

Biochemistry I: Proteins and Enzyme BIOC12H

Summer 2015 Course outline

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The objective of this course is to expand your understanding of the structure of proteins and the important role proteins play as enzymes, signaling molecules and structural molecules in the cell. Throughout the term we will discuss the importance of protein folding and post-translational modifications as it relates to protein structure and function. At the end of this course you should be able to apply your knowledge to determine potential secondary structure, protein localization and modifications present based on primary protein structure. This will be valuable as you go forward in all fields of biology and is especially useful in the field of biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medically related fields.

Communication

The best way to reach me is to drop by and see me (yes if my door is open I am available, if it is closed it usually means I am not there, but by all means try knocking), or **alternatively come by during my office hours**. **I encourage you to come and ask questions about the course material of other issues related to your education**. If you **wish to see me at a specific time outside of office hours then it is best to email me the request for an appointment**. I will respond within the day. I prefer to meet with you in person to answer your questions. For this reason I have an **open door policy**. I will answer emails when I am on campus. I am on campus generally Monday through Friday. If you send me emails on the weekend, you may not get a response until the following Monday. **Please use U of T account for email (I will not answer emails from non-U OF T accounts) and please indicate the course in the subject heading.**

- General announcements and any material needed for the course will be posted on **blackboard**.

Office hours: These are the hours that I am definitely in my office but I am generally there except when I am in meetings, lecturing and checking on my lab courses

- Tuesday 10 to 11 am and 2:15 to 3 pm.
- Wednesday 4 to 5 pm
- Thursday 1 to 2 pm
- Drop by or by appointment (email me and we can arrange an alternative time).
- If you like come as a group and ask questions as a group

Accessibility:

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the *AccessAbility* Services Office as soon as possible. I will work with you and *AccessAbility* Services to ensure you can achieve your learning goals in this course. Enquiries are confidential. The UTSC *AccessAbility* Services staff (located in S302) are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations (416) 287-7560 or ability@utsc.utoronto.ca.

Academic integrity/plagiarism

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

(source http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~vpdean/academic_integrity.html)

In papers and assignments:

- Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
- Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
- Making up sources or facts.
- Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment.

On tests and exams:

- Using or possessing unauthorized aids
- Looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test.
- Misrepresenting your identity.

In academic work:

- Falsifying institutional documents or grades.
- Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctor's notes.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from myself as your instructor or from other institutional resources (see <http://www.utoronto.ca/academicintegrity/resourcesforstudents.html>)

Lecture material:

Lecture aids will be posted on Blackboard prior to lecture. I provide these lecture aids **prior to class** to allow you to more easily **follow along in lecture and add additional information without concern for missing major points**. **My goal** is that with the aids **you will be able to listen, think and hopefully interconnect the ideas presented in lecture**. **I will discuss material in more detail than is presented on the lecture aids. The material that is covered in the exams will come from the material discussed in lecture.** Material that may appear in an exam includes material I may discuss within the lecture that is not on the lecture aids provided or may not be fully discussed on the lecture aids. Moreover **I will highlight more strongly certain concepts in lecture** that will not be evident from the lecture slides themselves.

- **Attendance at the lectures is very highly recommended** in order for you to get maximum benefit from this course. **I also have in class participation assignments that will aid in your understanding of the concepts.** If you wish to opt out of these you should provide me an email in writing by the end of the fourth lecture. The percentage will be moved to the final exam
- **Each student is encouraged to ask questions, and participate in class and in office hours. Often times a question can lead to an interesting discussion for all students.**
- **Your custom textbook serves as an important resource. The textbook I use is the least expensive and contains background on all concepts I discuss in lecture. It also has excellent example questions following each chapter**

Textbook: is a custom text which contains only material that is relevant to this course

Called: **Biochemistry I: Proteins and Enzymes from the Pearson custom library for Chemistry. 2013 Person Learning Solutions;**

It is customized from Moran, Horton, Scrimgeour and Perry Principles in Biochemistry fifth edition Publisher Pearson 2012

Grade Breakdown

In class or small out of class assignments based on one-minute write (individual and group) assignments/summaries, case studies, reflective writing and other lecture participation

7%

- Given out randomly during class must complete more than 80% of the assignments for full credit (minimum of 5 given out during term)

Midterms (two) (dates to be announced:

midterm one (all multiple choice) (late May early June)

21%

Midterm two (MC and short answer) (early July)

32%

- a UTSC medical certificate(available on the registrars site) will be required for missed midterms due to illness. **You must contact me within 48 hrs of the midterm to confirm that you missed the midterm and will be writing the makeup.** The certificate must be presented prior to any makeup work.
 - If you cannot attend Friday evening or Saturday Tests/Exams for religious reasons, please notify me in writing within one week of the announced Test / Exam date.
- **Exam format for the second midterm and final:** the majority of the exam will be multiple choice, but a portion (up to 25-30%) will be short answer, graphs or calculations

Final exam (during final exam period)

(it is **cumulative in concepts**, but covers **specific theory from the material after the second midterm**)

40%

- Format will be identical to the second midterm
- Students who miss the Final Exam must petition through the Registrar's Office to take a Deferred Final Exam.

Lecture schedule:

I have provided topic numbers rather than dates. Some topics will be covered over more than one lecture, others in less than one lecture

Topic 1: Introduction to biochemistry, basic terms

- Topic 2: role of water in biochemical reactions/pH
- Topic 3: Primary secondary, tertiary and quaternary Structure of proteins
- Topic 4: Protein structure, function and stability as well as purification and related methodologies
- Topic 5: enzymes and enzyme kinetics
- Topic 6: Role of Coenzymes and vitamins in enzymatic assays
- Topic 7: Carbohydrates: monosaccharide to complex carbohydrate moieties
- Topic 8: mechanisms of glycosylation of proteins, and protein trafficking
- Topic 9: lipids , membrane structure and role of posttranslational modifications of proteins in protein localization
- Topic 10: other forms of post translation modifications