BIOTECHNOLOGY (BIOT)

BIOT 415 - Millyard Scholars Seminar
Credits: 2
Through in-class activities, workshops and guest speakers, students in the Millyard Scholars Program will explore career paths, and develop resources and skills for academic success. All student work, planning and experiences will be showcased in a digital portfolio.
Equivalent(s): BSCI 415
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 418 - Phage Bioinformatics Lab
Credits: 2
In the course, students undertake a hands-on undergraduate research experience to describe, document, and publish the discovery of new bacteriophages (bacterial viruses). In doing so, students will elucidate how the genome codes biological information. The aim of the course is for students to develop further research and computational analysis skills while preparing to publish their scientific discoveries. The course will focus on research data analysis and presentation of research data to scientists and the public.
Equivalent(s): BSCI 418
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 422 - Biotechnology and Society
Credits: 4
Provides a basic understanding of genetic engineering. Techniques discussed include cloning, gene transfer, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), in vitro fertilization, organ transplants, and paternity testing. Ethical issues involved with each technological advance are examined.
Attributes: Biological Science(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): BSCI 422
Mutual Exclusion: No credit for students who have taken BIOL 444A.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 501 - Ethical Issues in Biology
Credits: 4
This course is an introduction to the ethical issues associated with current and future use of biotechnology. Students will think critically about different ethical problems that emerge from scientific research and its applications to medical technology. The focus will be on personal and public policy decision making. Prereq: BIOL 413 and 414 or BIOL 411 and BIOL 412.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): BSCI 501
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 502 - Introduction to Biotechnology Manufacturing
Credits: 4
Introduction to the terminology and practices of the biotechnology industry, with an emphasis on the business, regulatory, legal, and basic scientific underpinnings of modern biotechnology in the commercial and government sectors.
Equivalent(s): BSCI 502
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 510 - Introduction to Biofabrication
Credits: 4
This project-based course introduces students to the techniques and challenges of biofabrication. Students learn how additive manufacturing is used to combine cells with a variety of bioinks to create living tissues such as skin, cartilage, vascularized bone, and blood vessels. During this process students learn how to design for and operate 3D printing and bioprinting equipment. An emphasis will be placed on the ways in which this emerging technology impacts our society.
Attributes: Environment, TechSociety(Disc)
Equivalent(s): BSCI 510
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 515 - Second Year Millyard Scholars Seminar
Credits: 2
The Millyard Scholars Second Year Seminar will introduce students to a series of data analytics methods employed in biotech research and clinical settings in order to promote problem solving and critical thinking skills. Recent data generated from the biotech research and from clinical trials will form the basis of the data analyzed during the course. Guest speakers will help inform discussions about the importance of data analytics in biotechnology and in clinical settings. Cr/F.
Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading

BIOT 655 - Advanced Phage Biology
Credits: 4
Students undertake an advanced exploration of bacteriophage biology through wet-lab and/or bioinformatic investigation of previously-discovered bacterial viruses. In the setting of bacteriophage genome study, students develop working fluency with coding of genetic information, annotation of genomes, publication and presentation of discoveries, and design of experiments to assess questions in viral structure and function. Prereq: BSCI 418 or BMS 503.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 704 - New and Emerging Biotechnology
Credits: 4
In this course students investigate emerging technologies, innovations and new products in the biotechnology industry, through case studies and scientific literature. Modern biotechnology focuses mainly on medicine. New treatments for rare and complex diseases as well as genetic testing to identify genetically-inherited diseases are continually being developed and discovered. Technology that makes these and other advances possible is the focus of this course. Prereq: GEN 604 with minimum grade of C-.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 747 - Industrial Microbiology and Fermentation
Credits: 0 or 5
Production of biologics and food by the biotechnology and agribusiness industries is the major focus of this course. Development of procedures for fermentation and bioprocessing, from proof of concept through scale-up stages will be emphasized, utilizing both theory and quantitative understanding as well as hands-on wet lab experience with modern bioprocessing equipment. Troubleshooting, safety, and QC considerations will be addressed. Prereq: BMS 503, BMS 504. Special fee.
Equivalent(s): BSCI 606, BSCI 747
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
BIOT 753 - Cell Culture Lecture
Credits: 3
Fundamental biological principles that underlie cell culture and its applications are the foundation of the lecture component of this course. Applications of cell culture techniques to current research areas in academic and biopharmaceutical settings will be discussed. Prereq: BMS 503 and BMS 604.

Co-requisite: BIOT 754
Equivalent(s): BENG 620, BMCB 753, BMS 620
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 754 - Cell Culture Lab
Credits: 2
Fundamental biological principles that underlie cell culture and its applications are the foundation of the lecture component of this course. Applications of cell culture techniques to current research areas in academic and biopharmaceutical settings will be discussed. Prereq: BMS 503 and BMS 504. Special Fee.

