree program with an area of concentration in public health laboratory science are evaluated by the Public Health Science Program Committee. Upon recommendation of the appropriate committee, the application is transmitted to the Graduate School for approval.

The MBMB program requires a grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 (A = 4.0) for admission into the M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry programs and a GPA of 3.00 in graduate level work for admission into the doctoral program. An excellent record in undergraduate coursework and a strong recommendation of the thesis option M.S./Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry Program Admissions Committee is required for direct admission to the doctoral program after a bachelor's degree.

Applicants are not required to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores.

International students whose native language is not English will be required to obtain at least 550 (paper score), 60 (revised paper-delivered test) or IBT of 80 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

## **Financial Assistance**

Fellowships and assistantships are available through the program and the participating departments for qualified applicants.

## **Advisement and General Requirements**

For thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students, the Program Director or the Departmental Graduate Advisors as designated will assist each incoming student with the initial planning of a program of study and will advise the student until a Research Director is chosen. For non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree program students, the Public Health Science Program Graduate Advisor or its Director will assist students in the planning of a program of study.

## **Research Director and Graduate Committee Selection**

Each student in the Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry or thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry program should select a Research Director as soon as possible during the first year. The graduate committee for thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students shall consist of the Research Director (chair), and two additional graduate faculty members. The graduate committee for Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students shall consist of at least five graduate faculty members to include the Research Director (committee chair), three members derived from participating departments and one member from outside the Program. The Program Director, if not otherwise appointed, is an ex-officio (non-voting) member of every graduate committee. Students in the non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree program with an area of concentration in public health laboratory science program need not choose a Research Director or a Graduate Committee and the Public Health Science Program Committee will plan and monitor student progress through the non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry program.

## **Graduate Committee Functions**

For thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students only, the graduate committee will:

1. plan and approve the student's program of study.
2. review the student's progress in courses and suggest and approve changes in the program of study.
3. evaluate the student's progress in research and make appropriate recommendations.

4. meet and determine, on a yearly basis, whether a student is making satisfactory progress and may continue toward a degree. If continuation is denied, the committee must notify the Program Director, in writing, of the reasons for this denial.
5. administer written and oral preliminary examinations to the doctoral student.
6. read and evaluate the student's thesis or dissertation.
7. conduct the required oral examinations.

### **Public Health Laboratory Science Program Committee**

The Public Health Laboratory Science Program Committee is composed of a Program Director and a single member chosen from the MMICB Department for non-thesis M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students only. The Public Health Laboratory Science Program Committee will:

1. Provide programmatic oversight of the structure, curricular design, content and personnel involved in the non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry program.
2. Review applications from students for admission to the non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry program and make admissions recommendations to the MBMB Program Director.
3. Advise non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students in planning a course of study.
4. Monitor student progress toward the non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree.

### **Formal Course Requirements**

All course requirements of the MBMB degree programs and Graduate School are minimum requirements. Additional courses may be required by the student's graduate committee (thesis option M.S. and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students) or the Public Health Laboratory Science Program Committee (non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students) to meet any deficiencies or to provide proficiency in a specialized area. Certain courses are required of all students, while others meet the requirements of an individual student's area of specialization, as determined by the student's graduate committee (thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students). The Program Director, with the advice of the student's graduate committee or the Public Health Laboratory Science Program Committee may designate other courses within or outside of the Program to fulfill formal course requirements. Any course (or its equivalent) that meets the requirements of the Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry graduate program whether taken at SIU or at any other institution before admission to the Program need not be repeated. Course equivalency will be determined by the Program Director in consultation with the appropriate committee or member of the faculty.

The formal core course requirements for both the thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry degree can be met by taking either MBMB 451A, MBMB 451B, and MBMB 460; or their equivalent. All M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students must take either MBMB 502, Introduction to Research, or MBMB 504, Research Methods, and must also take during each semester in residence one credit hour of MBMB 597, Seminar and Professional Training.

Thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students must take two courses and the doctoral students must take three courses from a list of approved courses for specialization. Only one 400-level course from this list can be used to meet this requirement. Currently this list consists of: MBMB 403, MBMB 405, MBMB 406, MBMB 421, MBMB 423, MBMB 425, MBMB 441, MBMB 453, MBMB 455, MBMB 456, MBMB 470, MBMB 477, MBMB 520, MBMB 530, MBMB 531, MBMB 532, MBMB 533, MBMB 543, MBMB 551, MBMB 552, MBMB 553, MBMB 560, and MBMB 562. These courses are selected with the approval of the student's graduate committee, Research Director or the Departmental Graduate Advisor. In addition, M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students are also required to earn at least eight credit hours in research and thesis credit (MBMB 515, MBMB 598 and MBMB 599; a minimum of three and maximum of six credit hours for MBMB 599), prepare a thesis on the research project and pass a final oral examination, which serves as the comprehensive examination.

The formal course requirements for non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students with an area of specialization in public health laboratory sciences can be met by taking: MBMB 403 or MBMB 405, MBMB 453 or MBMB 455, MBMB 451A, MBMB 451B, CHEM 431, MBMB 460, MBMB 510, MBMB 540, MBMB 541A and MBMB 541B. Non-thesis option M.S. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry students must also take one credit hour of MBMB 597 (Seminar and Professional Training) during each semester in residence. The Public Health Laboratory Science Program Committee will make recommendations to the Program Director whether courses taken at SIU or other universities are equivalent to the program requirements.

## **Preliminary Examination and Dissertation for the Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry Degree**

Each student in the doctoral program must pass a preliminary examination and meet the Graduate School residency requirement before being advanced to candidacy. The students can take the preliminary examination after completing the formal course requirements.

The student's graduate committee will prepare and administer a written preliminary examination covering various areas of molecular biology, microbiology and biochemistry, with particular emphasis in the area of concentration declared. This declaration will be done by means of a prospectus of a dissertation composed of: (1) a proposal for the dissertation research, (2) biographical information on the candidate, and (3) a list of the courses taken during the candidate's graduate program. The proposal should address the proposed graduate research project, and be written in the NIH (National Institutes of Health) or NSF (National Science Foundation) approved format. The prospectus shall be available to the committee members at least 14 days prior to the date of the examination.

A written examination score of at least 80 percent is required before a student can proceed to the oral portion of the preliminary examination. Upon satisfactory completion of the written examination, the candidate will meet with the committee as a whole and discuss the prospectus in detail. The committee will then conduct an oral preliminary examination. At this time, the committee may ask in-depth questions about the research project and other areas of molecular biology, microbiology and biochemistry. At least four of the five committee members must judge the oral performance acceptable for a student to pass the preliminary examination overall. In the event that either the written or oral preliminary examination is failed, a student may request only one re-examination.

Successful completion of both written and oral examinations is required before a student can be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry. After admission to candidacy, the student must earn at least 24 dissertation credit hours (MBMB 600), prepare and defend a dissertation, and present a public seminar based on the student's research.

