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BIOC 404 – BIOPHYSICAL METHODS IN BIOCHEMISTRY Timetable and Course Outline - Winter 2023

Location and Time: Lectures: 10:35 AM – 11:25 AM Montreal time / Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays Location: McMed 1027

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Date		Day	Lecture Title	Lecture	Instructor	T.A.
JAN.	04	W	Biophysical separation methods	1		Danilo Ide
	06	F	Biophysical separation methods	2	Prof. Guarné	
	09	М	Biophysical separation methods discussion / practical	3		
	11	W	Affinity measurement methods	4	Drof Schmoing	Ali Behvarmanesh
	13	F	Affinity measurement methods	5		
	16	М	Affinity measurement methods / DSF	6		
	18	W	Dichroism	7		
	20	F	Dichroism	8	Prof. Schmeing	
	23	Μ	Mass spectrometry	9		
	25	W	Mass spectrometry	10		
	27	F	Mass spectrometry	11		
	30	М	NMR	12	Prof. Gehring	Rayan Fakih
FEB.	01	W	NMR	13		
	03	F	NMR	14		
	06	Μ	NMR	15		
	08	W	NMR	16		
	10	F	NMR	17		
	13	М	NMR	18		
	15	W	X-ray crystallography	19	Prof. Guarné	Mark
	17	F	X-ray crystallography	20		Hemmings
	20	М	PRE-MIDTERM Exam Tutorial	21	AG, TMS, KG	AB, AI, RF
	21	Tu	Midterm (32.5%) Exam (6-8pm, McIntyre 1034) – Lectures 1-18 inclusive			
	22	W	X-ray crystallography	22		
	24	F	X-ray crystallography	23		
			FEB 27 – MAR 3, 2021 – STUDY BREAK		Mark	
	6	М	X-ray crystallography	24	Prof. Guarné Prof. Ortega	Hemmings No TA Danilo Ide
	8	W	X-ray crystallography	25		
	10	F	X-ray crystallography	26		
	13	Μ	X-ray crystallography	27		
	15	W	SAXS	28		
	17	F	SAXS	29		
	20	M	SAXS	30		
	22		Electron microscopy	31		
	24	F	Electron microscopy	32		
	27			33		
	29			34		
ADD	21		Electron microscopy	35		
АРЋ.	05		Fluorescence methods	30 27	Prof. Hendricks	No TA
	12		Fluorescence methods	37 39		
	12			30		
)	Cumulative Final Exam (62.5%): All lectures included		All instructors	All TAs
Assignments/Practicals = 5%; Midterm=32.5; Final = 62.5% The deferred final exams is worth 62.5% and the supplemental exam is worth 100%.						
NOTE: Students unable to write the Final must contact the Exam Center (<u>https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/</u>) and register for a deferred Final.						

Pre-requisites

CHEM 204, CHEM 214 or equivalent

Learning Outcomes – Theoretical Content & Higher Skills

- Theory of biophysical techniques
- Data interpretation
- Problem solving

Recommended Textbook

No recommended text

Instructional Methods in this Course

- In class interactive lectures. Include theoretical content, hands-on teaching, in-class exercise and problem-based learning.
- In class review sessions.
- The instructional approach is based on student **attendance** and **active participation to exercises**.

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Online-Learning Etiquette

- We may continue with broadcasting by Zoom, If so:
- Mute your microphone upon joining sessions. Changing your name is forbidden.
- Students' participation makes the course interesting for everyone. Students may use the chat to ask questions or raise their hand while having their camera on during Zoom sessions.
- Polite and respectful language must be used at all times. Disrespectful comments and/or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated (Article 5, https://www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/files/secretariat/code_of_student_conduct_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf).

Evaluation Method (Assignments/Practicals, 1 Midterm Exam + 1 Final Exam)

• Unless otherwise indicated by the instructor, **all assessments must be written INDIVIDUALLY**. Quizzes and the Final exam are not meant to be collaborative work. Answers will be vetted for cheating and/or plagiarism using a text-matching software. Any suspicious case will be submitted to the Faculty of Science Disciplinary Officer.

• 5% Assignments/Practicals, 5%

Assignments/Practicals are accessible to students via MyCourses, and will be due several days after they become available. There is typically one assignment/practical per section of the course.

• 32.5% Midterm Exam

The midterm exam is designed to be answered in 2h - or less – and will be given in person.

• 62.5% Final Exam

The final exam is designed to be answered in 3h - or less – and will be given in person.

* These settings optimize universal access and were designed to accommodate different time zones, religious observances, technical and/or internet connectivity issues AND barriers to learning. Hence, OSD students are deemed accommodated with these settings, unless otherwise requested by OSD. (Faculty of Science Assessment Policy <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/science/covid-19/undergrads</u>)

Les étudiants peuvent soumettre en anglais ou en français tout travail écrit destiné à l'évaluation. In accord with McGill University's Charter of Students' Rights, students have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded (except in courses where knowledge of a language is one of the objectives of the course).

• In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

Deferred Final and Supplemental

The Deferred Final (worth the same percentage as the Final Exam) and Supplemental (worth 100% of the grade) are managed by Exam Center and are usually written during the March break. Students unable to attend the final exam must contact the Exam Center and follow the procedure stated here <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/</u>. In some cases, a <u>valid</u> medical note may be required.

<u>Grading:</u>

The department of Biochemistry will not revise/upgrade marks except on sound academic grounds. Once computed, the marks in this course will not be altered/increased. Decimal points will be "rounded of" as follows: if the final aggregate mark is computed to be 79.5%, the mark will be reported as 80% (an A-); a final aggregate mark of 79.4% will be reported as 79% (a B+). These marks are final and non-negotiable.

Useful resources

• Student Rights and Responsibilities

https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights

McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see http://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/ for more information).

• **McGill Academic Calendar** (add/drop, withdrawal and other deadlines) <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2020-2021/important-dates</u>

• Time management

https://www.mcgill.ca/tutoring/channels/event/time-management-your-best-ally-323895 https://www.mcgill.ca/osd/student-resources/learningresources/time-management

• Stress management

https://www.mcgill.ca/osd/student-resources/learningresources/stress-management

• Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)

https://www.mcgill.ca/osd/

• Health and Wellness Resources at McGill

Student well-being is a priority for the University. All of our health and wellness resources have been integrated into a single Student Wellness Hub, your one-stop shop for everything related to your physical and mental health. If you need to access services or get more information, visit the Virtual Hub at <u>www.mcgill.ca/wellness-hub</u> or drop by the Brown Student Services Building (downtown) or Centennial Centre (Macdonald Campus). Within your faculty, you can also connect with your Local Wellness Advisor (to make an appointment, visit <u>https://mcgill.ca/wel</u>.