



MOLS7212

Proteomics Technologies and Applications

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School of Natural Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Proteomics is the study of protein expression in living systems, considered in a functional context. This allows us to better understand how protein networks become dysfunctional, which in turn enables the manipulation of protein functions and cellular phenotypes through environmental or genetic intervention, or the use of drug treatment. This unit covers the principles and applications of proteomic techniques, and assumes basic knowledge of protein electrophoresis and mass spectrometry. Topics include: a detailed study of advanced techniques, instrumentation and protein identification software in mass spectrometry; two-dimensional differential gel electrophoresis; label-free and isotope-labelling quantitation in proteomics; application of different types of peptide- and protein-based shotgun proteomics approaches; multiplexed reaction monitoring: data independent acquisition; and characterisation of protein post-translational modifications including phosphorylation and glycosylation. Students must attend a compulsory one week laboratory session during the semester break.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: Process scientific data and prepare written work in formats suitable for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

ULO2: Communicate to their peers a summary of a recent publication in a contemporary

area of proteomics, and produce their own peer-review of that publication.

ULO3: Develop skills in critical thinking and analysis, and written and oral presentation of scientific information.

ULO4: Extract and summarise from the scientific literature information required to develop a research plan within a relevant area of proteomics.

ULO5: Describe the basis of technologies used in proteomics, and exhibit sound knowledge of how to apply proteomics techniques to answer biological questions.

ULO6: Explain the chemical, biochemical and biophysical processes involved in proteomics, and demonstrate proficiency in a range of practical proteomics techniques.

General Assessment Information

Requirements to Pass this Unit

To pass this unit you must:

- Attempt all assessments, and
- Achieve a total mark equal to or greater than 50%,

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark of the task) will be applied for each day a written report or presentation assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. The submission time for all uploaded assessments is **11:55 pm**. A 1-hour grace period will be provided to students who experience a technical concern.

For any late submission of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, please apply for [Special Consideration](#).

Special Consideration

The [Special Consideration Policy](#) aims to support students who have been impacted by short-term circumstances or events that are serious, unavoidable and significantly disruptive, and which may affect their performance in assessment. If you experience circumstances or events that affect your ability to complete the assessments in this unit on time, please inform the convenor and submit a Special Consideration request through ask.mq.edu.au.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Mini-Review Essay</u>	15%	No	Friday September 1st
<u>Mid-semester test</u>	5%	No	week 8
<u>Practical Report</u>	20%	No	Monday 2nd October
<u>Continuing assessment</u>	5%	No	weekly
<u>Oral Tutorial Presentation</u>	15%	No	various dates available
<u>Final Exam</u>	40%	No	exam period

Mini-Review Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 16 hours

Due: **Friday September 1st**

Weighting: **15%**

Topic: Compare and contrast the way in which proteomics studies are performed in current literature as opposed to those performed ten years ago. 2000 word mini-review article suitable for publication (not including references, diagrams, tables or figures, all of which are encouraged) Must conform to the Instructions for Authors for a review article submitted to “Journal of Proteomics”. Look up the Journal of Proteomics instructions and follow them. Make sure you read some review articles in the journal before you start writing, because that will give you a good template to work from.

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Mid-semester test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **week 8**

Weighting: **5%**

This will typically be a short quiz aimed at helping students assess their areas of strength and weakness prior to the final exam. It will be held after the midsemester break.

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Practical Report

Assessment Type ¹: Lab report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 18 hours

Due: **Monday 2nd October**

Weighting: **20%**

You must present your work in the format of a manuscript suitable for publication in Journal of Proteomics. This will be discussed in detail during the practical session.

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Continuing assessment

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **weekly**

Weighting: **5%**

You will be given 5 minutes at the end of each lecture in which you are required to write down and submit a question concerning the lecture for the the day. This must be relevant to the topic that has been presented.

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Oral Tutorial Presentation

Assessment Type ¹: Presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 16 hours

Due: **various dates available**

Weighting: **15%**

Choose one publication from a Tutorial Papers List (on a first-come first-served basis), which is found on the iLearn site. Present your critique of the topic as a short Powerpoint seminar. Aim for 10-12 min talking (15 minutes max), and there will be time for questions. We may adjust that schedule depending on class numbers. Participation in all other group's topics contributes to your final mark. Perform your own peer-review of your chosen paper - tell us whether you think this paper should have been published and why. Look up other relevant literature so you can discuss your chosen paper in context rather than in isolation. The presentation can be submitted as a video presentation uploaded in advance to youtube. It must include figures, graphics, text (and some footage of the presenter).