## **Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry Courses**

**MBMB403 - Medical Microbiology Lecture** (Same as MICR 403) A survey of the more common bacterial, mycotic and viral infections of humans with particular emphasis on the distinctive properties, pathogenic mechanisms, epidemiology, immunology, diagnosis and control of disease-causing microorganisms. Three hours lecture. Spring semester. Prerequisite: MICR 301, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB405 - Clinical Microbiology** (Same as MICR 405) This course will be offered in Springfield only. A comprehensive course for health science professionals covering the biology, virulence mechanisms, and identification of infectious agents important in human disease and host-defense mechanisms. Clinical applications emphasized. Three hours lecture. Prerequisite: MICR 301, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB406 - Mycology** (Same as MICR 406) Introduction to Mycology. This course will provide an overview of fungal diversity and taxonomy, fungal cell and molecular biology. Additionally, it will cover the ecological, economic, and historical impact of fungi on the environment, science, and society. Prerequisite: MICR 301 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB421 - Biotechnology** (Same as MICR 421) Topics covered will include the genetic basis of the revolution in biotechnology, medical applications including genetic screening and therapeutic agents, industrial biotechnology and fermentation, and agricultural applications. Three hours lecture. Fall semester. Prerequisite: MICR 302, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB423 - Geomicrobiology** (Same as MICR 423 and GEOL 423) The course will focus on the role that microorganisms play in fundamental geological processes. Topics will include an outline of the present understanding of microbial involvement of weathering of rocks, formation and transformation of soils and sediments, and genesis and degradation of minerals. Elemental cycles will also be covered with emphasis on the interrelationships between the various geochemical cycles and the microbial trophic groups involved. Prerequisite: MICR 301 and CHEM 210 and 211. Recommended: GEOL 220, 221 or 222. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB425 - Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms Lecture** (Same as MICR 425) Chemical composition, cellular structure, and metabolism of microorganisms. Fall semester. Prerequisite: CHEM 340 or CHEM 339. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB441 - Viruses and Disease** (Same as MICR 441) An intensive, lecture-based course in virology which will emphasize principles of molecular virology, the ubiquity of viruses in nature, evolutionary relationships between viruses, co-evolution between virus and host, and the pathogenic consequences of some viral infections (e.g., AIDS, hepatitis, cancer, etc.). Prerequisites: MICR 460 or MBMB 460 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB451A - Biochemistry** (Same as BCHM 451A and CHEM 451A) First half of the 451 A,B two semester course. Introduction to structure and function of biomolecules including nucleic acids, proteins, sugars, polysaccharides, lipids and membranes, biochemical techniques, expression of genetic information, signal transduction and transport through membranes. Prerequisites: CHEM 340 and CHEM 342 or 442, or equivalents with grades of C- or better. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB451B - Biochemistry** (Same as BCHM 451B and CHEM 451B) Second half of 451A,B two semester course. Basic kinetics, enzyme kinetics, enzyme inhibitors, regulation of enzymes, oxidation-reduction, high energy bonds, carbohydrate metabolism, aerobic/anaerobic metabolism, lipid metabolism, nitrogen metabolism, hormonal control of metabolism. Prerequisite: MBMB 451A or BCHM 451A or CHEM 451A or equivalent with a grade of C- or better. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB453 - Immunology Lecture** (Same as MICR 453) Principles of molecular and cellular immunology. Particular emphasis is given to molecular mechanisms involved in activation and maintenance of the immune response at the basic science level. The role of the immune system in medical diagnostic procedures and in human health is also discussed. Spring semester. Prerequisite: MICR 403, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB455 - Medical Immunology** (Same as MICR 455) This course will be offered in Springfield only. A survey of the components of the immune system and how they interact with each other to produce responses that are important in the control or mediation of human disease. Two hours lecture. Prerequisite: MICR 301, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 2

**MBMB456 - Biophysical Chemistry** (Same as CHEM 456 and BCHM 456) A one-semester course in Biophysical Chemistry intended for biochemists and molecular biologists. Emphasis will be on solution thermodynamics, kinetics and spectroscopy applied to biological systems. Prerequisite: CHEM 340 and 442, MATH 141 or 150, MBMB 451A or BCHM 451A or CHEM 451A, or equivalents. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB460 - Bacterial and Viral Genetics** (Same as MICR 460) The genetic mechanisms and regulatory events that control gene transfer, lambda phage infection, recombination, and metabolic pathways including a brief introduction to bioinformatics, genome analysis and global regulatory functions. Three hours lecture. Fall semester. Prerequisite: MICR 301 and 302, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB470 - Prokaryotic Diversity Lecture** (Same as MICR 470) A consideration of the major groups of prokaryotes with special emphasis on their comparative physiology and ecology. Three hours lecture. Spring semester. Prerequisite: MICR 301, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB477 - Microbial Ecology** (Same as MICR 477) Concepts of ecology applied to microorganisms; methods in microbial ecology; interactions of microbes with their living and non-living environment microbial habitats and functions. Roles and regulation of microbes in natural and man-made environments, from cellular to community level. Prerequisite: MICR 301 or instructor's consent (based on proven background in both microbiology and ecology). Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB480 - Molecular Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory** (Same as MICR 480) Genetic and biochemical analyses of microorganisms using a variety of techniques in molecular biology, molecular genetics and biotechnology. Six hours laboratory per week plus two hours of supervised unstructured laboratory work in most weeks. Fall semester. Prerequisite: MICR 301 and 302 with a C grade or better and two (or concurrent enrollment in two) of the following: 421, 423, 425 or 460. Lab fee: \$60. Credit Hours: 4

**MBMB481 - Diagnostic and Applied Microbiology Laboratory** (Same as MICR 481) Enrichment and isolation of prokaryotes from natural samples, diagnostic methods for the identification of pathogenic bacteria, and the nature of the immune response. Six hours laboratory per week plus two hours supervised unstructured laboratory work in most weeks. Spring semester. Prerequisite: MICR 301 and 302 with a C grade or better and two (or concurrent enrollment in two) of the following: 403, 453 or 470. Lab fee: \$60. Credit Hours: 4

