

MICROBIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR GENETICS

MMG

Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics
College of Natural Science

- 103 Frontiers of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics**
Spring. 1(2-0) R: Open to freshmen or sophomores.
Current microbiology research. Significance to modern biological science and impact on society.
- 161 Cell and Molecular Biology**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Biological Science. Administered by Biological Science. P: (CEM 141 or concurrently) or (CEM 151 or concurrently) or (LB 171 or concurrently) or (CEM 181H or concurrently) SA: BS 111, BS 149H Not open to students with credit in BS 181H or LB 145.
Macromolecular synthesis. Energy metabolism. Molecular aspects of development. Molecular genetics.
- 171 Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 2(1-3) Interdepartmental with Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Biological Science. Administered by Biological Science. P: (BS 161 or concurrently) or (BS 181H or concurrently) SA: BS 111L, BS 159H Not open to students with credit in BS 191H or LB 145.
Principles and applications of common techniques used in cell and molecular biology.
- 181H Honors Cell and Molecular Biology**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Biological Science and Lyman Briggs. Administered by Biological Science. P: (CEM 141 or concurrently) or (CEM 151 or concurrently) or (CEM 181H or concurrently) or (LB 171 or concurrently) SA: BS 149H, BS 111 Not open to students with credit in BS 161 or LB 145.
Physicochemical and molecular organization of cells as the unifying framework for genetics, evolution, and the social relevance of biology.
- 191H Honors Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory**
Spring. 2(1-3) Interdepartmental with Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Biological Science and Lyman Briggs. Administered by Biological Science. P: BS 181H or concurrently SA: BS 159H, BS 111L Not open to students with credit in BS 171 or LB 145.
Basic techniques of cellular and molecular biology including experimental design and hypothesis formulation; biochemistry, molecular biology and genetics.
- 201 Fundamentals of Microbiology**
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: CEM 141 or ISP 201 or ISP 207 or ISP 209 or ISP 217 SA: MMG 105, MMG 205
Microbial structure, function, growth, control, and diversity. Role of microbes in health, industry, and the environment.
- 301 Introductory Microbiology**
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: (BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H) and ((CEM 251 or concurrently) or (CEM 351 or concurrently) or (CEM 143 or concurrently)) SA: MIC 301
Fundamentals of microbiology, including microbial structure and function, nutrition and growth, death and control. Importance and applications of major microbial groups.
- 302 Introductory Laboratory for General and Allied Health Microbiology**
Spring. 1(0-3) P: (MMG 201 or concurrently) or (MMG 301 or concurrently) SA: MIC 302
Methodology of microbiology. Microscopy, staining, aseptic technique, media, quantification, diagnostics, and laboratory safety.
- 400 Introduction to Bioinformatics**
Spring of odd years. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Plant Biology. Administered by Plant Biology. P: (STT 200 or STT 201 or STT 231 or STT 421) and (PLB 203 or MMG 201 or BMB 200) RB: An introductory biology course covering basic genetics, macromolecules, evolution, energy metabolism, genetic materials, and signal transduction is recommended for non-biology majors. A statistic course covering random variable, distributions, and basic probability theory is recommended for biology majors.
Bioinformatic theory and practice. How to manage and analyze sequences, structures, gene expression, and other types of biological data.
- 404 Human Genetics**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: (ZOL 341) and (BMB 401 or concurrently or BMB 461 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: ZOL 344, ZOL 404
Inheritance of human traits. Medical, molecular, physiological and forensic applications. Biochemical, clinical, and molecular genetics of human disease. Prenatal, pre-symptomatic, and clinical diagnosis. Ethical, legal and social considerations.
- 408 Advanced Microbiology Laboratory (W)**
Fall. 3(1-6) P: (MMG 302 and MMG 431 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to students in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics or LBS Environmental Biology/Microbiology or Microbiology coordinate major. SA: MPH 408
Microbiological techniques and procedures to study physiology and genetics of bacteria and bacteriophages. Collection and critical assessment of quantitative data and written communication of results.
- 409 Eukaryotic Cell Biology**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: (BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H) and ((BMB 401 or concurrently) or (BMB 462 or concurrently)) SA: MIC 403, MPH 403
Structure and function of nucleated cells. Emphasis on the molecular mechanisms that underlie cell processes.
