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Dear Prospective Student,

The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at Rosalind Franklin University has a proud tradition of training outstanding research scientists for successful careers in the biomedical sciences. In doing so, we continually strive to contribute to the current fields of research and knowledge. Toward those ends, we in the Graduate School have developed numerous opportunities for you to fulfill your academic goals. Our programs provide multiple and varied research experiences followed by in-depth research endeavors that will prepare you for your future career. It is an exciting time at Rosalind Franklin University. Over the past few years, we have grown significantly with new basic science investigators throughout each department in addition to the development of new programs and schools. Our Graduate School is now one of five schools at Rosalind Franklin University, all of which are devoted to the biomedical and health professions. The emphasis on interprofessional education at Rosalind Franklin University provides a truly unique, broad-based, interactive academic climate contributing to our careers in biomedical sciences. This approach, coupled with the intensive, directed research of individual investigators and their research teams within the Graduate School, generates tremendous opportunities for innovative, interdisciplinary research. As such the Graduate School is both a focal point and source of innovation, discovery, and progress. The students, staff, and faculty within our Graduate School enrich this research environment. As a student within the Graduate School, you will find outstanding investigators and educators who are committed to the advancement of science and to your success in research, education, and training. I hope you will be inspired to join us in our pursuit of knowledge and long legacy of discovery.

Sincerely,

Joseph X. DiMario, PhD

Dean, School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
**HISTORY**

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a five-college University that was originally built around the Chicago Medical School (CMS), which has been educating physicians and furthering biomedical research for 95 years. From the first days in 1912, the physician and citizen founders of CMS aimed to establish a combined medical school and hospital where men and women could study medicine at night, a common practice at the time. The School's noteworthy period of development took place under the direction of John J. Sheinin, MD, PhD, DSc, who served as dean and president from 1932 to 1966. It was during his administration that CMS successfully met the challenges arising from the revolutionary restructuring of American medical education following the Flexner Report.

In 1930, the Medical School moved to what was to become one of the world's largest aggregations of medical facilities. Located just west of downtown Chicago, this complex contained three medical schools, seven hospitals, colleges of dentistry, pharmacy and nursing, and two undergraduate universities. CMS occupied an 11-story facility in the renowned research and educational center.

In 1980, the University relocated to its current campus in North Chicago, IL, adjacent to the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Naval Station Great Lakes. In 1993, the institution was renamed for its long time leader and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Herman M. Finch. The University of Health Sciences/ The Chicago Medical School, granted full accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1980, represented one of the first educational institutions in the country devoted exclusively to educating men and women for a broad range of professional careers in health care and research. In 2001, The Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine (established in 1912) became part of the University structure, which now comprises five colleges. On January 27, 2004, the University publicly announced its intent to change its name to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, in honor of Rosalind Franklin, PhD, a pioneer in the field of DNA research. The name change became legal on March 1, 2004, at which time the School of Related Health Sciences also changed its name to College of Health Professions.

In addition to the name change and the announcement of several new strategic initiatives, the University is currently in the midst of profound physical growth. In October 2002, the University opened its Health Sciences Building, a 140,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that houses laboratories, auditoriums, classrooms, departmental offices, a student union, the Feet First Exhibition, University bookstore, recreational game room, exercise facility, and a café. The University became a residential campus for the first time in its history when three student housing facilities, totaling 180 apartments, opened in July 2003. In 2009, the University announced the opening of the College of Pharmacy.

The University’s Basic Sciences Building is a 400,000-square-foot facility that houses a 52,000-square-foot Library and The Daniel Solomon, MD, and Mary Ann Solomon Learning Resource Center, as well as administrative offices, classrooms, auditoriums, basic science departments, research and teaching laboratories, and dining areas.

Dr. Rosalind Franklin, through her pioneering work in the science of life and her unflagging perseverance, serves as a role model for our faculty and students, and represents the future of biomedical science and integrated health care. Her history mirrors our own in many profound ways, marked by dedication to discovery.
even in the midst of difficult times. Upon that history, her legacy guides the future of the University itself.

