

# BIOCHEMISTRY 56200

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## TEXTBOOK (*Required*)

Berg, J. M., Tymoczko, J. L., Gatto Jr., G. J., and Stryer, L. (2015) *Biochemistry*, 8th edition (W. H. Freeman and Company) ISBN-10: 1-4641-2610-0 | ISBN-13: 978-1-4641-2610-9 |

Copies are on reserve in the Lilly library

As an alternative:

Links will be made available to the relevant chapters of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the textbook which is available free online (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK21154>)

## MAY BE USEFUL FOR STUDYING (*Optional*)

Fertuck K., Rhodes, C., Josephy, D. and Koeppe III, R. E. (2015). *Student Companion to Accompany Biochemistry*, 8th Edition, W. H. Freeman and Company. ISBN-13 978-1-4641-8803-9

## PREREQUISITES

You are expected to have a basic understanding of organic chemistry and must have a minimum grade of D in one of the following courses (or an equivalent course from other institutions): CHM 25600, CHM 25700, CHM 26200, CHM 26605, MCMP 20500, CHEM C3420.

A sound understanding of proteins, enzymes, and their regulation is crucial for this course.

These topics are covered in BCHM 561 (not an official prerequisite) and are often covered in other basic biochemistry and biology courses. If you need to reinforce your grasp of proteins and their properties, you may want to read chapters 2, 8, 9 and 10 in the textbook (*Biochemistry*) or relevant chapters in other biochemistry textbooks. If you have any concerns about your preparation for BCHM 562, please see the instructor as soon as possible.

### **DEPARTMENTAL LEARNING OUTCOMES ADDRESSED BY BCHM 56200**

BCHM 56200 students will understand the molecular principles of life based on the core disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.

BCHM 56200 students will understand the contributions of our discipline to society, including improvements to medicine, agriculture, the economy and the environment.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The overall learning objective of this course is to understand the major metabolic pathways used by cells to sustain life. Metabolic pathways are comprised of a series of linked, enzyme-catalyzed reactions. We will focus on deciphering the logic of the enzyme-facilitated chemical transformations of the core metabolic pathways. The structure of selected enzymes and the chemical mechanisms by which they catalyze metabolic reactions will be analyzed in detail.

Catabolic pathways degrade nutrients and generate the small molecules and energy required to keep cells alive. Anabolic pathways utilize the energy and molecular precursors generated by catabolic processes to drive a distinct set of reactions that synthesize proteins and nucleic acids and form lipid membranes that are essential for life.

We will begin by analyzing energy-generating catabolic pathways. A focus here will be on ultimately understanding how the energy released from the breakdown of fuel molecules is conserved and harnessed in a biologically useful form through the synthesis of ATP, the major energy currency of cells. ATP is a major source of energy in the anabolic pathways of the cell. Thus, ATP links catabolic and anabolic processes.

Energy derived from NADH, an electron carrier formed during catabolic reactions, is utilized to synthesize ATP in a process known as oxidative phosphorylation. During oxidative phosphorylation, electrons from NADH are transferred to oxygen via protein complexes embedded in the inner membrane of mitochondria. We will learn how electron transfer through the inner membrane powers the operation of ATP synthase, a fascinating and amazing molecular, rotary engine that drives the formation of ATP.

Photosynthetic organisms play an essential role in supporting life by using light energy from the sun to convert carbon dioxide and water to oxygen and carbohydrate. These carbohydrates not only serve as nutrients for photosynthetic organisms themselves, but ultimately serve as crucial energy sources for animals and most other organisms by either direct or indirect means. About 2.4 billion years ago, photosynthetic microbes known as cyanobacteria played a major role in generating the oxygen that now makes up about 21% of our atmosphere. Animals, plants, and other aerobic organisms require oxygen to

generate ATP by the process of oxidative phosphorylation. We will study the process of photosynthesis carried out by bacteria and the chloroplasts of higher plants. The aim is to understand how light energy absorbed by pigments found in specialized membranes is transformed into chemical energy in the form of ATP and NADPH, a compound with strong reducing potential. The synthesis of carbohydrate from carbon dioxide by the Calvin cycle is powered by the ATP and NADPH formed from light-driven processes.

## **BLACKBOARD**

This syllabus, lecture notes, course announcements, answers to exams, and any assignments will be posted on the [Blackboard Learn website](#) for the course.

## **LECTURE RECORDINGS**

Lecture audio and accompanying screen images will be recorded and deposited as video files that can be accessed at the Blackboard Boilercast site.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

I allow personal computers to be used to write lecture notes during class but no other use of any electronic devices, including cameras, is permitted.

## **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

In accordance with University policy on class attendance, there is an expectation that you will attend every scheduled class. If you have a valid reason for missing class such as an illness, family emergency, bereavement, religious observances, or most University-sponsored activities, any assignments or coursework may be made up at the discretion of the instructor and the instructor or TA will assist you in obtaining information and materials you may have missed. In this course, class attendance is not recorded and will not directly affect your grade. However, students who do not attend class without a valid excuse should not expect the instructor or TA to provide special help or supply class notes or materials. (for relevant University policy, see: [http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/regulations\\_procedures/classes.html](http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/regulations_procedures/classes.html))

## **HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES**

Please **do NOT** attend class if you suspect that you have symptoms of the flu. It is also a good idea to **not** attend classes when you are coughing, sneezing, or have runny eyes and nose owing to a head cold. This will prevent the spread of these diseases to your classmates and others on campus.

## **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

Academic misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated in any course offered by the Department of Biochemistry. Information on Purdue's policies with regard to academic misconduct can be found at [http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/student\\_conduct/regulations.html](http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/student_conduct/regulations.html)

Any incidence of academic misconduct will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. Academic misconduct may result in disciplinary sanctions including expulsion, suspension, probated suspension, disciplinary probation, and/or educational sanctions. In

addition, such misconduct will result in punitive grading such as:

- receiving a lower or failing grade on the assignment, or
- assessing a lower or failing grade for the course

Punitive grading decisions will be made after consultation with the Office of the Dean of Students. Please note reported incidences of academic misconduct go on record for reference by other instructors. Further, a record of academic misconduct is likely to influence how current/future situations are handled.

To provide you with an unambiguous definition of academic misconduct, the following text has been excerpted from "Academic Integrity: A Guide for Students", written by Stephen Akers, Ph.D., Executive Associate Dean of Students (1995, Revised 1999, 2003), and published by the Office of the Dean of Students in cooperation with Purdue Student Government, Schleman Hall of Student Services, Room 207, 475 Stadium Mall Drive West Lafayette, IN 47907-2050.

"Purdue prohibits "dishonesty in connection with any University activity. Cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University are examples of dishonesty." [Part 5, Section III-B-2-a, *Student Regulations*] Furthermore, the University Senate has stipulated that "the commitment of acts of cheating, lying, and deceit in any of their diverse forms (such as the use of substitutes for taking examinations, the use of illegal cribs, plagiarism, and copying during examinations) is dishonest and must not be tolerated. Moreover, knowingly to aid and abet, directly or indirectly, other parties in committing dishonest acts is in itself dishonest." [University Senate Document 72-18, December 15, 1972]

More specifically, the following are a few examples of academic dishonesty which have been discovered at Purdue University.

- substituting on an exam for another student
- substituting in a course for another student
- paying someone else to write a paper and submitting it as one's own work
- giving or receiving answers by use of signals during an exam
- copying with or without the other person's knowledge during an exam
- doing class assignments for someone else
- plagiarizing published material, class assignments, or lab reports
- turning in a paper that has been purchased from a commercial research firm or obtained from the internet
- padding items of a bibliography
- obtaining an unauthorized copy of a test in advance of its scheduled administration
- using unauthorized notes during an exam
- collaborating with other students on assignments when it is not allowed
- obtaining a test from the exam site, completing and submitting it later
- altering answers on a scored test and submitting it for a regrade
- accessing and altering grade records
- stealing class assignments from other students and submitting them as one's own
- fabricating data
- destroying or stealing the work of other students

Plagiarism is a special kind of academic dishonesty in which one person steals another person's ideas or words and falsely presents them as the plagiarist's own product. This is most likely to occur in the following ways:

- using the exact language of someone else without the use of quotation marks and without giving proper credit to the author
- presenting the sequence of ideas or arranging the material of someone else even though such is expressed in one's own words, without giving appropriate acknowledgment
- submitting a document written by someone else but representing it as one's own"

Students can report issues of academic integrity that they observe through the Office of the Dean of Students website ([www.purdue.edu/odos](http://www.purdue.edu/odos)), or 765-494-8778 or [integrity@purdue.edu](mailto:integrity@purdue.edu).

## EXAMINATION AND GRADING POLICIES

*Exams and Grades* – Semester grades are calculated from scores on four quizzes and four exams that count toward the final grade. The quizzes will last approximately 15 minutes and will be held in class. Exams 1, 2, and 3 will be held in the evenings (see schedule). One scheduled class will be canceled for each evening exam (see below). The fourth exam will be given at the time and place assigned for the final exam. Exam 4 will not be cumulative, but will emphasize material covered since Exam 3. However, answers for Exams 2-4 may require an understanding of subjects covered earlier.

The three evening exams are scheduled from 8:00-9:30 PM. The date and location for the three evening exams is included in the lecture schedule shown below. As noted above, the fourth exam is given at the time scheduled for final exams.

Exams are designed to be finished within one hour, but you will be given 90 min to complete the exam. *Failure to take an exam at the scheduled time will result in the assignment of zero points.* As described below, under certain specific circumstances makeup exams can be arranged.

The maximum score on each exam is 175 points, and each quiz is worth 25 points. Thus a maximum of 800 points can be earned. Grades will be assigned according to standard grading schemes as follows:

Grade	Percentage of total points
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	≤ 59

*Optional Review Sessions* – Optional review sessions will be held in advance of each of the three exams.

*Extra Credit* – **There is no official mechanism for earning extra credit in this course.**

However, the instructor may include one or more bonus questions on exams that can be used to earn additional credit beyond the 175 points assigned to each exam.

*Makeup Exams and Quizzes* – Make-up exams will only be given for the following reasons: another conflicting evening exam, a University-sponsored activity, religious observance, illness or medical emergency, and bereavement. Make-up quizzes will only be given for the following reasons: a University-sponsored activity, religious observance, illness or medical emergency, and bereavement. If you have a conflict because of *another evening exam*, a *University-sponsored activity*, or *religious observance*, you must let the instructor know at least two weeks before the exam. If you cannot attend the exam because of an *illness* or *serious injury*, please let the instructor know as soon as it becomes clear that you will be unable to take the exam, preferably at least 24 h in advance of the exam time. Notification of an illness or medical emergency, should be sent to the instructor (cc the TA) via email. We recognize that advance notice may not be possible for certain illnesses or injuries. In this case, you should contact the instructor or TA as soon as you are able to do so. Any request to be excused from a quiz or exam must include official documentation (doctor's note, request from academic advisor, etc) explaining why the exam was or will be missed. In cases of bereavement, we adhere to the University's Grief Absence Policy for Students (GAPS). See: [http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/regulations\\_procedures/classes.html](http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/regulations_procedures/classes.html)

*Final Exam Conflicts* – We adhere to the following University Policies on Final Exam Conflicts: “Students scheduled for more than two examinations in one calendar day are entitled to reschedule any examinations in excess of two. Similarly, students faced with a direct exam conflict are entitled to reschedule either examination. It is the responsibility of the student to make the necessary arrangements before the last week of regularly scheduled classes.” The Final Exam (IV) will only be rescheduled in cases that meet the University Policies such as certain professional or University-related activities, illness or family emergencies. Do NOT make travel plans that require your departure before the final exam because you will not be allowed to reschedule the exam for this purpose.

*Grade Appeals* – Every effort will be made to accurately grade exams, but in a class of this size, mistakes are unavoidable. Answers to the exam will be posted and the TA or instructor will be available (during office hours) to discuss the answers. If you feel that grading errors have been made, you may submit a **written request** for a regrade to the TA. Regrade request should be submitted by email from a Purdue account. The written request should give a clear and specific reason why you believe your answer(s) should be reconsidered. The only exceptions to the written request are cases where the total points are miscalculated (arithmetic errors). *Requests for regrades must be submitted to the TA no later than 6:00 PM on the fourth day after the graded test has been made available to you. Exams must be written in pen for a regrade request to be granted.*

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances. To get information about changes in this course consult

the class Blackboard site or e-mail the instructor. Under these circumstances, please check your Purdue email as well as the course Blackboard site frequently since we may need to communicate information and instructions about the course.

### **EMAIL POLICY**

The instructor will attempt to respond to all email sent to schedule meetings, handle exam conflicts, or manage administrative issues or problems. However, responses to emails regarding questions on biochemical subject matter will not be guaranteed and will be at the instructor's discretion.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Purdue University's non-discrimination policy will be upheld in this classroom. Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life.

Purdue University views, evaluates, and treats all persons in any University related activity or circumstance in which they may be involved, solely as individuals on the basis of their own personal abilities, qualifications, and other relevant characteristics.

### **ON-LINE COURSE EVALUATIONS**

During the last two weeks of the semester, you will be provided an opportunity to evaluate this course and your instructor(s). To this end, Purdue has transitioned to online course evaluations. You will receive an official email from evaluation administrators with a link to the online evaluation site. You will have two weeks to complete this evaluation. Your participation in this evaluation is an integral part of this course. Your feedback is vital to improving education at Purdue University.

### **DROPPING BCHM 562**

- Jan 23 Last day to drop with no record (*Students may drop courses via myPurdue*)
- Feb 6 Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of W  
(*Advisor's signature required*)
- March 10 Last day to withdraw from a course with a W or WF grade assigned  
(*Advisor's and Instructor's signature required*)

*The Lecture Schedule listed on the following pages should be viewed as tentative. Major changes and updates will be presented in class and/or announced on Blackboard.*

Lecture	Date	Day	Ch	TOPIC
1	01/9	M	15	Course Policy / Metabolism: Basic Concepts
2	01/11	W	15	Metabolism: Basic Concepts
3	01/13	F	16	Metabolism: Basic Concepts/Glycolysis
	01/16	M		<b>NO LECTURE - Martin Luther King Day</b>
4	01/18	W	16	Glycolysis
5	01/20	F	16	Glycolysis
6	01/23	M	15	Glycolysis
7	01/25	W	16	Gluconeogenesis
8	01/27	F	16	Gluconeogenesis <b>QUIZ #1</b>
9	01/30	M	21	Glycogen Metabolism
10	02/01	W	21	Glycogen Metabolism
11	02/03	F	21	Regulation of Glycogen Metabolism
	02/02	Th		<b>Optional Review</b>
12	02/06	M	17	Citric Acid Cycle
	02/08	W		<b>EXAM 1 8:00-9:30 PM WTHR 104 (Lectures 1-11)</b>
13	02/10	F	17	Citric Acid Cycle
14	02/13	M	17	Citric Acid Cycle
15	02/15	W	17	Citric Acid Cycle
16	02/17	F	18	Mitochondria / Electron Transport
17	02/20	M	18	Electron transport
18	02/22	W	18	Oxidative Phosphorylation <b>QUIZ #2</b>
19	02/24	F	18	Oxidative Phosphorylation
20	02/27	M	18	Oxidative Phosphorylation
21	03/01	W	18	ATP Synthesis
22	03/03	F	18	ATP Synthesis
	03/02	Th		<b>OPTIONAL REVIEW</b>
23	03/06	M	19	Photosynthesis (light reactions)
	03/08	W		<b>EXAM 2 8:00-9:30 PM WTHR 104 (Lectures 12-22)</b>

Lecture	Date	Day	Ch	TOPIC
24	03/10	F	19	Photosynthesis (light reactions)
				<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
25	03/20	M	19	Photosynthesis (light reactions)
26	03/22	W	20	Photosynthesis (light reactions) & (CO <sub>2</sub> fixation)
27	03/24	F	20	Photosynthesis (CO <sub>2</sub> fixation)
28	03/27	M	20	Photosynthesis (CO <sub>2</sub> fixation)
29	03/29	W	20	Photosynthesis (CO <sub>2</sub> fixation) / Pentose Phosphate <b>Quiz 3</b>
30	03/31	F	22	Fatty Acid Metabolism
31	04/03	M	22	Fatty Acid Metabolism
32	04/05	W	22	Fatty Acid Metabolism
	04/06	Th		<b>OPTIONAL REVIEW)</b>
33	04/07	F	23	Amino Acid Degradation
	04/10	M		<b>EXAM 3 8:00-9:30 PM WTHR 104 (Lectures 23-32)</b>
34	04/12	W	23	Amino Acid Degradation
35	04/14	F	23	Urea Cycle
36	04/17	M	24	Amino Acid Biosynthesis
37	04/19	W	24	Amino Acid Biosynthesis
38	04/21	F	25	Nucleotide Metabolism <b>QUIZ #4</b>
39	04/24	M	25	Nucleotide Metabolism
40	04/26	W	25	Nucleotide Metabolism
41	04/28	F	25	Nucleotide Metabolism
	TBA			<b>EXAM 4 FINAL (Lectures 33-41)</b>
<p><b>Note:</b> This schedule is intended to serve as a general guide to the chapters that will be covered in the course and the order in which they will be discussed. It is likely that there will be deviations from this schedule as the course progresses. It may be necessary to omit some scheduled topics. We will keep the class informed of any major deviations from this schedule.</p>				