CBMS337
Biochemistry and Cell Biology
S2 Day 2014

Chemistry and Biomolecular Sciences

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Credit points
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Prerequisites
CBMS223 and CBMS224

Corequisites

Co-badged status
Co-badged with CBMS837 and CBMS737
Unit description
Biochemistry and cell biology are central to our understanding of medicine and biotechnology. Advances in these fields are dependent on an advanced understanding of the molecular basis of diverse cellular processes. This unit links important biochemical processes to functions and properties of eukaryotic cells. We explore advanced concepts including: enzyme function, properties of membranes, signal transduction, protein trafficking and transport, and protein turnover. These are linked to whole cell behaviours such as cell division and differentiation, programmed cell death, and general responses to external stimuli. Practical work complements lecture material and provides experience with a broad range of current techniques used in research and industry. Laboratory techniques used include analysis of signalling cascades, spectrophotometry, and fluorescence and light microscopy.

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:

- Have a detailed understanding of the biochemistry (e.g., kinetics and pathways) and molecular cell biology (e.g., molecular composition, detailed processes, cross-talk, integration and signaling) concerning how cell work in health and disease;
- Possess an understanding of the application of various genomics and proteomics methodologies fundamental to an understanding of normal cell biological processes (e.g., cell division, cell growth, mutation, cell death, cell signaling, cell adhesion, cell movement, ) and how disturbances in these are involved in disease;
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- Be able to design experiments to characterise, quantitate and measure a range of fundamental cell processes;
- Be able to successfully communicate advanced molecular cell biological concepts and research verbally and in writing;
- Extract information from and communicate to their peers a summary of a recent publication in a contemporary area of molecular cell biology; and
Contribute to the generation of new data and where appropriate entries in scientific databases.

**Assessment Tasks**

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*Weighting: 10%*

Group oral presentation regarding a subcellular organelle run during practical

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Mid-Semester Exam
Due: **Week 7**
Weighting: **10%**

There will be a 60 min exam (10% total assessment) held in the practical class of Week 7 (i.e., Monday 10th September from 1.05 pm sharp). This will cover all materials and textbook reading associated with lectures 1-12. This is designed to give you specific feedback on your understanding of the topics up to this stage to assist you in your further study of the unit. There will be no make-up exam for the mid-semester exam. Medical certificates or official documents must be lodged along with a special consideration form by October 8 at the Science Centre, Level 1, E7A if you are absent for the this exam. In this case, if the circumstances are accepted as valid, your final exam mark will be used for the missed mid-term mark (i.e., final exam mark will be out of 50%).

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Practical Reports
Due: **iLearn schedule/consult staff**
Weighting: **20%**

Prac reports are due in three instalments (P2 then P3 and then P4+5+6) during the semester - please check the practical timetable for due dates and all prac reports should be submitted to CBMS337 unit technical staff.

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Human Cell Atlas Assignment

Due: **Week 10**
Weighting: **10%**

Prepare an illustrated brief one (1) page summary of the biochemistry and cell biology of one (1) of the ~230 known human cell types for entry into the CBMS337/837 Macquarie Human Cell Atlas database.

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Hot Topics Seminar
Due: **Practicals (Week 11-12)**
Weighting: 10%

Prepare an individual PowerPoint presentation/seminar one a hot topic in molecular cell biology/biochemistry

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Final Examination
Due: **University Examination Period**
Weighting: 40%

The final exam (40% total assessment) will be 3hr in length with 10min reading time. It is designed to address specific understanding of topics presented in all of the lectures, practicals and peer-assisted leaning exercises and to show that the knowledge you have obtained can be applied to new problems.
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**Delivery and Resources**

**Classes**

**Timetable:** Please check [https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2012/default.aspx](https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2012/default.aspx) for the official timetable of the unit.

**Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials**

**Prescribed Texts:**


CBMS337 lecture notes can be obtained from the CBMS337 unit web site.