After 95 years of excellence in healthcare education, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science has only just begun to write its history. We hope you will join us in creating bold visions for an ambitious future. To learn more about Dr. Rosalind Franklin and the University’s dedication to her legacy, visit www.lifeindiscovery.com.

MISSION
The mission of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is to provide graduate-level education and postdoctoral training to meet the need for highly qualified biomedical research workers and teachers in the rapidly expanding health care field.

Graduate School programs are designed to prepare a student for a lifetime of scholarly pursuits in life sciences research, teaching, administration and care by:

• Comprehensive and specialized training of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows for careers that successfully contribute to biomedical research, teaching, clinical practice, and/or administration.

• Advancing knowledge through biomedical research

• Provision of graduate education for specialized clinical and administrative services in health care.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
It is the policy of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science not to discriminate based on race, sex, sexual orientation, color, creed, religion, national origin, disability, or age in admissions or employment or in any programs or activities. It is the University’s intent to comply with applicable statutes and regulations, including Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. All prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities by mandating a provision of reasonable accommodations to make programs and activities accessible to qualified disabled individuals. There are natural and legal limitations to what services can be provided. It is the University’s goal to assist students in developing their potential in light of what is feasible and reasonable under the law. Inquiries may be directed to the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064-3095; 847-578-3204

ACCREDITATION
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science receives its degree-granting authority from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and is accredited through the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
800.621.7440
312.263.0456
LOCATION
The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is located on the campus of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064. The University is situated in the northern suburbs of Chicago, with easy access to downtown Chicago and the surrounding areas by car or public transportation.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS
Applicants are admitted to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies in one of five categories: Regular Graduate Student, Combined Degree Student (MD/PhD, or DPM/PhD), Faculty Doctoral Student, or the Student-at-Large, and Conditional Acceptance.

Regular Graduate Student
This student intends to seek an MS or PhD degree, and pursues no other academic goal until degree requirements are completed. A Regular Student is one who has been judged by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to meet the admissions requirements and is qualified to pursue the graduate degree. The graduate student is expected to maintain or exceed the SGPS performance requirements, as well as the special requirements of the department for the duration of his/her graduate education.

Regular Students admitted to the Graduate School in pursuit of a doctoral degree enter the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences (IGPBS). This program takes the students through one year of core studies relevant to the various degree offering programs at RFUMS. The first year also includes rotations into different laboratories, allowing the student to experience the type of research that is done in each laboratory before making a laboratory selection. By the end of that year, the IGPBS student selects a mentor/advisor in whose laboratory their doctoral thesis will be researched.

Regular students are considered full-time, unless otherwise designated by the Dean or Program Director. Students must be enrolled for a minimum of 1 credit each quarter to maintain full time status. Student and mentor work together to determine the appropriate quarterly demands to ensure steady progress toward the degree.

Combined Degree Graduate Student

- **MD/PhD** This student pursues a combined degree and has been judged by the admission committees of both the graduate and medical schools to have met their respective admission requirements. The program is designed for individuals who are strongly motivated to have a career in academic medicine and research. Application may be made simultaneously to both schools or after the completion of the first year of medical education at the Chicago Medical School.

- **DPM/PhD** The program is designed for individuals who are strongly motivated to have a career in academic medicine and research. Application may be made only after completion of the first year of podiatric medical education at Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine. Accepted students are notified in April of their 2nd year and begin studies after completion of their P2 requirements.
After studying for two years in the clinical program at RFUMS, MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students pursue their PhD through a funded program before finishing their third- and fourth-year clinical rotations. In the PhD phase of the program, students are mentored by experienced primary investigators and train in cutting-edge laboratories. The PhD phase of the program must be completed before the student can return to their MD or DPM studies.

**Faculty Doctoral Program**

This program is designed for individuals who are full-time, salaried faculty members at RFUMS and who are qualified to pursue a PhD in biomedical sciences, while maintaining a faculty appointment within their home department. The graduate student in this program is expected to maintain all SGPS performance requirements, as well as any special requirements of the Faculty Doctoral Program and the Research Department for the duration of their graduate education. Prospective Faculty Doctoral candidates are encouraged to discuss the application process with program director Rosanne Thomas, PhD, rossanne.thomas@rosalindfranklin.edu, phone 847/578-8695. The application process is lengthy and requires a pre-admission lab rotation.