- 413 Virology**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: (BMB 462 or concurrently) or BMB 401
Viruses and modern molecular biology. Viral replication and gene expression of the major classes of viruses. Virus-cell interactions and viral diseases.
- 421 Prokaryotic Cell Physiology**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: (MMG 301 and (BMB 461 or concurrently)) or (MMG 301 and (BMB 401 or concurrently)) SA: MIC 401, MPH 401
Prokaryotic cell structure and function. Growth and replication. Macromolecular synthesis and control.
- 425 Microbial Ecology**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences. Administered by Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. RB: MMG 301 SA: MPH 425
Microbial population and community interactions. Microbial activities in natural systems, including associations with plants or animals.
- 431 Microbial Genetics**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: (BMB 461 or concurrently) or (BMB 401 or concurrently) RB: MMG 301 or ZOL 341 SA: MIC 401, MPH 401
Genetics of bacteria, their viruses, plasmids, and transposons. Emphasis on genetic principles.
- 433 Microbial Genomics**
Spring. 3(2-3) P: (MMG 431) RB: (MMG 421 or BMB 461) and CSE 101
Structure of microbial genomes and implications for growth and evolution of bacteria and fungi. Computer analysis of genome sequence databases. Applications to gene expression and phylogenetic analysis.
- 434 Laboratory in Genomics and Molecular Genetics (W)**
Spring. 3(1-6) P: ((MMG 301) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) and (MMG 431 or MMG 433) R: Open to students in the Genomics and Molecular Genetics.
Genomics and molecular genetic techniques using microbes. Collection and critical assessment of quantitative data and written communication of results.
- 440 Food Microbiology**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Food Science. Administered by Food Science. P: (MMG 201 or MMG 301) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen. SA: MPH 440
Major groups of microorganisms of importance to the food industry. Ecological, physiological, and public health aspects.
- 441 Food Microbiology Laboratory**
Spring. 2(0-4) Interdepartmental with Food Science. Administered by Food Science. P: (FSC 440 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: MMG 206 or MMG 302 SA: MPH 441
Methods for studying major groups of microorganisms important to the food industry. Isolation, enumeration, characterization, identification, and use of microorganisms.
- 445 Microbial Biotechnology (W)**
Fall, Summer. 3(3-0) P: (MMG 301 or BMB 461 or BMB 401) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MIC 445
Applications of microbial products and processes in areas such as biopharmaceuticals, bioremediation, biocatalysis and other green chemistries.

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- 451 Immunology**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: (BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H) and ((BMB 401 or concurrently) or (BMB 461 or concurrently)) SA: MPH 451
Not open to students with credit in BLD 434.
Structure and function of molecules involved in immune responses. Quantification of immune responses and cellular participants. Immunologic abnormalities. Immunotherapy. Experimental approaches to dissection of immune functions.
- 461 Molecular Pathogenesis**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) P: (MMG 301) RB: MMG 431 SA: MPH 461
Molecular basis of microbial virulence. Nature of determinants and their role in overcoming host defense mechanisms.
- 463 Medical Microbiology**
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics. Administered by Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. P: MMG 301 or (MMG 201 and BS 161) or (MMG 201 and LB 145) or (MMG 201 and BS 181H) RB: MMG 451 or BLD 434 R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics Program or in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics or in the Lyman Briggs Environmental/Biology/Microbiology Coordinate Major or in the Lyman Briggs Genomics and Molecular Genetics Coordinate Major or in the Lyman Briggs Human Biology Coordinate Major or in the Human Biology major or in the Lyman Briggs Medical Technology Coordinate Major or in the Lyman Briggs Microbiology Coordinate Major or in the Environmental Biology/Microbiology major or in the Genomics and Molecular Genetics major. SA: MIC 463
Properties of pathogenic bacteria and viruses and their mechanisms of pathogenicity and clinical diagnoses.
- 464 Diagnostic Microbiology Laboratory**
Fall. 2(0-4) Interdepartmental with Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics. Administered by Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. P: MMG 463 or concurrently R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics or in the Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics Program or in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences major. SA: MIC 464
Clinical laboratory diagnostic procedures for the identification of pathogenic microbes.
- 490 Special Problems in Microbiology**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department. SA: MPH 490
Library research or tutorial instruction in advanced laboratory techniques.
