

# Chemistry 160:581 – Biochemistry - Syllabus for Fall 2021

**Lectures Tuesday and Friday 6:00-7:20PM**

**There will be interactive lectures twice a week; while I will attempt to tape these lectures, I prefer that you are present at the lecture times.**

**Place: Location:** the course will be presented on-line, make certain that you have access to Canvas.

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**Getting in touch:** is best done by email.

**Office Hours:** Tuesday and Friday 3-5PM.

**Tentative Exams:** Two 1-hour exams and a 2-hour final and 3 shorter quizzes; the latter to be discussed at the beginning of lectures. Each hourly exam will weigh 22%, the quizzes add up to 22%, while the final exam will weigh 34%.

## **Final Grade Determination:**

The final grade for the course will be based on the two higher grades of the hourly exams and the quizzes (56%) and the final exam grade (44%). Letter grades will be assigned to your standing in class, where the median grade will be a B (this being a graduate course, grades range as F, C, C+, B, B+, A). Students with more than 25 points below the median will receive an F grade.

## **Add/Drop/Withdrawal**

Add/Drop period: 9/1/2021 - 9/9/2021

Last day to Drop: 9/8/2021

Last day to Add: 9/9/2021

Withdrawal to receive “W” Grade: 10/25/2021

## **Text Book (required):**

Title: Fundamentals of Biochemistry (Fifth Edition)

Authors: Donald Voet, Judith G. Voet, Charlotte W. Pratt.

Publisher: Wiley. ISBN: 978-1118-91840-1

**Students are requested to purchase the WileyPlus version, which has ample exercises throughout.**

**The course is also appropriate for a 1-semester senior undergraduate ‘introduction to biochemistry’, with a year of organic chemistry and preferably some physical chemistry being pre-requisites.**

#### **Goals of the course:**

Biochemistry is an enormous and complicated topic, all of its parts cannot be taught or digested in a one-semester graduate level lecture course. The topic of biochemistry touches every aspect of human health and disease, and the course should be useful to individuals furthering their graduate training and working for advanced degrees, and those in industrial jobs wishing to undertake continuing education.

A strong prior preparation in organic chemistry and some preparation in physical chemistry are useful pre-requisites.

This one-semester course introduces the structural aspects of the four major classes of biopolymers: nucleic acids, carbohydrates, proteins and lipids, with a significant emphasis on proteins and enzymes. It also introduces methods of separation of proteins and nucleic acids, and some biological spectroscopy. Finally, the course introduces the important topic of metabolic pathways, concentrating on sugar metabolism and its utility in the citric acid cycle.

The course is a very useful foundational one for any of the following course topics as well, some of which are offered in the Chemistry Department, while others in the Department of Biological Sciences.

In the Chemistry Department (at irregular intervals):

1. Enzyme Kinetics and Mechanisms
2. The Enzymatic Reactions of Metabolic Pathways
3. Physical Biochemistry
4. Biochemistry Laboratory

In the Department of Biological Sciences:

1. Cell Biology
2. Molecular Biology

**Course Topics** The number of sections covered each week is approximate.

**Lecture**

1. **Fri. Sept. 3, 2021** Part I: Introduction, Water Chemistry,
2. **Tue. Sept. 7.** Part II, Nucleotides, DNA and Genetic Information
3. **Fri. Sept. 10** Part II, 4,5 Amino Acids, Primary Protein Structure
4. **Tue. Sept. 14**
5. **Fri. Sept. 17** Chapter 6, 7: Proteins: Three-Dimensional Structure, Function Globins and Myosin
6. **Tue. Sept. 21**
7. **Fri. Sept. 24**
8. **Tue. Sept. 28** Chapter 8: Carbohydrates
9. **Fri. Oct. 1**
10. **Tue. Oct. 5.** Chapter 9, 10: Lipids and Membranes
11. **Fri. Oct. 8**
12. **Tue. Oct. 12** **Exam 1, Chapters 1-9**
13. **Fri. Oct. 15** Chapter 11: Enzyme Catalysis
14. **Tue. Oct. 19**
15. **Fri. Oct. 22** Chapter 12: Enzyme Kinetics and Inhibition
16. **Tue. Oct. 26**
17. **Fri. Oct. 29** Chapter 13: Biochemical Signaling, Allostery
18. **Tue. Nov. 2**
19. **Fri. Nov. 5.** Chapter 14: Introduction to Metabolism
20. **Tue. Nov. 9**
21. **Fri. Nov. 12** Chapter 15: Glucose catabolism
22. **Tue. Nov. 16**
23. **Fri. Nov. 19** Chapter 16: Glycolysis and Gluconeogenesis
24. **Tue. Nov. 23** **Exam 2. Chapters 11-15**
25. **Tue. Nov. 30** Chapter 17: Citric acid cycle
26. **Fri. Dec. 3**
27. **Tue. Dec. 7** Chapter 18: Oxidative Phosphorylation
28. **Fri. Dec. 10**

**Final exam. To be announced early in the semester between Dec. 15-Dec. 22**  
**Will cover Chapters 11-18**

Odd-numbered problems related to each topic at the end of each chapter of the text will be assigned; answers are found at the end of the text.

All course-related material will be posted on Canvas.

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**Learning Resources:**

· **Rutgers Learning Center** (tutoring services)

Room 140, Bradley Hall

(973) 353-5608

<https://sas.n.rutgers.edu/student-support/tutoring-academic-support/learning-center>

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Room 126, Conklin Hall

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