

**BIBC 102 Metabolic Biochemistry
Winter 2023 (B00)**

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Lectures: M, W 6-7:20 PM
Location: York 2722
Course website: <http://canvas.ucsd.edu>
Textbook*: **Optional:** D.L. Nelson and M.M. Cox, Lehninger-Principles of Biochemistry, 6th or 7th Edition (Freeman) – see the end of the tentative schedule table for further explanation
Text website: <https://store.macmillanlearning.com/us/product/Lehninger-Principles-of-Biochemistry/p/1464126119>

Course Description: Energy-producing pathways – glycolysis, the TCA cycle, oxidative phosphorylation, photosynthesis, and fatty acid oxidation; and biosynthetic pathways– gluconeogenesis, glycogen synthesis, and fatty acid biosynthesis. Nitrogen metabolism, urea cycle, amino acid metabolism, nucleotide metabolism, and metabolism of macromolecules.

Goals: This in-person course will examine the concepts of energy and metabolism, and how they are harnessed and regulated at the cellular and molecular level. We will start by looking in detail at the action of enzymes, examine the kinetics of enzyme-catalyzed reactions, the chemical mechanisms through which enzymes produce catalysis, and the regulation of catalytic activity. Then we will focus on metabolism, the pathways by which biological molecules are broken down to provide energy for the cell, and pathways by which new biological molecules are synthesized. We will discuss how energy flows in the cell, such as in the oxidation of glucose to produce ATP, and how this energy and energy-containing intermediates are utilized to construct new molecules, as in the synthesis of fatty acids from acetyl-CoA. The various biochemical pathways that accomplish this will be examined in detail. We will also discuss how pathways are regulated so that metabolism occurs in coordinated manner.

Prerequisites: Chem 40A or Chem 140A or BENG 120 and Chem 40B or Chem 140B or BENG 120.

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When emailing, please put "BIBC102" or "Metabolic Biochem" in the subject line, or your email may not be read promptly. Emails will not be answered on weekends. If you are not receiving answer to your email for several business days, it is likely that your inquiry should be resolved by a simple internet search or discussing the matter with your classmate.

Course Website – CANVAS:

- For class-related materials, please access CANVAS at <http://canvas.ucsd.edu> using your username and password.
- Make sure to log in often and check for announcements.

- Post all class-related questions on the discussion board. It will be sectioned based on the Textbook chapter numbers (1, 2, etc.), so that the IAs can answer your questions effectively.
- Each IA section will have its own folder, so that section-specific materials can be posted and retrieved accordingly.
- **Sections and Instructional Assistants (IAs):** You must be enrolled and attend / participate in a section, since 26% of your grade is determined by section participation (see grading below). If not, you will not receive credit for problem sets (see problem set section below), nor will you be able to take the quizzes, which will be administered during the section at the IA's discretion.

Sec	Day / Time	Location	IA	email
B01	M 8-8:50 P	TM102	John Kim	jok099@ucsd.edu
B02	M 9-9:50 P	TM102	John Kim	jok099@ucsd.edu
B03	T 8-8:50 P	HSS1128A	Amaya Primiani	aprimian@ucsd.edu
B04	W 8-8:50 A	TM102	Isaac Chang	ichang@ucsd.edu
B05	W 9-9:50 A	TM102	Isaac Chang	ichang@ucsd.edu
B06	F 1-1:50 P	SOLIS111	Jonathan Bahna	jbahna@ucsd.edu
B07	F 12-12:50 P	SOLIS111	Joshua Jin	jojin@ucsd.edu
B08	F 6-6:50 P	WLH 2115	Megha Aepala	maepala@ucsd.edu
B09	F 7-7:50 P	WLH 2115	Jaelynn Yim	jiyim@ucsd.edu
B10	F 8-8:50 P	WLH 2115	Gustavo Serrano	guserrano@ucsd.edu

Section meetings start on Tuesday, January 17th. IAs' syllabi and office hours will be posted on Canvas by Friday, January 13th.

