

Course Information-BMB 401

Required Text and Course Pack:

Biochemistry Updated Third edition by R.H. Garrett and C.M. Grisham, Saunders College Publishing, 2007

A course pack is available at the Angel website, and includes figures and tables from the text, which will be projected during class. You are required to download the PowerPoint files to assist you in taking notes during lectures. Microsoft provides free software to view the PowerPoint slides. You can download this viewer at

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=428d5727-43ab-4f24-90b7-a94784af71a4&displaylang=en>. If you have trouble viewing the lecture slides please contact the instructor. Practice problems are at the end of each chapter in the text, and will be useful exercises to test your understanding of the material. Answers are available in the back of the text.

OPTIONAL CD-ROM AND WORKBOOK

An instructional CD-ROM (Interactive Biochemistry) with accompanying workbook has been developed as an adjunct to the Garrett and Grisham text. This contains several useful features that should facilitate your understanding of the material. We plan to have this available in the Undergraduate Computer Facility, 105 Biochemistry Building. For those desiring more convenient access, the CD-Rom is available for purchase at area bookstores.

LECTURES

Attending lectures is the best way to do assure that you do well in this course. Lectures will generally follow the outline of the text, with some rearrangement of the order of the topics. It is our intention to explicitly cover the concepts you will be responsible for in the exams. This may include presentation of material in somewhat different terms than used in the text, and occasionally additional material that is not included in the text.

Examinations will be based on material covered in the lectures. Reading relevant sections of the text (indicated below) will assist you in providing additional background and perspective on the material. If you have a question during lecture, raise your hand to be recognized or see the instructor after class. If you feel the instructor has misspoken or made an error in presenting material, please bring it to the instructor's attention so that the issue can be clarified or corrected in class or on the class website.

OPTIONAL HELP SESSIONS

Lectures will be presented at the scheduled times: MTTHF, 9:10-10 am. An optional help session is scheduled on Wednesdays, 9:10-10 in the same room. The instructor will be there to address questions and provide further explanations of the lecture material. The BMB Undergraduate Club offers walk-in help sessions in the BPS atrium on Tues, Wed, Thurs, 6-9 p.m., and a graduate student is available to answer questions on Tuesdays.

OFFICE HOURS:

If you would like to meet directly with the instructor to deal with any aspect of the course, please call or e-mail to arrange a mutually convenient time.

WEBSITE

Log on to the Angel website at: <https://angel.msu.edu/frames.aspx>

EXAMINATIONS AND GRADING

Grades will be based on performance on three one-hour exams and a final exam. Each one-hour exam will be worth 100 pts. The final exam is not comprehensive and will be worth 100 pts for a maximum of 400 pts in the course. The three one-hour exams will be given during the regularly scheduled class times on the dates indicated under "Lecture Topics" at the Angel website and in the course packet. The final exam will be given at the time determined by the University schedule:

MAKEUP EXAMS

We are sure you can appreciate the difficulties of administering examination in a large class such as this. Therefore, we will adhere strictly to the exam schedule given above. If you miss an exam due to illness or accident, consult with the instructor to determine an acceptable alternative. Documentation (e.g., physician's certification) will be required.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

General University policy on integrity in scholarship and grades is described in relevant publications and on the MSU website. This policy requires instructors to take appropriate action in response to any instance of academic dishonesty. This action may include giving a failing grade in the course in which the incident occurred. It is the policy in BMB 401 that a failing grade in the course will be given to any student found to have committed academic dishonesty, which would include either copying answers from other students during the exam or providing answers to another student taking the exam. All instances of academic dishonesty will also be reported to the Dean of the college in which the student is enrolled.