**Student-at-Large**

The Student-at-Large intends to satisfy an intermediate academic or career goal by completing specific graduate school courses. This limited goal must be achievable in no more than three academic quarters and by itself does not result in a degree. This explicit goal is stated and mutually agreed upon as a condition for admission as a Student-at-Large. Academic and other performance requirements related to the goal of the study program are also agreed upon as a condition for admission as a Student-at-Large. Students in good standing in another school may become a Student-at-Large. This status may not undermine the SGPS application deadlines, materials, standard academic qualifications or IGPBS first year curriculum.

**Conditional Acceptance**

Candidates may, on rare occasion, be accepted conditionally for formal programs of study within the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Conditions for acceptance will be provided in writing and agreed upon before matriculation. Academic performance and other on-going measures of the student’s ability to succeed in the Graduate School are required.

**ADMISSION**

This section describes only the procedures and minimum requirements for admission to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. It should be noted that for the Faculty Doctoral Program and in the instances of Transfer Students, some departments may have additional specific requirements for admission. Prospective applicants for the above situations are urged to review these requirements in the individual department's section in this catalogue. Candidates are considered for admission without regard for disabilities, as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act and related legislation. However, the Graduate School has determined a series of abilities and skills that are required of all students. These Technical Standards are detailed in the Graduate School Handbook.
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Information about completing an application is available from:

Office of Admissions
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
3333 Green Bay Road North Chicago, Illinois 60064 Telephone: 847-578-3204
Application forms are available at: http://www.rosalindfranklin.edu/tabid/1655/Default.aspx

Completed applications should be returned to the Office of Admissions. The following materials are required to complete an application as a degree candidate to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies:

1. Completed application form and transcripts from all post-secondary institutions previously attended. International credentials submitted for certain programs may need to be evaluated for U.S. equivalency.
2. Current scores for the GRE (Graduate Record Examination). Combined Degree Applicants submit MCAT scores instead of GRE scores. Neither score is required of applicants to the Faculty Doctoral Degree.
3. Three letters of recommendation from persons involved in the applicant's previous educational or work experience, whichever was more extensive and recent. One of these three letters must be from from the candidate's primary research mentor, if applicable.
4. A personal interview is recommended when possible. When an interview is not possible, the requirement may be satisfied by a telephone or videoconference interview. The interview cannot be waived for Students-at-Large and Combined Degree applicants.
5. Proficiency in both written and verbal English language skills is required. A valid Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of any international applicant from a country in which English is not the native language. These requirements may be waived at the University's discretion for applicants who are permanent residents or who have been studying, full-time, at a United States institution for two consecutive years. A financial statement for international students, with supporting documentation, is required of all foreign applicants, if offered an acceptance for graduate study. (Not required for Faculty Doctoral Program).
6. Applicants to the Faculty Doctoral Program must submit:
   - A letter from the Chair and/or Dean of the Department in which the candidate holds a primary appointment. This letter must indicate their support for pursuit of the PhD degree completion by providing the candidate with the time, relief of duties, alternate schedule, etc. (within reason)
   - Three letters of recommendation from applicant's own school/department, at assistant professor or higher, previous research supervisors or equivalent.
   - Professional CV
   - Outline of previous research experience, including a chronological list of all publications or abstracts on which the candidates' name appears (title, date and all contributing author information is required).
   - One-page personal essay describing the candidate's motivation, career goal, and reasons for pursuing graduate studies at RFUMS. Include the anticipated department enhancement as a result of pursuing this degree.
   - Well-delineated research question or hypothesis that the candidate plans to pursue during the course of study.
TRANSFER APPLICATIONS
Students wishing to transfer from an external doctoral program into a doctoral program in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies may apply for a transfer with advanced standing. However, all aspects of the student’s academic accomplishments will be reviewed to determine whether the candidate fulfills the requirements of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. These applications are evaluated by the Graduate Admissions Committee on a case-by-case basis.

HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE CONCERNING AN APPLICATION
Once an application for admission as a regular student is complete, the Admissions Office reviews the credentials and forwards them to the Graduate School Admissions Committee. The Committee submits its recommendation to the Dean for further action. Those applications that are found acceptable by the Committee for Transfer or for the Faculty Doctoral Program are forwarded to the appropriate department for evaluation, since individual departments may have additional requirements for admission. The department reviews the application and makes its recommendation to the Dean. Notice of acceptance or rejection of a candidate is issued only from the Office of the SGPS Dean. Combined Degree acceptances must also be reviewed and approved by the respective CMS or SCPM Dean.

A candidate for Student-at-Large status not seeking a degree must request permission to apply from the department of interest. The department will develop a statement of objectives for the course work the student seeks to complete and set performance standards that the student will be expected to meet. Once approved by the Dean, these standards and objectives constitute the conditions under which a student is admitted as a “Student-at-Large”.

Applications from degree-seeking students who are recommended by the Graduate School Admissions Committee as well as the SGPS Dean may be offered a “Conditional Acceptance” with specific material or academic parameters, if their level of academic achievement is not consistent with minimum SGPS criteria. The parameters set for these students as a condition of acceptance will be used to evaluate their candidacy as a regular student after a predetermined number of quarters have been completed.

SECURING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF AN INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION
The Admissions Office provides the applicant with information about the status of their application. In addition, the Office periodically notifies the applicant concerning items missing from their application.

Once an application is complete, it is forwarded to the Graduate Admissions Committee. Although the University cannot predict when a particular application will be decided upon, the applicant is notified of a decision as soon as possible.

The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies recognizes that it handles, distributes, and transmits personal and confidential information about student applicants, enrolled students and other trainees to administrative offices in departments at RFUMS. This information is covered under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 as amended. The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies recognizes that maintenance of confidentiality is important to applicants and current trainees.
All faculty and staff affiliated with the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies who handle, transport, and/or evaluate student applicant and current trainee files are required to maintain the confidentiality and security of all files. Current students within programs of the Graduate School may not possess applicant files or be responsible for the security of applicant files. The Graduate School strongly discourages the practice of duplication of application material. Information regarding individual applicants or current trainees will not be shared with other individuals without expressly written permission by the applicant or trainee. No personally identifying information of any kind about an applicant or current trainee will be given over the phone, regardless of permission. Aggregate information regarding applications and current trainees may be collected and provided to state, federal, and accrediting agencies. In any case, all information is de-identified of any personal, private information.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES**

Candidates for admission must have a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants are selected on the basis of previous academic work, adequate preparation in the field of proposed graduate study (as determined by the graduate faculty in that field), grade point average, satisfactory scores on the required examinations, recommendations from persons involved in the student's previous educational, research and work experience, a personal interview, and such other considerations that the applicable University and departmental admissions committee deem appropriate. When a personal interview is not feasible (students in foreign countries), telephone or videoconference interviews are employed.

**WHAT ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES LOOK FOR IN A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT**

*NOTE: Departmental criteria for successful applicants are discussed in the appropriate departmental section of this catalogue.*

In general, the Graduate School’s Admissions Committee considers criteria it deems appropriate in recommending applicants for admission. It looks for, among other criteria, the following demonstrated or potential characteristics in applicants it recommends for admission:

1. Evidence that the applicant can meet the scholastic requirements of the Graduate School on the basis of past academic performances.
2. A high level of academic learning, especially a strong aptitude for abstract thought and conceptualization.
3. Capacity for conducting well-organized, independent scientific investigations.
4. Ability to cope successfully with the academic, research and/or clinical performance required in a graduate school curriculum.
5. Motivation to make a lifetime commitment to academic study, scientific research, health administration, or clinical service.
6. Commitment to the highest standards of ethical and professional behavior.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AS STUDENT-AT-LARGE**

To be considered for admission as a Student-at-Large, the applicant should:

1. Hold at least a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from a regionally accredited college or university. A transcript from the institution where the applicant received the bachelor’s degree is required.
2. Clearly state the objective he/she seeks to achieve by successfully completing the proposed course work.
3. International applicants must demonstrate language ability by providing TOEFL results, as detailed above.
WHAT ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES LOOK FOR IN A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT-AT-LARGE