- 491 Current Topics in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics**
Spring. 3(4-0) R: Open to seniors in the Lyman Briggs College or in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics or in the Lyman Briggs Genomics and Molecular Genetics Coordinate Major. SA: MIC 491
Capstone experience for microbiology majors. Presentation and discussion of journal articles. Writing of position papers. Topics such as microbial physiology, ecology, genetics, molecular biology, virology, immunology, or pathogenesis.
- 492 Undergraduate Research Seminar**
Spring. 1(2-0) P: MMG 499 or MMG 499H R: Open to students in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics or in the Lyman Briggs Genomics and Molecular Genetics Coordinate Major. SA: MIC 492
Presentation and group discussion of undergraduate research results.
- 499 Undergraduate Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to students in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics or in the Lyman Briggs Genomics and Molecular Genetics Coordinate Major. SA: MIC 499
Participation in a laboratory research project.
- 499H Honors Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to students in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and open to students in the Lyman Briggs School. SA: MIC 499H
Research project with thesis and oral report. A portion of Microbiology or Genomics and Molecular Genetics capstone experience.
- 522 Medical Microbiology and Immunology**
Spring. 5(4-2) R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Osteopathic Medicine or in the College of Human Medicine.
Basic principles of microbiology (bacteriology, virology, mycology and parasitology) and immunology and their relation to disease in humans.
- 531 Medical Immunology**
Fall. 2(2-0) R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Basic principles of immunology. Overview of concepts and terminology in relation to human disease defenses.
- 532 Medical Microbiology**
Fall. 2(1-2) R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Basic principles of microbiology including bacteriology, virology, mycology, and parasitology and their relationship to disease in humans.
- 559 Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology**
Fall. 4(4-0) R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Veterinary Medicine. SA: MMG 561, MMG 567, MMG 569
Medically important properties of veterinary pathogens. Principles of positive and negative host response.
- 563 Veterinary Pathogenic Microbiology: Bacteria and Fungi**
Fall. 3(3-0) RB: Completion of Year 1 of the graduate-professional program in the College of Veterinary Medicine. R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Veterinary Medicine. SA: MMG 567
Etiology, pathogenesis, transmission, pathogenicity, host response, therapy, and control of bacterial and fungal diseases of animals.
- 565 Veterinary Pathogenic Microbiology: Viruses**
Spring. 2(2-0) RB: Completion of Year 1 of the graduate-professional program in the College of Veterinary Medicine. R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Veterinary Medicine. SA: MMG 569
Etiology, pathogenesis, pathogenicity, transmission, diagnosis, host response, therapy, and control of selected viral diseases of animals.
- 571 Veterinary Pathogenic Microbiology: Parasites**
Spring. 3(2-2) R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Veterinary Medicine. SA: MMG 569
Etiology, pathogenesis, transmission, pathogenicity, diagnosis, host response, therapy, and control of selected parasitic diseases of animals.
- 631 Veterinary Medical Genetics**
Spring. 1(1-0) RB: Completion of year 1 of the graduate-professional program in the College of Veterinary Medicine. R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Veterinary Medicine. SA: SCS 562
Mechanisms, recognition, diagnosis, and control of genetics diseases in veterinary medicine.
- 660 Veterinary Clinical Bacteriology Clerkship**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. RB: Completion of semester 5 of the graduate-professional program in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Guided clinical bacteriology experience.
- 662 Clinical Veterinary Virology Clerkship**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. RB: Completion of semester 5 of the graduate-professional program in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Guided clinical virology experience.
- 664 Veterinary Clinical Parasitology Clerkship**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. RB: Completion of semester 5 of the graduate-professional program in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Guided clinical parasitology experience.
- 690 Veterinary Microbiology Clerkship**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: Completion of 5 semesters of the graduate-professional program in the College of Veterinary Medicine. SA: MPH 690
Laboratory-based investigation of microbiological problems pertinent to veterinary medicine.
- 801 Integrative Microbial Biology**
Fall. 4(4-0) Not open to students with credit in MMG 821 or MMG 829 or MMG 841 or MMG 827.