Lectures: Attend lectures *in-person*.

Lecture materials and course content: .pdf lecture slides and other relevant course materials will be available throughout the quarter on Canvas (weekly "Modules" folder). You are highly encouraged to attend lectures as they will be interactive, and you will be able to ask questions.

In-Person Discussion Sections will begin during week 2 (Tue, Jan 17th). Attendance is mandatory; during the sections you will work on exercises that will help you master the course material. You need to attend the discussion section in which you are enrolled; you cannot attend other discussion sections.

Classroom Etiquette: Please ask questions! Student discussion during lectures is vital to course effectiveness. Lectures will be "paused" periodically to allow for your questions and/or clarification and discussion. To make sure all the questions are addressed, the last 10-15' of each lecture will be reserved for review and discussion.

GRADING POLICY

EXAMS

There are TWO exams in this course (Midterm - 100 pts and Final – 125 pts). While the final exam will focus on the material presented after the Midterm, it will include important fundamental concepts from the prior portion of the course.

The use of electronic Aids during Exams:

Unless you are an exceptionally skilled mathematician, you'll need a calculator during the exam. The use of any other electronic device, including your phone is prohibited.

Midterm Exam – Monday, Feb 13th
 Final Exam – Wednesday, March 22

PROBLEM SETS:

15% of your grade will be based on problem sets. There will be 2 problem sets throughout the course, posted on Canvas / Assignments. Late assignments will not be accepted!

Problem Set #1 available on Canvas Friday, Jan 27, Due on Wednesday, Feb 1

Problem Set #2 available on Canvas Wednesday, March 8, Due Monday, March 13

- *upload your assignment on Canvas by midnight of a due date; late assignment will not be accepted*

Discussion Section QUIZ:

There will be three quizzes given in discussion sections worth 15 points each. Section quizzes content your IA responsibility and quizzes are administered at the discretion of your IA. If your quiz point total is <45, your IA will have the opportunity to award up to 5 more points based on consistent attendance and participation in discussion section to raise your point total to a maximum of 45. *Credit will only be given for quizzes taken in the section you are enrolled in as shown at the online section enrollment site (<http://sections.ucsd.edu>).* Exceptions to this policy will not be made. It is your responsibility to know what section you are enrolled in!

GRADING

Your final grade will be determined by what percentage of 405 points you earn (no exam or quiz scores may be dropped). Points are available as follows:

Midterm	100 pts
Final Exam	125 pts
Section Pop Quizzes (3) / Section attendance	45 pts
Homework Problem Sets (2)	60 pts
Total Points possible	330

Here are *guidelines for the minimum grade* you will receive based on point totals, including extra credit:

≥ 303 points _____	A	257 – 263 _____	C+
297 – 302 _____	A-	237 – 256 _____	C
290 - 296 _____	B+	231 – 236 _____	C-
270 - 289 _____	B	224 – 230 _____	D+
264 – 269 _____	B-	204 – 223 _____	D

The points / grade scale maybe **adjusted based on the overall class performance.*

After the grading is completed, you can view your scores by clicking on “my grades” on the Canvas course homepage. At the end of the quarter, final grades will also be posted in the UCSD e-grade system. Re-grade requests must be submitted via email (explaining the error you found in the grading of your exam) with your attached exam to your IA **within two weeks of when graded exams were first made available**; no requests will be considered after this date, except for correction of point addition errors.

Taking the Exam:

- Exams will be administered in-person in the lecture hall. Taking the exam remotely / on-line is NOT an option in this course.
- Once you submit an exam, you will not be able to drop the score or negotiate a reduction in its impact on your grade for any reason (e.g. you decide afterwards you weren't well enough).
- Requests to reconsider any grading must be submitted via email along with your exam to the IA who graded the question within TWO weeks after graded exam are made available.

Extraordinary Circumstances:

- If you have an illness, injury, or personal crisis that you believe will prevent you from performing adequately on an exam, contact the instructor about this problem before the exam to discuss your options. Your excuse must include official documentation (doctor's note).
 - If you cannot do this and miss an exam for one of these reasons, you must contact the instructor within 24 hours of the exam to discuss your options.
- If a section quiz is missed due to a similar sort of problem, contact your IA no later than 24 hours after the missed quiz. The decision for re-taking the quiz will be at your IA's discretion but will adhere to the same policies stated above (see extraordinary circumstances).

How to do well in this course.

- Read lecture material BEFORE the lecture
- Attend lectures! Most of the exam-relevant material will be "highlighted" during lectures
- Turn assignments in on time
- Take your own notes – active note taking is the key to effective learning
- Actively participate in discussion sections
- Ask questions; attend virtual office hours; utilize IAs expertise and assistance
- Don't procrastinate
- Work through the problem sets: metabolic biochemistry is a *problem-solving science. It is, therefore, essential to spend time solving problems and applying concepts introduced during lectures. The significant portion of your exams, homework sets, and quizzes will consist of such problems. Learn how to solve problems not just by looking up the answers in the solutions manual.
- When attempting the end-of-chapter exercise and problem sets, you may use the Study Guide and Solution Manual or any other aids on the text website BEFORE seeking clarification during the discussion sessions. This way you will have a good idea of topics that need further explanation and could seek the help of your IA to understand the material.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Please carefully review the "Policy on Integrity of Scholarship" at:

<http://senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm>

Academic dishonesty (aka cheating) will not be tolerated in this class. According to UCSD policy, academic dishonesty includes:

- taking an exam for another student; allowing another student to take an exam for you
- copying another student's work on an exam or quiz; allowing another student to copy your work
- altering graded assignments and submitting them for a re-grade

Lecture schedule: TENTATIVE, subject to change

Date	Topic	*Reference Textbook Reading
M 1.9	Course Introduction	L1: Discussion Ch 1 (21-29)
W 1.11	Amino Acids, Peptides, Protein Structure, 3D, Folding	L2: 3 (75-81, 85-88); 4(115-117) 13 (495-501); 6 (187-213; 225-231)
W 1.18	Thermodynamics and enzyme catalysis; Michaelis-Menten enzyme kinetics;	L3: 6(187-215; 225-231)
M 1.23	Chymotrypsin mechanism	L3: 6 (225-231)
W 1.25	Regulation of enzyme activity Enzyme Inhibition	L4: ppt slides
M 1.30	Metabolism: Coupling of endergonic and exergonic Rxns; Electron carrier cofactors;	L5: 13 (491-494; 507-524)
W 2.1	Metabolism Bioenergetics; Pathway Regulation Homework #1 due	L5: ppt slides
M 2.6	Glycolysis;	L6: 14 (533-545)
W 2.8	Gluconeogenesis; Glycogen Synthesis and Degradation	L6: 14 (558-570); 15 (601-608)
M 2.13	Exam 1	
W 2.15	Fermentation; alternate fates of pyruvate: Cori Cycle - the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex*	L6: 14 (553-557) L7: 16
W 2.22	Alcohol metabolism in animals; TCA cycle (1)	L6: 14 (553-557); 16
M 2.27	TCA: The citric acid cycle (2)	L7: 16
W 3.1	The mitochondrial electron transport chain; the Q cycle*	L8: 19 (711-743)
M 3.6	Oxidative phosphorylation and ATP synthase The malate-aspartate shuttle*	L8: 19 (711-743)
W 3.8	Insulin, Glucagon, Leptin, Diabetes	L9: Lecture notes
M 3.13	Synthesis of fatty acids; Cholesterol synthesis Homework #2 due	L10: 21 (811-819)
W 3.15	Amino acid metabolism and the urea cycle Final Exam Review	L11: 18 (675-691)
W 3.22 7-10 PM	FINAL EXAM (cumulative, focus on the material after Exam 2)	

- **The Textbook for this course is NOT required.** The textbook reference is a suggested reading, and ANY relatively recent (published within last 3-4 years) peer-reviewed biochemistry textbook will be a good resource for this course.