In general, the Dean, the appropriate departmental chairs, and admissions committees consider criteria they deem important in deciding whether to admit an applicant as a student-at-large. Among the criteria they look for are the following:

1. Evidence that the desired educational objective can realistically be achieved.
2. Evidence that the academic performance criteria chosen by the applicant realistically reflect the educational objective. (Ex: If the objective of the educational experience is to secure a graduate school admission, the academic performance criterion should be at least a “B” average for a full academic load.)
3. A maximum of one academic year in the student-at-large student status is permitted.
4. For students assigned to a department, their status must be reviewed at the end of each academic quarter by the Department Chair and appropriate recommendation made to the Dean. This recommendation may include one of the following:
   - That the student continues pursuit of the academic objective(s) and his/her enrollment be continued.
   - That the student's academic objective has been met, and his/her enrollment terminated.
   - That the student's academic objective has not been met, and his/her enrollment terminated.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FACULTY DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Prior to acceptance in the program, the applicant must demonstrate evidence of the following:

- An earned masters degree or entry level professional degree from an accredited university or college, with a GPA \( \geq 3.0 \)
- Evidence of an academic and/or scholarly background in current basic science or clinical research.
- Current faculty appointment in RFUMS.
- School dean and department chair written endorsement/support of degree pursuit and plan of study.
- Three letters of recommendation from applicant’s own school/department, at assistant professor or higher, previous research supervisors or equivalent.
- A developed, feasible research question congruent with RFU resources.
- An identified mentor who will intellectually and finally support the applicant’s doctoral work.
- Completion of a preliminary laboratory rotation with selected mentor.

WHAT ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES LOOK FOR IN A SUCCESSFUL FACULTY DOCTORAL APPLICANT

Successful Applicants

- Already have an academic appointment within the University which they will maintain while pursuing a terminal degree.
- Applicants have an established track record of maturity, diplomacy and successful time management skills within their appointment.
- Applicants enter the program with a well defined research agenda including procurement of an appropriate mentor.
- Display significant drive and independence, as well as responsibility for their own learning process.
- They will follow the established matriculation process established by IGPBS, but each plan of study, including course work and research will be individually established.
- Pre-Application Lab Rotation Assessment – Each candidate for the program must complete a lab rotation with the prospective mentor, for a minimum of 3 months (can be part time). The mentor must complete an assessment of the rotation using the pre-formatted form available on the SGPS Resources webpage.
MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR COMBINED DEGREE APPLICANT
To be accepted as a combined degree student, the applicant must be accepted into both the Chicago Medical School or Dr. Wm. M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Application to the Combined Degree Program is made simultaneously to both schools via the Combined Degree application process.

ENTRY-LEVEL MD/PhD STUDENTS
The application process begins with an application to the Chicago Medical School through AMCAS (www.amcas.org). Students designate their application to the Chicago Medical School as “Combined Medical/PhD” when applying. Candidates must submit all required documents for completion of the medical school file (supplementary application, letters of recommendation and application fee, etc.) and abide by the standard CMS application deadlines. Accepted MD/PhD candidates are admitted jointly to both the Chicago Medical School and the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

INTERNAL STUDENTS (MD/PhD OR DPM/PhD)
Current RFUMS students beginning their M2 year at the Chicago Medical School or P2 year at Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine are also eligible to apply for the Combined Degree program, with what is known as a “Track II application”. These are highly motivated students who have found a calling to become physician scientists. These students must have maintained a 3.5 GPA while enrolled at RFUMS and have identified and have laboratory experience with a willing and approved research mentor in the basic sciences.

These students, if admitted, enter the Graduate phase of the program after completion of their M2 or P2 year, and begin working immediately with a research mentor towards their PhD. Prospective Track II students should submit an application to the Admissions Office. The following items must be submitted in support of the application.

- Completed Track II Application Form
- RFUMS Student File and Transcript Release
- Two letters of recommendation from professors who can evaluate the candidate’s research activities and research potential. One of these letters must be from the proposed RFUMS research mentor, the second may be from another RFUMS, undergraduate, or external research advisor.
- Physician Scientist and Research Background Essays.

