

Biochemistry I: Proteins and Enzyme BIOC12H

Summer 2021
Course outline

Instructor:

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On-line synchronous lecture from 9 to 11 am using blackboard collaborate and will be recorded however success in this course is improved significantly if you attend and interact in the break-out groups where I pose critical thinking questions and you discuss with your peers. Answers are submitted to Quercus by the end of the day.

The primary **themes of this course are:**

- Expand your understanding of the structure of proteins
- Address the important role proteins play as enzymes, signaling molecules and structural molecules in the cell.

Throughout the term we will discuss and evaluate:

- The importance of primary structure, protein folding and post-translational modifications as it relates to determining tertiary and quaternary protein structure and function.
- The significance of the role amino acid interactions play in protein folding. Specifically, we will address how amino acids influence structure from secondary through quaternary.
- We will evaluate the critical role of protein; protein interactions related to cellular function.

What is our target goal? By the end of the course students will have the knowledge and experience to interpret based on primary protein structure potential secondary structure, protein localization and post-translational modifications present, leading to structure and function. 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.

This process will encompass the following learning outcomes:

- Analyze amino acid structure in primary, secondary and tertiary structure and its role in protein function
- Understand the role of non-covalent interactions in protein folding and predict protein function based on structure.
- Interpret the role of post-translational modification in protein function

- Analyze the role of protein sequence and folding in non-disease and disease states
- Evaluate the contribution of amino acid composition to enzyme function
- Identify and evaluate the list of relevant parameters for predicting protein localization with the goal of creating and investigating the characteristics of new proteins

Communication

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 as I teach 4 courses this summer. I will answer emails between 9 am and 5 pm in weekdays. I will post an announcement if I am not available on a particular day.

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

Office hours: on-line on Wednesdays immediately after lecture for 11 to noon.

Equity Statement:

The University of Toronto is committed to equity, human rights and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where all members of our community can express themselves, engage with each other, and respect one another's differences. U of T does not condone discrimination or harassment against any persons or communities.

Accessibility: AccessAbility statement

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. AccessAbility Services staff (located in Rm AA142, Arts and Administration Building) are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations 416-287-7560 or email ability@utsc.utoronto.ca. The sooner you let us know your needs the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

Academic integrity/plagiarism

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 in papers and assignments include 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 cheating includes using or possessing unauthorized aids, looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test, misrepresenting your identity, or falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctor's notes.

<http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/vpdean/academic-integrity>)

Examples of plagiarism

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 - 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 your instructor or from other institutional resources (see <http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/academic-integrity>)

Use of Turnitin (plagiarism software) in BIOC12

All assignments and the final take home exam will be deposited to Turnitin via Quercus submission

"Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site".

Intellectual Property

Recording or photographing or video capture of any aspect of a university course - lecture, tutorial, seminar, lab, studio, practice session, field trip etc. – without prior approval of all involved and with written approval from the instructor is not permitted.

INSTRUCTOR PERMITS AUDIO RECORDINGS WITH NO DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS

Students may create audio-recordings of the lectures for their personal use. Recordings are intended to permit lecture content review so as to enhance understanding of the topics presented. Audio-recordings are not substitutes for attending class.

Students should note that since audio recordings are to be permitted, their voice may be recorded by others during the class. Please speak to the instructor if this is a concern for you.

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, persons who have special needs will be accommodated.

Students agree to the following terms when creating audio recordings of lectures:

- Recordings are not to be distributed without the permission of the instructor via the Internet, using social media such as Facebook, peer-to-peer file sharing such as One Drive or Dropbox, or other distribution channels.
- Recordings are not to be shared with other classmates unless they are to be used in collaborative assignments, or if the instructor permits for other reasons.

Course schedule:

Two hours of class on- line synchronous per week (using blackboard collaborate): Wed 9 am to 11 am

Grade breakdown:

- **For any assignment that cannot be handed in on time:** late assignments will have a 10% per day deduction- no assignment will be accepted more than 5 days late.
- All assignments are submitted electronically to Quercus

Self-declaration for illness:

If you are self- declaring you must fill out the **Biology self-declaration** form available on the department website and submit it to myself and Jennifer Campbell within 24 hrs of the time the assignment is due. See department web site <https://www.utoronto.ca/biosci/node/389>

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 (you may opt out and the grade will be moved to the final exam (please inform me by the end of the fourth week of lecture). These will be given out in lecture and often discussed in lecture and posted to Quercus by 11:59 pm on the day of the lecture

- Given out randomly during class - students will be excused for only one of theses for the purpose of grading (no self-declarations). If you wish to move this percentage to your final exam please email before the end of term **5%**

Assignment 1:

A PowerPoint lecture presentation that addresses the role of protein folding/misfolding in a disease of your choice. Research the topic of choice (use at least 10 primary source papers) and construct your mini lecture. (Between 14 to 18 slides -Title slide or Reference slide not included: remember to do in text citation and cite source of figures)- specifics will be outline on Quercus

- **June 30 10 pm** **23%**

Assignment 2:

Analysis of protein sequence for structure and posttranslational modification- sequence and specifics will be outlined on Quercus

- July 23 10 pm

25%

Final exam

(long answer with multiple parts) take home exam (cumulative in exam period)

47%

Lecture material:

Lectures will be posted on Quercus prior to lecture

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: Carbohydrate general structure and mechanisms of glycosylation of proteins, and protein trafficking other forms of post-translational modification

Topic 8: lipids, membrane structure and role of posttranslational modifications of proteins in protein localization and membranes