**MBMB502 - Introduction to Research** An introductory research course. Students rotate through at least three research laboratories. Lecture and laboratory hours to be arranged. Students cannot get credit for both MBMB 502 and MBMB 504. Restricted to acceptance into the Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry graduate program. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB504 - Research Methods** Problem definition, experimental design and research methods in specific areas of molecular biology, biochemistry and microbiology. Lecture and laboratory hours to be arranged. Students cannot get credit for both MBMB 502 and MBMB 504. Restricted to acceptance into the Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry graduate program. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB505 - Special Topics** Discussion of current research in specific areas of molecular biology, microbiology and biochemistry. One hour of group discussion per week. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1

**MBMB510 - Functions of Public Health System** This course is an introduction to the concepts and practices of public health at the community, state, and national levels. The course addresses the philosophy, purpose, history, organization, functions, activities and impact of public health practice. The course also addresses a number of important health issues and problems facing the public health system. Special emphasis will be placed on the role of public health laboratory in public health practice. Discussion questions and case studies are integrated into the course, serving to stimulate student participation in gaining in-depth knowledge about real world public health issues and practice. Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree in Microbiology or other Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB515 - Master's Degree Research** Individualized laboratory research and training. Graded credit for Master's Degree only. Maximum 6 credit hours. Restricted to admission to master's program in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB520 - Advanced Microbial Physiology and Control Mechanisms** The physiology, biochemistry and genetics of microbial regulatory mechanisms. Topics include transport phenomena, catabolite and nitrogen repression, the stringent response, and autoregulatory phenomena. Two lectures per week. Prerequisite: MBMB 425; or CHEM 451A and B, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 2

**MBMB521 - Advanced Virology** An advanced, lecture-based course which will (1) emphasize principles of molecular virology, (2) discuss immune responses to viral infections, (3) learn how viral infections can be prevented or treated, and (4) explore how some viruses can be used as therapeutic agents. Each topic will include an in-depth discussion of current research literature. Prerequisites: 400 level course in genetics and in biochemistry, or consent of the instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB528 - Special Readings in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry** Supervised readings for qualified graduate students. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-3

**MBMB530 - Advanced Cellular Biology** (This course will be offered in Springfield only). An advanced course based on current literature concerning the cellular biology of eukaryotes. Both students and faculty will make presentations followed by discussion. Topics will include: the cellular and subcellular structure and function of the lower eukaryotes, the biochemistry and biophysics of eukaryotic membrane systems and the higher subcellular functions of mammalian cells. Prerequisite: 400 level course in genetics and in biochemistry or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB531 - Molecular and Cellular Biology** Lecture course in molecular and cellular biological techniques used in the study of organisms; structures and processes involved in genome organization; packaging and replication of DNA; transcription and RNA processing; recombination and transposition of DNA; gene regulation with emphasis on developmental processes; signal transduction; structure and function of cellular components; cell-cell interaction; etc. Prerequisite: BCHM 451B or consent of instructor; MBMB or MICR 460 recommended. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB532 - Methods of Structural Biology** Lecture course in molecular computer graphics, macromolecular structure prediction, molecular dynamics, applications of NMR and X-ray methods to structural determinations of biological macromolecules; spectroscopic methods including UV, IR, Raman, fluorescence and circular dichroism methods. Prerequisite: BCHM 456 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB533 - Advanced Biochemistry** Lecture course in control mechanisms of biochemical processes, enzyme kinetics, regulation and allostery, coupled systems and energy transduction, membranes, transport, etc. Prerequisite: BCHM 451A or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB540 - Basis of Public Health Laboratory Practice** The scientific basis of current laboratory practice of public health science in the areas of microbiology, immunology, molecular biology, environmental chemistry, biochemistry and instrumentation (to accompany 541A,B). Prerequisite: MBMB 510, Bachelor's degree in Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB541A - Public Health Laboratory Training** This course has a laboratory component of approximately 4-6 hours/week/credit hour of training in a functioning public health laboratory. The content of the course provides in-depth experience in the scientific basis and use of analytical methods in microbiology, immunology and molecular biology that are unique to public health laboratories at the state and national level. Prerequisite: MBMB 510, concurrent with MBMB 540, MICR 301 or equivalent. Credit Hours: 3-9

