

PRINCIPLES OF BIOCHEMISTRY 3621 SECTION 002
TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE
FALL SEMESTER, 2026

TuTh 9:35AM - 10:55AM
LIFE A204

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Prerequisite: Must have taken CHEM 3601 (Organic Chemistry or Equivalent)

Catalog Course Description: **BIOC 3621. Principles of Biochemistry.** 3 hours. Chemistry of biomolecules; amino acids, proteins, enzymes, carbohydrates, lipids, nucleotides, nucleic acids, vitamins and coenzymes; metabolism of biomolecules, generation and utilization of energy. Prerequisite(s): one term/semester of organic chemistry. Counts toward chemistry minor for biology majors when taken concurrently with BIOC 3622. For students needing one term/semester biochemistry course; admission to the biology/biochemistry major, or consent of department. May not be used in the degree if credit is earned in BIOC 4540 or BIOC 4550. Has no ties to the Biochemistry lab.

Required Text: *Biochemistry*, 9th Edition or above by Mary K. Campbell and Shawn O. Farrell, Cengage Learning (formerly Thomson Brooks/Cole), 2015(18). The web site for Cengage is <http://www.academic.cengage.com>.

Course Objectives and Goals for BIOC 3621: To learn and understand the major classes of biomolecules found in living organisms, the control and regulation of protein structure and function, enzyme kinetics, nucleic acid structure, lipid structure and function, membrane transport, biochemical evolution, carbohydrate structure and function, and introduction to the major metabolic pathways.

Tentative Lecture Schedule and Course Requirements: The tentative lecture schedule given below basically follows the text sequence. However, some chapters will be emphasized more strongly than other chapters. This is a tentative lecture and exam schedule, subject to change. If and when there are changes, announcements will be made in class. You will also be notified by Eagle Alert if there is a campus closing that will impact a class. Please see the Emergency Notifications and Procedures Policy (PDF) (https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.049_Standard%20Syllabus%20Policy%20Statements_supplement.pdf).

Attendance is necessary to gain the understanding and knowledge to do well on the exams. Research has shown that students who attend class are more likely to be successful. You should attend every class unless you have a university excused absence such as active military service, a religious holy day, or an official university function as stated in the Student Attendance and Authorized Absences Policy (PDF) (https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.039_StudentAttendancePolicy.Pub2_19.pdf). If you cannot attend a class due to an emergency, please let me know. Your safety and well-being are important to me. Students should read the appropriate material in the text **BEFORE** the lecture. Students are responsible for all material covered in lectures, whether it comes directly from the text or not.

Testing and Grading: Four (4) exams (including the final examination) will be given. **All 4 exams MUST be taken in order to get a grade in the class.** The final exam will **NOT** be comprehensive. The lower of the four exam grades will be dropped.

Only exams missed with prior approval or documented emergency/illness may be rescheduled, with format of the rescheduled exam at instructor discretion (usually discussion and/or oral make-up exams). All cell phones and camera phones must be turned off and completely out of sight during all examinations. **Note that no class member will be admitted to take an exam after the first class member taking the exam has departed the classroom**. If an exam is scheduled on a day the university is closed due to bad weather, that exam will be given in the next class period.

Notes: Students interrupting class by talking, being disruptive, or using cell phones or ipods will be asked to leave the classroom. The students are responsible for knowing all drop dates and withdrawal dates. It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with the university policy on cheating, plagiarism, and student code of conduct found at the web site www.unt.edu/csrr/categories_of_misconduct.

Disabilities Accommodation: The Department of Biological Sciences complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you believe you have a disability requiring accommodation, please see the instructor and/or contact the Office of Disability Accommodation at 940-565-4323 by the 12th class day for accommodation.

UNT Policies

Academic Integrity Policy

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University. [Insert specific sanction or academic penalty for specific academic integrity violation.
(https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.049_Standard%20Syllabus%20Policy%20Statements_supplement.pdf).

ADA Policy

UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one's specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the [ODA website](https://disability.unt.edu/) (<https://disability.unt.edu/>).

Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Policy 16.004)

The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

Emergency Notification & Procedures

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

Retention of Student Records

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student's records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University's policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT's [Code of Student Conduct](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) (<https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>) to learn more.

Access to Information - Eagle Connect

Students' access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student's Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail [Eagle Connect](https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect) (<https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect>).

Student Evaluation Administration Dates

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the [SPOT website](http://spot.unt.edu/) (<http://spot.unt.edu/>) or email spot@unt.edu.

Sexual Assault Prevention

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT's Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim's compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at oeo@unt.edu or at (940) 565 2759.

Important Notice for F-1 Students taking Distance Education Courses

Federal Regulation

To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website](http://www.ecfr.gov/) (<http://www.ecfr.gov/>). The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f)(6)(i)(G).

The paragraph reads:

(G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

University of North Texas Compliance

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student's responsibility to do the following:

- (1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
- (2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office. ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email internationaladvising@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

Student Verification

UNT takes measures to protect the integrity of educational credentials awarded to students enrolled in distance education courses by verifying student identity, protecting student privacy, and notifying students of any special meeting times/locations or additional charges associated with student identity verification in distance education courses.

See [UNT Policy 07-002 Student Identity Verification, Privacy, and Notification and Distance Education Courses](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002) (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002>).