Accepted Track II candidates must submit mentor agreement documentation, but may not continue in the lab before passing their USMLE Step I or NBPME Part I exam. Only upon completion of the PhD may Combined Degree Students re-enter the clinical phase of their respective (M3 or P3).

CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE
In some cases, a conditional acceptance may be offered for one of the degree-seeking programs of the University. Acceptance conditions could include items such as verification of materials, successful completion of external coursework or exams, or program performance benchmarks in the program to which the person has been accepted. In all cases, the conditions and deadline for meeting the conditions will be clearly articulated in the acceptance letter for the program.
TRANSFERRING COURSE CREDIT FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL
The Dean and the appropriate departmental chair are glad to consider transferring course credits from another institution. Normally, such determination is made individually, based on available information concerning the course work at the outside institution.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Because the University recognizes that interested persons need more information than this catalogue can provide, prospective applicants and their advisors are encouraged to contact the respective Program Director, the Dean of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, or the Office of Admissions. Visit us on the Web at www.rosalindfranklin.edu. In addition, the Graduate School Handbook orients entering students and details the school's daily routine and is provided to entering students.

NON-IMMIGRANT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant international students to full-time SGPS. For questions regarding immigration matters, please contact the International Student Advisor, located in Enrollment Services Office at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064 847/578-3204.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS
The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies encourages the appointment of postdoctoral fellows whenever worthwhile educational and research objectives can be achieved and the availability of resources can be established prior to the appointment. The purpose of postdoctoral training is to provide the fellow with training in an advanced field and in the skills necessary to succeed as an independent investigator. Persons interested in becoming postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to discuss the matter with a graduate school faculty member who is working in the candidate's field of interest. When a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be reached, the faculty member seeks the approval of the Departmental Chair and the Dean.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
The PhD is awarded in recognition of proficiency in research and scholarship relating to a specific field. The candidate must demonstrate ability in a field by passing recommendation to candidacy examinations in both general and specialty areas, and by preparing a doctoral dissertation. This dissertation must demonstrate the student's ability to master the literature, to do independent research and to make an original contribution the chosen field.

Regular Graduate Students will be enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences (IGPBS) core curriculum for their first year of studies and then take the advanced graduate courses of the department (program) of the advisor they have selected for their doctoral studies.

Students in the doctoral program may be awarded an MS under certain circumstances. These include: 1) the MS is an integrated sub-section of the overall doctoral project. (In this case, the MS is simply one of the integrated chapters of the final dissertation (thesis) document); or 2) it is awarded as a terminal MS degree.
because of failure on the part of the student to successfully complete the PhD degree using established matriculation markers (preliminary exams, research phase, etc.). The MS degree will be based on a body of original research at the limited scope of an MS degree.

All Regular PhD Graduate Students will take their doctoral Recommendation to Candidacy Exam at the beginning of the third year after admittance to the program (between August and November of the third year). MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students will take their Recommendation to Candidacy Exam as quickly as possible, taking into consideration any advanced courses they may require and preparation of preliminary data for the grant proposal that is a part of the Recommendation to Candidacy Exam. It is preferred that MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students complete the Recommendation to Candidacy Exam within one year of entering their mentor's laboratory.

All doctoral students will select a primary advisor (mentor) within the first year of studies. MD/PhD and DPM/PhD select prior to entering their PhD phase. Once this selection is made, the mentor and student, with the approval of the Department Graduate Oversight Committee and the Dean of the Graduate School, will select a “Research Committee” for the student. This Research Committee is composed of the mentor and four additional members, one of which must be from outside the department and can be from outside the University. Combined Degree students must select two additional alternate Committee members to ensure availability during the defense phase and timely re-entry to the clinical program. The Chair of the Research Committee is someone other than the mentor.

The Research Committee will provide scientific support and oversight of the student’s doctoral research program, and will also serve as the examining committee that evaluates the student at the Recommendation to Candidacy Exam and Doctoral Defense. During the first summer with the mentor, the mentor and student will develop a doctoral research project. Based on this research project, the mentor and student will select faculty members that best complement this research project to serve on the Research Committee.