**MBMB541B - Public Health Laboratory Training** This course has a laboratory component of approximately 4-6 hours/week/credit hour of training in a functioning public health laboratory. The content of the course provides in-depth experience in the scientific basis and use of analytical methods in environmental chemistry and biochemistry that are unique to public health laboratories at the state and national level. Prerequisite: MBMB 510, MBMB 541A. Credit Hours: 3-9

**MBMB543 - Host-Microbial Interactions** (This course will be offered in Springfield only). A lecture course that deals in depth with mechanisms of symbiosis and other interactions with respect to the biochemistry of microbe and host. Immunological aspects are discussed. Emphasis is placed on molecular mechanisms. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: MBMB 403 or MBMB 405 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB550A - Biochemistry I** First course of a two semester, comprehensive biochemistry course sequence. Introduction to structure and function of biomolecules including nucleic acids, proteins, sugars, polysaccharides, lipids and membranes, biochemical techniques, expression of genetic information, signal transduction and transport through membranes. Three lectures and one seminar per week. Seminar will consist of primary literature discussion and student presentation on areas covered in lecture. Principal lecturer for each of the area topics will lead discussion and assign the primary literature. Prerequisites: CHEM 340 and CHEM 342 or 442 or equivalents with a C- or better, or instructor permission. Restricted to consent of program and special approval needed from the instructor. Students

who have previously passed MBMB/BCHM/CHEM 451A are not eligible to register for this course. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB550B - Biochemistry II** Second course of a two semester, comprehensive biochemistry course sequence. Basic kinetics, enzyme kinetics, enzyme inhibitors, regulation of enzymes, oxidation-reduction, high energy bonds, carbohydrate metabolism, aerobic/anaerobic metabolism, lipid metabolism, nitrogen metabolism, hormonal control of metabolism. Three lectures and one seminar per week. Seminar will consist of primary literature discussion and student presentation on areas covered in lecture. Principal lecturer will lead discussion and assign the primary literature. Prerequisites: CHEM 340 and CHEM 342 or 442 or equivalents with a C- or better, or instructor permission. Restricted to consent of program and special approval needed from the instructor. Students who have previously passed MBMB/BCHM/CHEM 451B are not eligible to register for this course. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB551 - Advanced Immunology** A lecture course that intensively considers the most recent developments in antibody structure, antigenic analysis, and antigen-antibody reactions. A special focus will be on the use of immunology as a research tool. Prerequisite: MBMB 453 or equivalent, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB552 - Cellular Immunology** (This course will be offered in Springfield only). A lecture-discussion course covering contemporary aspects of cellular immunology. The cellular nature of immune responses as well as current information on the regulation of such responses will be considered. Topics will include cellular components of an immune response; receptors, recognition and signals; cellular cooperation; immuno regulation; and tolerance and autoreactivity. Prerequisite: MBMB 453 or MBMB 455 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB553 - Advanced Medical Microbiology and Immunology** (Offered in Springfield only). A lecture course providing an in-depth analysis of the mechanisms of pathogenesis of bacterial, viral and mycotic infections. Immune mechanisms involved in recovery, development of immunity and infection mediated immunopathology will be covered. Prerequisite: MBMB 403 and MBMB 453; or MBMB 405 and MBMB 455; or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB554 - Evolution Seminar** (Same as ANTH 554, PLB 554) Advanced topics in evolutionary biology including genetics & development, evolutionary ecology, phylogeny, paleontology, biogeography, population genetics, molecular ecology, speciation, molecular evolution, and macroevolution. Topics will vary each semester. Seminar format with group discussions and student presentations. Graded S/U. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1

**MBMB556 - Phylogenetics** (Same as ANTH 556, PLB 556, ZOOL 556) An advanced introduction to modern methods of phylogenetic inference, emphasizing both theoretical background concepts and numerical approaches to data analysis. Topics include properties of morphological and molecular characters, models of character evolution, tree estimation procedures, and tree-based testing of evolutionary hypotheses. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB560 - Molecular Oncology** A lecture-discussion course in molecular and cellular biology of tumor pathogenesis. The lecture covers various aspect of current tumor biology. The in-depth discussion on recent articles will provide students with opportunity to become familiar with front-line research in molecular oncology. Prerequisite: MBMB 451A and B or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB562 - Molecular Genetics** A lecture and discussion course emphasizing current research and new techniques in replication, transcription, translation, genome organization, gene flow from a general systems viewpoint and regulation. Prerequisite: MBMB 460 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