Use of Student Work

A student owns the copyright for all work (e.g. software, photographs, reports, presentations, and email postings) he or she creates within a class and the University is not entitled to use any student work without the student's permission unless all of the following criteria are met:

- The work is used only once.
- The work is not used in its entirety.
- Use of the work does not affect any potential profits from the work.

- The student is not identified.
- The work is identified as student work.

If the use of the work does not meet all of the above criteria, then the University office or department using the work must obtain the student's written permission.

Download the UNT System Permission, Waiver and Release Form

Transmission and Recording of Student Images in Electronically-Delivered Courses

1. No permission is needed from a student for his or her image or voice to be transmitted live via videoconference or streaming media, but all students should be informed when courses are to be conducted using either method of delivery.
2. In the event an instructor records student presentations, he or she must obtain permission from the student using a signed release in order to use the recording for future classes in accordance with the Use of Student-Created Work guidelines above.
3. Instructors who video-record their class lectures with the intention of re-using some or all of recordings for future class offerings must notify students on the course syllabus if students' images may appear on video. Instructors are also advised to provide accommodation for students who do not wish to appear in class recordings.

No notification is needed if only audio and slide capture is used or if the video only records the instructor's image. However, the instructor is encouraged to let students know the recordings will be available to them for study purposes.

Academic Support & Student Services

Student Support Services

Mental Health

UNT provides mental health resources to students to help ensure there are numerous outlets to turn to that wholeheartedly care for and are there for students in need, regardless of the nature of an issue or its severity. Listed below are several resources on campus that can support your academic success and mental well-being:

- [Student Health and Wellness Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center>)
- [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>)
- [UNT Care Team](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care>)
- [UNT Psychiatric Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry>)
- [Individual Counseling](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling>)

Chosen Names

A chosen name is a name that a person goes by that may or may not match their legal name. If you have a chosen name that is different from your legal name and would like that to be used in class, please let the instructor know. Below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

- [UNT Records](#)
- [UNT ID Card](#)

- [UNT Email Address](#)
- [Legal Name](#)

**UNT euIDs cannot be changed at this time. The collaborating offices are working on a process to make this option accessible to UNT community members.*

Pronouns

Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you, much like your name, and can be shared with a name when making an introduction, both virtually and in-person. Just as we ask and don't assume someone's name, we should also ask and not assume someone's pronouns.

You can [add your pronouns to your Canvas account](#) so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

Below is a list of additional resources regarding pronouns and their usage:

- [What are pronouns and why are they important?](#)
- [How do I use pronouns?](#)
- [How do I share my pronouns?](#)
- [How do I ask for another person's pronouns?](#)
- [How do I correct myself or others when the wrong pronoun is used?](#)

Additional Student Support Services

- [Registrar](#) (<https://registrar.unt.edu/registration>)
- [Financial Aid](#) (<https://financialaid.unt.edu/>)
- [Student Legal Services](#) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services>)
- [Career Center](#) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center>)
- [Multicultural Center](#) (<https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center>)
- [Counseling and Testing Services](#) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>)
- [Pride Alliance](#) (<https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance>)
- [UNT Food Pantry](#) (<https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry>)

Academic Support Services

- [Academic Resource Center](#) (<https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources>)
- [Academic Success Center](#) (<https://success.unt.edu/asc>)
- [UNT Libraries](#) (<https://library.unt.edu/>)
- [Writing Lab](#) (<http://writingcenter.unt.edu/>)

Tentative Course Schedule

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Date	Chapter/Topic	
Aug. 18	Ch. 1	Science of biochemistry, organization of cells, introduction to thermodynamics
Aug. 20	Ch. 1	Continued. Pre-assessment test.
Aug. 25	Ch. 2	Water, hydrogen bonding, solvent properties, pH and buffers.
Aug. 27	Ch. 2	Continued
Sep. 1	Ch. 3	Amino acids and peptides
Sep. 3	Ch. 3	Continued
Sep. 8	Ch. 4	Three-dimensional structure of proteins

Sep. 10	Ch. 4 Continued
Sep. 15	EXAM 1: Ch. 1, 2, 3, and 4
Sep. 17	Ch. 5 Protein purification and characterization
Sep. 22	Ch. 6 Enzyme kinetics and inhibition
Sep. 24	Ch. 6 Continued
Sep. 29	Ch. 7 Enzyme mechanism, regulation and control
Oct. 1	Ch. 7 Continued
Oct. 6	Ch. 8 Lipids and membranes
Oct. 8	Ch. 8 Continued
Oct. 13	EXAM 2: Ch. 5, 6, 7 and 8
Oct. 15	Ch. 15 Energy changes and electron transfer in metabolism
Oct. 20	Ch. 15 Continued
Oct. 22	Ch. 16 Carbohydrates
Oct. 27	Ch. 16 Continued
Oct. 29	Ch. 17 Glycolysis
Nov. 3	Ch. 17 Continued
Nov. 5	EXAM 3: Ch. 15, 16 and 17
Nov. 10	Ch. 18 Storage mechanisms and control in carbohydrate metabolism
Nov. 12	Ch. 19 Citric acid cycle
Nov. 17	Ch. 20 Electron transport and oxidative phosphorylation
Nov. 19	Ch. 20 Continued.
Nov. 24	Fall break– no class
Nov. 26	Fall break– no class
Dec. 1	Ch. 21 Lipid Metabolism. Extra credit presentations. Post-assessment test.
Dec. 3	Final review
Dec. 10	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. EXAM 4 (or FINAL EXAM); Ch. 18, 19, 20 and 21 (https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/fall.html)