The Research Committee, along with the Mentor and Department Graduate Oversight Chair establish and document the Advanced Courses and any additional requirements for the degree using the appropriate SGPS Course Requirement form. The requirements are submitted for approval to the SGPS Dean’s Office and become part of the graduation requirement for the student.

**Recommendation to Candidacy (PhD) – The Candidacy Examination**

The assessment purpose of the Doctoral Candidacy Exam, otherwise known as the Preliminary or Comprehensive Exam, is two-fold. First, the intent of the exam is to assess the current status of the student with regard to the student’s knowledge base in biomedical sciences and the student’s current abilities to conduct research, including the abilities to formulate hypotheses, design careful experiments, interpret data, generate accurate conclusions, and effectively communicate, orally and in writing, the research project. Secondly, the purpose of the exam is to assess to student’s potential to successfully complete the requirements for the doctoral degree. Considerations in this assessment include, but are not limited to, the student’s potential to complete a significant body of research, the student’s potential to effectively defend the doctoral thesis, and the potential for the student to have a successful career in the biomedical sciences.
It must be emphasized that the Doctoral Candidacy Exam has several additional and important purposes. The Doctoral Candidacy Exam provides a unique opportunity for professional development. The exam provides an opportunity for the student to generate a cohesive, thoughtful, and significant research plan. The ability to do so is critical to the professional development of the student during doctoral training as well as in the student’s future career. The student’s obligation is to take this opportunity to develop, to the best of the student’s ability, the research plan and its presentation in a professional manner, meeting the Research Committee’s expectations of standards of knowledge, research abilities, and career potential. It is the responsibility of the Research Committee to ensure that all aspects of the Research Candidacy Exam are conducted professionally and in the immediate and future interests of the student. It is also the responsibility of the Research Committee to provide an outstanding example of professionalism in its interaction with the student as well as in its assessments of the student’s academic abilities and potential for success in a biomedical career. The Research Committee has the obligation to use the Doctoral Candidacy Exam as an opportunity not only for student assessment, but for education, council, and professional development of the student. The Chair of the Research Committee is responsible for communicating to the Dean of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies matters of perceived breach of professionalism from anyone involved or participating in the Doctoral Candidacy Exam.

The student will formulate a research project and write a grant proposal. The proposal will be formatted by the current standards of an NIH R01 application. Please consult [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov) for current format requirements of the R01 application. The topic of the research proposal may be directed in one of two manners.

A. The research project of the proposal can be based directly on the student’s research. The student may use preliminary data generated for the doctoral thesis. It is important to note that the student’s research plan should be independently generated by the student, with consultation, advice, and guidance from the mentor. The written research proposal must be the product of the student. The intent of this plan is to facilitate generation and submission of an NRSA proposal for student research support.

B. In consultation with the mentor and approval by the Research Committee, a student may propose a research project that is closely aligned with the student’s own doctoral research plan, but is not identical. The intent of this approach is to provide a student with the experience and ability to formulate new, independent hypotheses and generate new lines of research investigation with supporting background, significance, rationale, and justification. Emphasis is placed on the mentor and Research Committee to ensure that the proposed research topic is appropriate to the immediate and long-term training and goals of the student.

Regardless of the approach taken, the student will prepare an overall research aim with specific aims. This is analogous to the Specific Aims section of the R01 application. The document will be presented to the Research Committee for approval and suggestions for improvement. The mentor and Research Committee should be actively involved in the development of the student’s research proposal by providing appropriate mentorship for professional development.

The second part of the Doctoral Candidacy Exam is the oral examination. This portion of the exam is based on the written research proposal and core and advanced courses taken by the student in their graduate education.
Upon the recommendation of the Research Committee to the Dean of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and with approval of the Dean, the student will advance to the status of “Candidate for Doctoral Degree”. The Research Committee may recommend deferral of advancement to candidacy. If this is the recommendation, the Research Committee must provide, in writing, the reasons for deferral and the explicit means to remediate the deficiencies. Copies of this letter must be forwarded to the student, the student’s mentor, the Department Chair, the Department Graduate Oversight Committee, and the Dean of the Graduate School. If the initial oral examination was not satisfactorily completed, the second oral exam must be completed within 4 months of the first oral exam. The date of the second exam must be communicated to the Dean. Upon completion of the second oral exam (if necessary), the Research Committee must complete and submit the “Report of Doctoral Candidacy Examination” form to the Dean. Upon the recommendation of the Research Committee to the Dean of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and with approval of the Dean, the student will advance to the status of “Candidate for Doctoral Degree”. If the student fails the second oral exam, the student is given the option to earn a Master Degree. This terminal degree must be research-based.