**MBMB568 - Current Topics in Oncology** A seminar-discussion course covering the pace-setting topics in oncology research. The topics will be selected by the course director. Students will research and select articles to be presented for discussion. The in-depth discussion on recent articles will provide students with opportunity to become familiar with cutting edge line research in oncology. Prerequisite: MBMB 560 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 1



**MBMB570A - Advanced Topics-Molecular Biology** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB570B - Advanced Topics-Biochemistry** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB570C - Advanced Topics-Microbiology** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB570D - Advanced Topics-Immunology** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB570E - Advanced Topics-Virology** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB570F - Advanced Topics-Structural Biology** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB570G - Advanced Topics-Biophysics** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB570H - Advanced Topics-General Cell Biology** Selected topics of current scientific interest to the faculty and students. Specific topic to be covered in any semester will be announced. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB580 - Current Topics in Evolution** (Same as ANTH 580, ZOOL 580) The Evolution Discussion Group meets weekly throughout the year to discuss current evolutionary literature and the research of participants. All students and faculty with an interest in evolutionary biology are welcomed to participate. Credit Hours: 1

**MBMB597 - Seminar and Professional Training** Departmental seminars, and other appropriate professional assignments. Graded S/U only. One hour required each semester in residence. Restricted to graduate standing. Credit Hours: 1

**MBMB598 - Research** Graded S/U only. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-12

**MBMB599 - Thesis** Research for Master's degree thesis. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-6

**MBMB600 - Dissertation** Research for Ph.D. degree dissertation. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-12

**MBMB601 - Continuing Enrollment** For those graduate students who have not finished their degree programs and who are in the process of working on their dissertation, thesis, or research paper. The student must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of dissertation research, or the minimum thesis, or research hours before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF only. Credit Hours: 1

## **Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry Faculty**

**Bender, Kelly**, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Microbiology, Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, 2003; 2006. Metabolic regulation of bacteria involved in bioremediation, small non-coding regulatory RNAs.

**Bhaumik, Sukesh R.**, Professor, Ph.D., Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (University of Bombay), 1997; 2003. Regulation of eukaryotic gene expression, transcription-coupled ubiquitination and DNA repair, NMR structural studies on proteins and nucleic acids.

**Braundmeier-Fleming, Andrea**, Associate Professor, Ph.D., (Springfield), 2005; 2014. Immune cell function and influence on the GI and vaginal microbiome and their implication in reproductive disorders.

**Davie, Judy**, Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 1998; 2006. Mechanisms of gene regulation, focusing on myogenin, a transcription factor that controls skeletal muscle development.

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**Fisher, Derek**, Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2006; 2012. Bacterial pathogenesis and physiology, developmental regulation in Chlamydia.

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**Hamilton-Brehm, Scott D.**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2008; 2016. Microbial characterization of unique extreme environments, characterization of novel metabolism pathways, and DNA investigations from ancient artifacts.

**Hascup, Kevin N.**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Kentucky Springfield, 2001; 2007. Molecular and cellular biology of Alzheimer's disease, neurological disorders.

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**Kadyrov, Farid**, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Russian Academy of Sciences, 1997; 2008. DNA replication and repair, DNA damage in cancer.

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**Torry, Donald S.**, Professor and Associate Dean for Research, Ph.D., (Springfield), Southern Illinois University, 1989; 2000. Human reproductive biology, cellular biology of angiogenic growth factors and immune cytokines during pregnancy, molecular biology of placental gene expression.

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**Wilber, Andrew**, Associate Professor and Director, Public Health Laboratory Sciences Program, Ph.D., (Springfield) University of Minnesota, 2006; 2008. Gene therapy for hemoglobin disorders beta-thalassemia and sickle cell anemia, gene expression regulation, stable gene delivery using non-viral and viral integrating vector systems and cancer immunotherapy.

**Young, Matthew J.**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Manitoba, Canada, 2008; 2015. Understanding the mechanisms of how toxicants disrupt mitochondrial DNA homeostasis, mitochondrial DNA genome maintenance in human diseases such as cancer and mitochondrial disease.

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