

Approved Advanced Technical Elective Courses for Biochemistry Majors

Revised and Effective for Fall 2023

The Biochemistry Specialized Curriculum requires at least 10 hours of Advanced Technical Elective course-work at the 300- or 400-level from this approved list.* The college of LAS, for its Sciences and Letters Curriculum, requires students to earn at least 21 credit hours in advanced courses. Biochemistry Advanced Technical Electives count towards this total.

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Approved SMCB Courses				
Term(s) Offered	Course	Course Title	HRS	Notes
FA, SP	MCB 300	Microbiology	3	
FA, SP	MCB 301	Experimental Microbiology	3	***
FA	MCB 314	Introduction to Neurobiology	3	Same as NEUR 314
FA	MCB 316**	Genetics and Disease	4	
SP, SU	MCB 317**	Genetics and Genomics	4	
FA	MCB 320	Mechanisms of Human Disease	3	
FA (odd years)	MCB 400	Cancer Cell Biology	3	
FA	MCB 401	Cell and Membrane Biology	3	
SP	MCB 402	Systems and Integrative Physiology	3	
FA	MCB 408	Immunology	3	
SP	MCB 410	Developmental Biology, Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine	3	
FA	MCB 413	Endocrinology	3	
FA	MCB 421	Microbial Genetics	3	***
SP	MCB 424	Microbial Biochemistry	3	
SP	MCB 426	Bacterial Pathogenesis	3	***
FA	MCB 428	Microbial Pathogens Laboratory	2	
SP	MCB 430	Molecular Microbiology	3	***
FA	MCB 431	Microbial Physiology	3	***
FA	MCB 432	Computing in Molecular Biology	3	
FA	MCB 493 VIR	Virology	3	***
SP	MCB 434	Food and Industrial Microbiology	3	Same as FSHN 471
SP	MCB 435	Evolution of Infectious Disease	3	Same as IB 442; ***
FA	MCB 436	Global Biosecurity	1	

SP	MCB 442	Comparative Immunobiology	4	Same as ANSC 450 and PATH 410
FA	MCB 461	Cell and Molecular Neuroscience	3	Same as NEUR 461
SP	MCB 462	Integrative Neuroscience	3	Same as NEUR 462
SP	MCB 466	Neuro and Molecular Pharmacology	3	
FA	MCB 471	Cell Structure and Dynamics	3	Returning Fall 2024
SP	MCB 480	Eukaryotic Cell Signaling	3	
FA, SP, SU	BIOC 492	Senior Thesis	1-6	Up to 7 credit hours applied toward Technical Electives requirement

Approved non-SMCB Courses				
Term(s) Offered	Course	Course Title	HRS	Notes
FA	BIOP 432	Photosynthesis	3	Same as CPSC 489 and IB 421; ***
SP	CHBE 471	Biochemical Engineering	3	
SP	CHBE 473	Biomolecular Engineering	3	
FA	CHBE 475	Tissue Engineering	3	***
FA, SP	CHEM 312	Inorganic Chemistry	3	
SP	CHEM 437	Organic Chemistry Lab	3	
SP	CHEM 474	Drug Discovery and Development	3	
FA	CHEM 480	Polymer Chemistry	3	Same as MSE 457
SP	CHEM 482	Polymer Physics	3	Same as MSE 458; ***
FA, SP	CHEM 492	Special Topics in Chemistry	1-3	***
FA	CS 466	Introduction to Bioinformatics	3	***
SP	IB 302	Evolution	4	***
FA	IB 360	Evolution and Human Health	3	Same as ANTH 360; ***
SP	IB 361	Ecology and Human Health	3	Same as ANTH 361
FA	IB 364	Genomics and Human Health	3	***
SP	IB 420	Plant Physiology	3	Same as CPSC 484; ***
SP	IB 432	Genes and Behavior	3	Same as ANTH 432, NEUR 432, and PSYC 432; ***
FA, SP	MATH 415	Applied Linear Algebra	3-4	
FA, SP, SU	MATH 453	Number Theory	3-4	
FA, SP	PHYS 404	Electronic Circuits	5	***
FA, SP	PHYS 420	Space, Time, and Matter	2	Same as PHIL 420; ***
FA	PSYC 403	Memory and Amnesia	3	Same as NEUR 403; ***
SP	PSYC 413	Advanced Neuropsychopharmacology	3	Same as NEUR 413; ***
FA	PSYC 417	Neuroscience of Eating and Drinking	3	Same as FSHN 417, NEUR 417, NUTR 417; ***
FA, SP, SU	STAT 400	Statistics and Probability I	4	Same as MATH 463
FA, SP, SU	STAT 420	Methods of Applied Statistics	3	Same as ASRM 450; ***



FA, SP	STAT 430	Topics in Applied Statistics	3	***
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* 300- or 400-level courses in BADM, FSHN, and MATH may be considered for approval by Biochemistry advising. Please book an appointment at <https://mcb-uiucbioadvising.youcanbook.me/>

** Credit cannot be received for both MCB 316 and MCB 317

*** This course requires prerequisite classes not included in the Biochemistry curriculum or prior consent of the instructor. Please consult the course explorer to learn more.