**Further reading material is also available in the library:**

R. Garrett & C. Grisham (2008) "Biochemistry" (4th or earlier editions)

**Technology Used and Required**

You are expected to access the unit iLearn web site on a frequent basis and to download all necessary pdf files. To access the unit web site, if you have off-campus Internet access, simply start your web browser and proceed as above for logging in. On-campus wireless access is also available. If you do not have your own computer you may wish to access the CBMS337 web resources on campus using the computers in the Library.

To view the lecture notes and other pdf files on the website, you will require Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 9 or later to be installed on your computer. Acrobat Reader can be downloaded from the Adobe website [http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/](http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/). If you are using the computers in the library, then Acrobat has already been installed.

Please note information may also be sent by email to your student email account so please
look at your student email account on a frequent basis.

**Unit Web Page**

The web page for this unit is at Macquarie's new learning management system website: [http://ilearn.mq.edu.au](http://ilearn.mq.edu.au)

Login and follow prompts to CBMS337 Biochemistry and Cell Biology.

You are expected to access the unit web site frequently (i.e., almost daily). This site contains important information including lecture notes that you must typically download before the appropriate lecture class, mid-semester exam and/or assignment.

**Logging In:** Type in the URL [http://ilearn.mq.edu.au](http://ilearn.mq.edu.au) and find CBMS337/837/737. Your username is your Macquarie Student ID Number (MQID), which is an 8 digit number found on your student card. The password is your myMQ Student Portal password. This will be the original MQID password (2 random characters followed by your date of birth in ddmmyy format) that was sent to you on enrolment, unless you have already changed your password in the myMQ Student Portal. If you experience difficulties in getting your reprint or your password, please contact the StudentIT Desk (ph: 9850 6500).

**Teaching and Learning Strategy**

CBMS337 is a 3-credit point half-year unit and will require an average of 9 hours of work per week (contact hours plus self-study time). For students with “weaker” biochemistry backgrounds, more time than the 9 hours per week will probably be necessary to perform satisfactorily in this unit.

CBMS337 consists of 2 hours of lectures and a 4 hour laboratory class every week. The unit is designed to allow you to develop an understanding of biochemistry and cell biology and the practical skills to undertake experiments in this field in an efficient and safe manner. The lecture material and laboratories complement each other and have been developed to increase your understanding of the topics so you can achieve the learning outcomes.

The unit coordinator’s expectation is that you will:

- Attend all lectures. If you cannot attend a lecture, you are expected to listen to the iLecture as soon as possible after it is made available.
- Demonstrate reasonable competence in all laboratory preparation exercises and attend each laboratory class/tutorial.
- Perform satisfactorily in the final exam.
- Spend an average of no less than 3 hours per week of private study in addition to direct contact.

If you prepare and attend all components of the unit and work consistently/continuously throughout the semester, you should be able to develop a strong understanding of biochemistry and how it operates in the context of molecular cell biology.

Students who “memorise” just before final exams typically do poorly in this unit.
You are expected to download lecture materials and bring these to lectures so you can spend most of the time listening rather than transcribing. Do not assume notes or iLectures are in any way a suitable substitute for attending lectures – lecturers put an effort into making the lectures up to date and relevant, whilst textbooks cannot not cover all examples or the latest research. Students historically fall behind and perform poorly if they do not attend lectures.

Learning is an active process, and as such you must engage with the material. This means downloading and reading lecture notes and relevant sections of the textbook (and beyond) before and after lectures are strongly recommended.

- The mid-semester exam will be run in a practical class.
- Laboratory prac classes are designed to develop basic laboratory skills, general safety practices and critical and analytical thought. In-lab and post-lab work are designed to allow you to appropriately record experimental observations and calculations in a detailed and accurate manner and assess your understanding of the theory behind experiments.