Structural, metabolic, phylogenetic, and genomic diversity of microbes and microbial communities. Microbial ecology, evolution, and behavior. Regulation of gene expression. Microbial interactions with other microbes, animals, or plants
- 803 Topics in Integrative Microbial Biology**
Fall, Spring. 2(2-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: MMG 801 or concurrently
In-depth study of a particular topic from integrative microbial biology.

- 810 Theories and Practices in Bioinformatics**
Spring of odd years. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Plant Biology. Administered by Plant Biology. RB: Basic genetics, macromolecules, evolution, energy metabolism, genetic materials, and signal transduction is recommended for non-biology majors. A statistic course covering random variable, distributions, and basic probability theory is recommended for biology majors.
Theories and algorithms behind bioinformatics tools. Basic tool development by writing scripts in the Python programming language for data analysis.
- 813 Molecular Virology**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Colleges of Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Natural Science, and Agriculture and Natural Resources. SA: MPH 813
Molecular nature and biochemistry of replication of animal viruses. Current advances, research concepts, and the role of viruses in molecular biology research.
- 825 Cell Structure and Function**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Physiology. Administered by Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. RB: BMB 401 or BMB 461. SA: BCH 825
Molecular basis of structure and function. Cell properties: reproduction, dynamic organization, integration, programmed and integrative information transfer. Original investigations in all five kingdoms.
- 833 Microbial Genetics**
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Colleges of Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Natural Science, and Agriculture and Natural Resources. SA: MPH 833
Gene structure and function. Genetic regulation at classical and molecular levels in prokaryotes and lower eukaryotes.
- 835 Eukaryotic Molecular Genetics**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Genetics. Administered by Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. RB: BMB 462 and ZOL 341 R: Open only to graduate students in the colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Engineering, Human Medicine, Natural Science, Osteopathic Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine.
Gene structure and function in animals, plants, and fungi. Basic aspects of modern human genetics and the genetic basis for disease. Molecular genetic analyses. Eukaryotic modeling systems.
- 837 Human Molecular Genetics**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: MMG 835 or comparable background in genetics.
Discovery and function of genetic factors involved in human diseases and traits. Biological and clinical questions addressed by human genetic analyses and the types of approaches used.
- 845 Multi-disciplinary Research Methods for the Study of Evolution**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Computer Science and Engineering and Zoology. Administered by Computer Science and Engineering.
Techniques for engaging in multi-disciplinary research collaborations, including biology, computer science, and engineering. Students engage in group projects to answer fundamental questions about the dynamics of actively evolving systems including both natural and computational. Multi-disciplinary teams will learn to overcome discipline-specific language and conceptual issues. Experimental design, statistical analysis, data visualization, and paper and grant writing for multi-disciplinary audiences.
- 851 Immunology**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Colleges of Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Natural Science, and Agriculture and Natural Resources. SA: MPH 851
Functional aspects of immune responses; synthesis, structure, and function of effector molecules; cell-cell interactions; current advances and research techniques.
- 855 Molecular Evolution: Principles and Techniques**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology and Zoology. Administered by Zoology. RB: ZOL 341 or ZOL 445
Current techniques used to characterize and compare genes and genomes. Genetic variation, assays of variation. Data analysis and computer use to conduct a phylogenetic analysis to compare organisms and infer relationships.
- 861 Advanced Microbial Pathogenesis**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: MMG 461 or MMG 409
Molecular basis of microbial virulence. Virulence factors of microorganisms and the relationship of these factors to disease; host-pathogen interactions.
- 890 Special Problems in Microbiology**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 16 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to masters students in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. SA: MIC 890
Individualized laboratory or library research.
- 892 Seminar**
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources or College of Engineering or College of Human Medicine or College of Natural Science or College of Osteopathic Medicine or College of Veterinary Medicine. SA: MPH 892
Student review and presentation of selected topics in microbiology and public health.
- 899 Master's Thesis Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 36 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. SA: MPH 899
Master's thesis research.
- 991 Topics in Microbiology**
Fall, Spring. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. SA: MPH 991
Topics are selected from traditional subdisciplines such as bacteriology, virology, cell biology, and immunology or from transecting subdisciplines such as microbial genetics, physiology, molecular biology and ecology.
- 999 Doctoral Dissertation Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 24 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 120 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to graduate students in the Microbiology and Molecular Genetics major. SA: MPH 999
Doctoral dissertation research.