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Final Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 22 hours

Due: **exam period**

Weighting: **40%**

2.5hr exam covering all practical and theoretical components of MOLS7212 Questions are a mix of long and short answer questions.

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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 [Writing Centre](#) 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

LECTURE, workshop and PRACTICAL TIMETABLE

Lectures: **Mondays 10:00am – 12 noon July 24th - October 30th, 01CC 215**

workshops: **Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00 pm July 26th - November 1st, 01CC 116**

NOTE: Lectures are two hours duration and start week 1, and will include the first scientific content lecture (Monday July 24th) followed by the introductory lecture explaining all aspects of the course – which is only one hour long – followed in the first tutorial timeslot (Wednesday July 26th).

Practicals: Are held in a one-week block during semester break. You must be available for all of September 11th- 15th. Practical classes run about 6+ hours per day, between 9am – 5 pm. This is the equivalent of 3+ hours per week for the whole semester, we just do it all at once.

The practical course includes differential display SDS-PAGE protein electrophoresis, in-gel protein digestion, peptide spectrometry (nanoESI- Q Exactive orbitrap), peptide to spectrum matching using programs such as MaxQuant and MSFragger, shotgun proteomic analysis using SDS-PAGE protein fractionation, and differential protein quantitation.

Up to date timetable information is found at timetables.mq.edu.au

All unit information is distributed using the unit website on iLearn, accessed via ilearn.mq.edu.au

All written work must be submitted through iLearn Turnitin. Lectures and tutorials will both be recorded and made available via echo 360.

For 2023, we will have no classes in week two (July 31st) and week ten of semester (October 9th). We will also need to have pre-recorded lectures in week three (August 7th) and week nine (October 2nd).

Delivery

We will communicate with you via your university email or through announcements on iLearn. Queries to the unit convenor can either be placed on the iLearn discussion board or sent via email from your university email address.

COVID Information

For the latest information on the University's response to COVID-19, please refer to the Coronavirus infection page on the Macquarie website: <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs>. Remember to check this page regularly in case the information and requirements change during semester. If there are any changes to this unit in relation to COVID, these will be communicated via iLearn.

Unit Schedule

Lectures Mondays 10-12pm, starting July 24th, 01CC 215

Week	Date	Lecture Title
1	Monday July 24 th	Mass spectrometry fundamentals (1)
1	Wednesday July 26 th	Introductory Lecture - Subject Outline, assessment processes, and other important information (<i>in workshop timeslot</i>)
2	July 31 st	No lecture or workshop , PH absent.
3	August 7 th	Protein Identification from MS data (2) – recorded lecture, no in-person attendance
4	August 14 th	2D gels and 2D DIGE (3)
5	August 21 st	Differential display and shotgun proteomics (4)
6	August 28 th	Quantitative proteomics (I) label-free (5)
7	Sept 4 th	Quantitative proteomics (II) isotope labels (6)
Practical: 5 Days, 11th- 15th September (during semester break)		
8	Sept 25 th	Data dependent acquisition (DDA) and Data independent acquisition (DIA) (7)
Practical report due Monday October 2nd		
9	October 2nd	– public holiday – recorded lecture, no in person attendance. Multiple reaction monitoring and proteomics validation (8)
10	October 9th	No Lecture – PH on field trip
11	October 16 th	Protein-Protein Interactions (9)
12	October 23rd	Post-translational modifications (I) Glycoproteomics (10)
13	October 30 th	Post-translational modifications (II) Phosphoproteomics (11)

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Workshop TIMETABLE

Workshops: Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm from August 5th, 01CC 116

Week	Date
1	[note: July 26 th is used for an introductory lecture]
2	August 2 nd - No workshop.
3	August 9 th - MS Fundamentals
4	August 16 th - Protein ID
5	August 23 rd - 2D Gels and 2D DIGE
6	August 30 rd - Shotgun proteomics
7	September 6 th - Quantitation with labels
	<i>Semester Break - September 11th to September 24th</i>
8	September 27 th – Label Free quantitation
9	October 4 th - Data Independent Acquisition
10	October 11 th – No Tutorial, PH away on field trip.
11	October 18 th – Multiplexed reaction monitoring
12	October 25 th - Protein interactions
13	November 1 st - Glycoproteomics + Phosphoproteomics

Q. Why is July 26th used for an introductory lecture?

A. If we had a workshop session on that day, the students presenting their research papers would have less than a week to prepare. If we start workshops in week two, then the first students will have two weeks to prepare, which is sufficient time to allow them to do a good job.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the 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 Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

Updated lecture material, revised list of tutorial papers, and redesigned practical class.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
19/07/2023	Updated to correct room number for workshop.