**Changes to the Unit Since Last Offering**

CBMS337 Biochemistry & Cell Biology in 2013 has undergone some important changes based on student assessment received in 2010 to 2012. As well the unit now has a new coordinator (Prof. Baker). He has heard student feedback and has simplified the unit by condensing lectures into 2 instead of the 3 lectures per week, with his strong encouragement that students consult heavily with their prescribed Alberts et al., textbook for examples and additional explanatory materials. Other changes include that practical reports are now worth 25% instead of 20%, with the final exam worth 40% instead of 50%. More emphasis is now placed upon peer learning experiences, like the *Subcellular Challenge* in week 1 practical class (5%) and *Hot Topics in Cell Biology* in the final two practical classes (5%). CBMS337/837 was offered first in 2010 and resulted from a merger between CBMS309 Advanced Biochemistry and CBMS375 Cell & Developmental Biology. CBMS337/837 contains the most critical lecture materials and the best laboratory classes from both units.

In addition to streamlining the unit, aspects previously duplicated are now being solely covered in other Faculty of Science units. For example, all immunology found in your textbook is now covered in BIOL367 *Immunobiology*, whilst all development of multicellular organisms material is covered in BIOL208 *Animal Structure & Function* and BIOL247 *Systems Physiology*). This has allowed CBMS337 to now focus upon the important aspects of the biochemistry and molecular cell biology of eukaryotic organisms..

**Unit Schedule**

CBMS337/837/737  Biochemistry & Cell Biology 2014 Lecture Plan (max 25 lecture slots), subject to minor changes

Unit Coordinator: Prof Mark Baker (yellow) Lecturers: A/Prof Rob Willows (green), Dr Abidali Mohamedali (teal)
**Unit guide** CBMS337 Biochemistry and Cell Biology

**Tuesday: C5C230 Collaborative Forum (9am-10am) and Friday C5C230 Collaborative Forum (9am-10am)**

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<td>Membrane Transport of Small Molecules &amp; the Electrical Properties of Membranes 2: Ion Channels and the Electrical Properties of Membranes</td>
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<td>Intracellular Vesicular Traffic 2: Transport: ERàTrans Golgi NetworkàLysosomes; CellàPlasma Membrane; Trans Golgi NetworkàCell Exterior</td>
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## CBMS337/837/737 Biochemistry & Cell Biology 2014 Practical Session Plan

**Practical Demonstrator:** A/Prof Rob Willows + relevant staff as numbers require

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| 1 Sept Mon | P3 | Enzyme inhibition - Yeast hexokinase Day 1  
Select “Human Cell Atlas” Cell Type and Select “Molecular Cell Biology Hot Topic” |
| 8 Sept Mon | P3 | Enzyme inhibition - Yeast hexokinase Day 2 [Combined Report (P3) to be written on both practicals] |
| 15 Sept Mon |  | Mid-Semester Exam (E7B349; all CBMS337/737/837 students, 1-2pm sharp, Lectures 1–12 examinable)  
Prac Reports 2 and 3 Due 15th September 2014 (or agreed with Prof. Willows) |
| 30 Sept Mon | P4 | Serpin Bioinformatics |
| 06 Oct Mon |  | No Practicals - Labour Day Public Holiday (NSW) |
| 13 Oct Mon | P5 | Immunolocalization Staining |
| 20 Oct Mon | P5 | Immunolocalization of RuBisCO C3 Vs C4 plants  
Human Cell Atlas Project Due |
| 27 Oct Mon | P6 | Molecular Cell Biology Hot Topics Talks 1 (all students must attend)  
Practical Reports 5 and 6 Due |
| 03 Nov Mon | P6 | Molecular Cell Biology Hot Topics Talks 2 (all students must attend) |

*Lecture & Practical timetable subject to change*
Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html
Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of 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/support/student_conduct/

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 improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Services and 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.
Student Enquiries
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help.

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

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative
We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Assessment tasks

• Subcellular Challenge
Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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- Define the key experimental methodologies by which cell biologists understand how cell function;
- Be able to successfully communicate advanced molecular cell biological concepts and research verbally and in writing;
- Extract information from and communicate to their peers a summary of a recent publication in a contemporary area of molecular cell biology; and
- Contribute to the generation of new data and where appropriate entries in scientific databases.

