



**BIOC 302                      Developmental Biochemistry                      48.0; 3 cr.**

A course that discusses the pre- and post-natal development of cardiac and skeletal muscles as well as hemopoiesis. This course is a mix of didactic lectures and interactive teaching. Each topic is presented by a faculty member and further illustrated by an article discussed by the students. *The course is required by all graduates in biochemistry. Open to graduate students from other departments. Prerequisite: BIOC 300 or the consent of the coordinator. Second semester.*

**BIOC 304                      Signal Transduction of G-protein Coupled Receptor                      48.0; 3 cr.**

A course that presents classical pathways triggered by G-protein coupled receptors as well as the recent information and findings in the field. *This course is required of all biochemistry graduate students. Open to graduates from other departments in the basic medical sciences and biology. Prerequisite: Biochemistry 300 or the consent of the coordinator. First semester.*

**BIOC 305                      Biochemical Research                      48.0; 3 cr.**

An elective course that discusses the theoretical basis of ongoing research projects. This course consists of didactic lectures, student presentation, and written assignments on novel aspects related to each topic. *The course is open to all graduate students. Prerequisite: basic biochemistry (BIOC 300) or consent of coordinator. Summer.*

**BIOC 306                      Eicosanoids in Vascular Biology and Inflammation                      32.0; 2 cr.**

An elective course that describes the different eicosanoids and their role in vascular biology and in mediating inflammation. *Open to graduate students in basic medical sciences, biology, and to medical doctors who want to enhance their knowledge in the field. Prerequisite: none. Second semester or summer.*

**BIOC 307/308                      Biochemical Methods                      0.128; 4 cr. (each)**

A course that focuses on the basic principles and applications of the techniques of molecular biology, spectrophotometry, and chromatography. *Open to all graduate students. Prerequisite: BIOC 300, or a background in biology. Summer, alternate years.*

**BIOC 309                      Proteins and Enzymes                      22.20; 2 cr.**

An elective course open to all graduate students either as 2 credits or as 1 credit as 309A/309B, respectively. This course is composed of two units. Unit I: Protein Architecture discusses the stabilizing forces directing protein folding and thus conformation, introducing students to the various existing protein data banks. Unit II: Discusses the different kinetic approaches that may be used in studying the kinetic analysis of complex biological systems. *Prerequisite: a biochemistry course and/or consent of coordinator. Summer, alternate years.*

**BIOC 310                      Molecular Basis of Genetic and Metabolic Disorders                      16.32; 2 cr.**

A course that deals with the molecular basis of genetic and metabolic disorders. This course presents a detailed overview of the molecular basis of known genetic diseases. Students also learn the methods used to map chromosomal aberrations or DNA mutations implicated in congenital diseases. *Elective. Open to non-biochemistry majors. Prerequisite: basic biochemistry or a background in biology. Second semester, alternate years.*

**BIOC 311/312                      Biochemistry Tutorial                      32.0; 2 cr. (each)**

Students are assigned special topics (2) of current interest and are required to write a report evaluating the current status of the chosen subject. *Open to biochemistry graduate students. Prerequisite: none. First and second semesters and summer.*

**BIOC 313                    Advanced Biochemistry                    30.36; 3 cr.**  
A course that deals with the latest developments in molecular biology techniques and troubleshooting with hands-on bench experience. *Elective. Open to all graduate students. Prerequisite: basic biochemistry or a background in biology. Second semester and summer.*

**BIOC 314                    Mitochondria: Genetics, Protein, and Disease                    32.0; 2 cr.**  
A course that provides a clear understanding of the biochemistry, molecular genetics, and bioenergetics of the mitochondria. It emphasizes the role of the mitochondrial dysfunction (mt-DNA mutations, environmental toxins) in the pathogenesis of mitochondrial diseases. *Elective. Open to all graduate students in basic sciences and biology graduates. Prerequisite: none. Second semester, summer.*

**BIOC 315                    Microscopic Biochemistry                    20;40,3 cr.**  
A course that introduces students to histochemical techniques and microscopic analysis. This includes embryonic dissection, antibody staining, insituhybridization and whole mount hybridization. The course is composed of lectures and lab sessions. Open to all graduate students, in basic sciences and related fields. *Second semester, alternate years.*

**BIOC 316                    Bioinformatics                    0.30; 1 cr.**  
A course that introduces students to the latest bioinformatics literature. The format is a journal club in which recent journal articles are circulated and discussed. Guest lecturers are invited to present research related to the field. Students are also given an orientation on software currently available in the Computational Science and Bioinformatics Lab. *Open to both basic medical science, and arts and sciences graduate students. Prerequisite: graduate standing.*

**BIOC 317 (a-k)            Selected Topics in Biochemistry                    16.0; 1 cr.**  
A series of elective courses (a-i), each 1 credit. Each course emphasizes the basic concepts and introduces recent developments in the fields of (a) proteins; (b) carbohydrates (c) lipids (d) molecular biology; (e) cancer; (f) apoptosis; (g) cyclooxygenase and lipoxygenase; (h) Biochemical Toxicology; (i) congenital heart problems; (j) special techniques in biochemistry: PCR, sequencing, transfection, Elisa, FPLC, SDS-PAGE, western blotting; (k) Copper metabolism: Wilson's Disease. *The course is open to medical doctors, graduates in medical and related fields. The consent of the coordinator is required. No prerequisite offered during the second semester and summer session.*

**BIOC 319/320            MS Thesis                    9 cr.**  
A 9 credit hour course in which students conduct original research under staff supervision. The projects center around enzymology of ATPase, molecular mechanisms of inflammation, congenital heart problems, Wilson's disease, epilepsy, apoptosis, and cyclooxygenase.