Co-requisite: BIOT 753
Equivalent(s): BENG 620, BMCB 753, BMS 620
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 755 - Advanced Therapies
Credits: 4
In this course students will gain an understanding of the fundamentals of biomaterials, gene therapy, cell therapy, and tissue engineering. We will cover chemical, structural, and biological aspects of therapeutic materials along with systemic literature reviews involving advanced therapy medical products (ATMPs) utilizing molecules, genes, cells, and tissues. We will also discuss synthetic polymers and biomolecules such as peptides, proteins, polysaccharides and oligonucleotides. No credit for students who have taken BSCI 797 "SpcTop/Advanced Therapies". Prereq: CHEM 404 with a minimum grade of C- and (BIOL 414 with a minimum grade of C- or BIOL 412 with a minimum grade of C-).
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 760 - Numerical & Statistical Analysis in Biotechnology
Credits: 0 or 4
In this course, students will gain an understanding of how best to conduct data analysis experiments utilizing data specific to biotechnology applications. Hands-on exercises involve using computer software programs such as Matlab and JMP. Data input/manipulation, descriptive and inferential statistics, hypothesis testing, curve fitting, and Matlab coding will be covered. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to conduct data analysis experiments within the context of biotech. No credit for students who have taken BSCI 797 "SpcTop/Num & Statistical Analysis". Prereq: CHEM 403 with a minimum grade of C- and (BIOL 413 with a minimum grade of C- or BIOL 411 with a minimum grade of C-).
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 765 - Nucleic Acid Techniques
Credits: 4
Laboratory course focused on application of molecular biology techniques for the extraction, detection, and use of nucleic acids. Emphasis is on recombinant DNA cloning and bioengineering techniques in biotechnology. Special fee. Prereq: GEN 604.

Equivalent(s): BMCB 754, BMS 650, BSCI 765
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 766 - Protein and Immunologic Techniques
Credits: 0 or 4
Laboratory course focused on application of molecular biology techniques for the isolation, quantitation, detection, analysis, and use of proteins. Substantial emphasis on the use of immunoassays and antibodies in protein work. Modern proteomics techniques are also discussed. Emphasis on recombinant protein expression in the field of biotechnology. Prereq: GEN 604. Special fee.

Equivalent(s): BSCI 766
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 770 - Stem Cell and Biomaterials Engineering Laboratory
Credits: 0 or 4
Introduction to stem cells and how biomaterials are utilized in their applications involving biotechnology and biomedical engineering. Lab topics such as aseptic technique, stem cell cultures, biomaterials engineering, bioprinting, biocompatibility and bioactivity analyses will be covered. Lectures will focus on the current literature while the lab portion involves inquiry-based projects that will investigate how biomaterials and molecules modulate stem cell proliferation and differentiation. Prereq: CHEM 403 with a minimum grade of C- and (BIOL 414 with a minimum grade of C- or BIOL 412 with a minimum grade of C-).
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 775 - Biopharmaceutical Production Processes
Credits: 0 or 5
This course will provide students with an overview of biopharmaceutical production processes through lectures. The course begins by introducing students to the proteins and biotechnology companies and to cGMP. During lab, students will use mammalian cells to produce and monoclonal antibody, by developing manufacturing SOPs, including upstream and downstream processing, and quality control and assurance. Students will also gain experience with T-cell culture as part of the CAR-T technology utilized in personal medicine. Prereq: CHEM 651/CHEM 653.

Mutual Exclusion: No credit for students who have taken ANSC 651, CHE 651.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 777 - Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
Credits: 0 or 5
The organization, expression, and control of RNA and protein-coding genes in prokaryotic an eukaryotic cells. The focus of the course is on mechanisms of genetics at the molecular level and the application of modern techniques to laboratory biotechnology projects. Prereq: GEN 604. Special Fee.

Equivalent(s): BSCI 777
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

BIOT 780 - Techniques in Microscopy and Image Analysis
Credits: 0 or 4
Laboratory course focused on application of microscopy techniques (light, fluorescent, confocal) and the subsequent analysis strategies for investigating biological specimens. Special focus will be directed towards cellular microscopy-based assays, both structural and functional. Image analysis topics will touch on filtering, segmentation, and registration. Prereq: BMS 504 with a minimum grade of C-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
BIOT 799 - Seminar in Biotechnology

Credits: 2

The seminar in biotechnology will run from time to time with different topics, including the following: 1) Cutting-edge issues facing the biotechnology industry. 2) Instrumentation and technologies utilized in the biotechnology industry.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.

Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading