MEDI2200
Human Cell and Molecular Biology
Session 2, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2021
*Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty level units*

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of [units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/134373/unit_guide/print).

Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/134373/unit_guide/print) for more detail.
Unit guide MEDI2200 Human Cell and Molecular Biology

General Information

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Prerequisites
Admission to BClinSc and CBMS104 or BMOL1001

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit introduces concepts which are core to biochemistry, cell and molecular biology. You will learn about the nature of chemical reactions that occur within the human body and explore the functions and the relationships between the four main biomolecules (nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates and lipids). You will gain an understanding of the fundamental structure of the cell and how this relates to function. You will also examine the basic principles of molecular biology and how cellular processes are regulated.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Describe the major features of cell structure and organisation.
ULO2: Examine the molecular processes controlling cell structure and function
ULO3: Describe the role of DNA replication and repair in producing genetic variation
ULO4: Apply biochemical and genetic knowledge in a practical setting
General Assessment Information

Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in the Macquarie University Assessment Policy, which is available at: https://policies.mq.edu.au/

Further details for each assessment task will be available on iLearn.

All final grades in the Bachelor of Clinical Science are determined by a grading committee and are not the sole responsibility of the Unit Convenor.

To pass this unit, students must demonstrate sufficient evidence of achievement of the learning outcomes, attempt all assessment tasks, meet any ungraded requirements including professionalism, and achieve an standard numerical grade of 50 or better.

Student Professionalism

In the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, professionalism is a key capability embedded in all our courses. As part of developing professionalism, students are expected to attend all small group interactive sessions including tutorials, as well as clinical- and laboratory-based practical sessions.

Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all small group interactive sessions. Students that do not meet this requirement may be deemed unable to meet expectations regarding professionalism and may be referred for disciplinary action (which may include exclusion from assessments and unit failure).

Similarly, as part of developing professionalism, students are expected to submit all work by the due date. Applications for assessment task extensions must be supported by appropriate evidence and submitted via www.ask.mq.edu.au. For further details please refer to the Special Consideration Policy available at https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration.

Late Submission

Late submissions will receive a 5% per day penalty including weekends and public holidays. If you submit the assessment task 10 days or more beyond the due date, without an approved extension, you will be awarded a maximum of 50% of the overall assessment marks.

Assessment Tasks

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Formative Quiz

Assessment Type: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task: 4 hours
Due: Week 3
Weighting: 0%

Formative quiz delivered online assessing content delivered up to this point.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Describe the major features of cell structure and organisation.
• Examine the molecular processes controlling cell structure and function
• Describe the role of DNA replication and repair in producing genetic variation

Mid-session Exam

Assessment Type: Examination
Indicative Time on Task: 20 hours
Due: Week 7
Weighting: 30%

Formal written examination assessing all unit content delivered to this point and will be composed of a mixture of multiple-choice and short answer questions

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Describe the major features of cell structure and organisation.
• Examine the molecular processes controlling cell structure and function
• Describe the role of DNA replication and repair in producing genetic variation
• Apply biochemical and genetic knowledge in a practical setting

Practical Assignment

Assessment Type: Problem set
Indicative Time on Task: 15 hours
Due: Week 10
Weighting: 30%

Problem-based assignment assessing content delivered in the practical modules.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Examine the molecular processes controlling cell structure and function
- Describe the role of DNA replication and repair in producing genetic variation
- Apply biochemical and genetic knowledge in a practical setting

Final Exam

Assessment Type: Examination
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 14-16 (Exam Period)
Weighting: 40%

Formal written examination assessing content delivered across the unit. Examination will include a combination of question types: MCQ and short answer questions. This task is completed under examination conditions during the University examination period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe the major features of cell structure and organisation.
- Examine the molecular processes controlling cell structure and function
- Describe the role of DNA replication and repair in producing genetic variation
- Apply biochemical and genetic knowledge in a practical setting

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:
- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

This unit involves essential on-campus learning activities which will be delivered in accordance with a COVID Safe plan. You are expected to attend on-campus for these activities unless the Public Health Orders and/or University advice changes, you have any symptoms of COVID or you have been identified as a contact of an individual with COVID. Please refer to iLearn for further information.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/134373/unit_guide/print
Textbooks

Lodish et al. Molecular Cell Biology (9th edition.) is the recommended text. Limited copies are available through the library.

Technology and equipment

MQ is a BYOD environment where students are encouraged to bring their personally owned devices to class and to use these devices to access information and study. To study optimally when off campus, you will need to have access to a reliable internet connection to retrieve unit information and engage with online resources.

Consultation with staff

Staff will be available for individual consultations, please see the iLearn site for information on staff availability for consultation.

Teaching and Learning Strategy

This unit will have 2 hours of lecture content and 2 hours of small group teaching each week.

- Lectures will cover topics and concepts that encompass the biomedical sciences. Academic researchers will deliver lectures via pre-recorded videos.
- Tutorial classes are held on campus and allow students to apply practical and/or conceptual elements. Students are expected to engage with lecture material prior to attending.
- Practical content will be delivered via online modules that will introduce students to theoretical aspects of molecular biology research techniques.

iLearn

This unit's iLearn site will provide weekly resources for students, including:

- lecture and tutorial content
- compulsory online modules
- videos and other teaching resources
- assessment information

Unit Schedule

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<th>Tutorial</th>
<th>Online practical</th>
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## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy

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Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

**Results**

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian
Student Enquiry Service
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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