Assessment tasks

- Subcellular Challenge
- Mid-Semester Exam
Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Have a detailed understanding of the biochemistry (e.g., kinetics and pathways) and molecular cell biology (e.g., molecular composition, detailed processes, cross-talk, integration and signaling) concerning how cell work in health and disease;
- Possess an understanding of the application of various genomics and proteomics methodologies fundamental to an understanding of normal cell biological processes (e.g., cell division, cell growth, mutation, cell death, cell signaling, cell adhesion, cell movement, ) and how disturbances in these are involved in disease;
- Define the major biological systems and control points involved in a range of fundamental cell processes;
- Define the key experimental methodologies by which cell biologists understand how cell function;
- Extract information from and communicate to their peers a summary of a recent publication in a contemporary area of molecular cell biology; and
- Contribute to the generation of new data and where appropriate entries in scientific databases.

**Assessment tasks**

- Subcellular Challenge
- Mid-Semester Exam
- Practical Reports
- Human Cell Atlas Assignment
- Hot Topics Seminar
Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Have a detailed understanding of the biochemistry (e.g., kinetics and pathways) and molecular cell biology (e.g., molecular composition, detailed processes, cross-talk, integration and signaling) concerning how cell work in health and disease;
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- Mid-Semester Exam
- Practical Reports
- Human Cell Atlas Assignment
- Hot Topics Seminar
- Final Examination
Problem Solving and ResearchCapability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Have a detailed understanding of the biochemistry (e.g., kinetics and pathways) and molecular cell biology (e.g., molecular composition, detailed processes, cross-talk, integration and signaling) concerning how cell work in health and disease;
- Possess an understanding of the application of various genomics and proteomics methodologies fundamental to an understanding of normal cell biological processes (e.g., cell division, cell growth, mutation, cell death, cell signaling, cell adhesion, cell movement,) and how disturbances in these are involved in disease;
- Describe qualitative and quantitative relationships between cellular structure and function;
- Define the key experimental methodologies by which cell biologists understand how cell function;
- Be able to design experiments to characterise, quantitate and measure a range of fundamental cell processes;
- Extract information from and communicate to their peers a summary of a recent publication in a contemporary area of molecular cell biology; and
- Contribute to the generation of new data and where appropriate entries in scientific databases.

Assessment tasks

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- Final Examination

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be
imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Have a detailed understanding of the biochemistry (e.g., kinetics and pathways) and molecular cell biology (e.g., molecular composition, detailed processes, cross-talk, integration and signaling) concerning how cell work in health and disease;
- Possess an understanding of the application of various genomics and proteomics methodologies fundamental to an understanding of normal cell biological processes (e.g., cell division, cell growth, mutation, cell death, cell signaling, cell adhesion, cell movement,) and how disturbances in these are involved in disease;
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**Effective Communication**

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:
Learning outcomes

• Be able to successfully communicate advanced molecular cell biological concepts and research verbally and in writing;
• Extract information from and communicate to their peers a summary of a recent publication in a contemporary area of molecular cell biology; and
• Contribute to the generation of new data and where appropriate entries in scientific databases.

Assessment tasks

• Subcellular Challenge
• Practical Reports
• Human Cell Atlas Assignment
• Hot Topics Seminar

Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

• Possess an understanding of the application of various genomics and proteomics methodologies fundamental to an understanding of normal cell biological processes (e.g., cell division, cell growth, mutation, cell death, cell signaling, cell adhesion, cell movement,) and how disturbances in these are involved in disease;
• Be able to successfully communicate advanced molecular cell biological concepts and research verbally and in writing;
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Assessment tasks

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• Mid-Semester Exam
Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Possess an understanding of the application of various genomics and proteomics methodologies fundamental to an understanding of normal cell biological processes (e.g., cell division, cell growth, mutation, cell death, cell signaling, cell adhesion, cell movement,) and how disturbances in these are involved in disease;
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