To fulfill the research requirements for a Master’s Degree by a student who has not advanced to doctoral candidacy, the student must submit a manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal. The student’s research may comprise the entire manuscript or be a significant contribution to a broader study submitted for publication. Evidence of submission of the manuscript with the student’s authorship or co-authorship must be provided to the Dean.

**Defense of the Dissertation**

The student and mentor, with concurrence of the Research Committee, will determine the date for defense of the dissertation. The defense is presented to the Research Committee both in a public presentation and in an exclusive meeting of the student with the Research Committee. The format of the thesis must conform to the acceptable thesis format described in the Thesis Manual, obtainable via the Graduate School website or from the Dean’s Office.

Although it is strongly encouraged and expected, publication of the student’s research in peer-reviewed journals is not a prerequisite for successful defense of the dissertation. Individual departments and mentors have the discretion to set minimum requirements for publication. Such requirements must be clearly expressed to the student before entry into a laboratory for doctoral research.

The student must submit the thesis in electronic format, including any corrections of the thesis required by the Research Committee and approved by the Research Committee, within 30 days of the dissertation defense to the Dean’s Office. Bound copies of the final dissertation are not required by the Graduate School.

**PHD CURRICULUM**

Course requirements are established, maintained, and monitored by individual departments and the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. As such, students must fulfill both department and Graduate School course requirements. The student, mentor, Department Chair, Department Graduate Oversight Committee, and Research Committee are responsible for ensuring that course requirements for each student are
satisfactorily completed. Each department may have graduate course requirements in addition to the Graduate School required courses listed below.

Regular Graduate Students within the IGPBS Program are required to take the following courses:

- GIGP-500 First Year Research Rotations
- GMTD-709 Molecular and Cellular Sciences Seminar
- GIGP-501 Molecular Cell Biology I
- GIGP-502 Molecular Cell Biology II
- GIGP-503 Systems Lectures
- GIGP-507 Art of Scientific Presentation
- GIGP-508 Ethics and Regulatory Issues
- GIGP-514 Principles in Experimental Design and Biostatistics
- GIGP-510 Computer Applications in Biomedical Sciences

A timeline of required and elective courses as well as stages of progression toward the doctoral degree is provided below.

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Due to the extensive coursework of Combined Degree Students and experience of Faculty Doctoral Students, the Research Committee will determine the complete course requirements for the Ph.D. phase of their training. The requirements may or may not include the required courses of the department. Nevertheless, Combined Degree and Faculty Doctoral Students are required to take the following courses:

- GIGP-507 Art of Scientific Presentation
- GIGP-510 Computer Applications in Biomedical Sciences
- GIGP-508 Ethics and Regulatory Issues
- GIGP-514 Principles in Experimental Design and Biostatistics

To waive a course requirement of the Graduate School, a completed “Student Petition” form to waive the required course must be completed and submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School. The petition must be supported by official transcripts from an accredited college or university indicating successful completion of an equivalent course. The petition must also be approved by the mentor, program director, and Department Chair. Meeting these requirements for petition of a waiver of a course requirement does not guarantee that the waiver will be granted by the Dean.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

MS student applicants apply to the Basic Science Departments through the Office of Admissions (Graduate Admissions). The student’s academic records must meet the minimal standards of the Graduate School (BA/BS degree; 3.00 GPA, etc.), although appeals to the Dean can be made on a case-by-case basis.

Students enrolled in the other colleges (Chicago Medical School, Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, and College of Health Professions) at RFUMS can apply for entrance to the MS program

The mentor is determined at the time of acceptance and the mentor already has a MS thesis research project identified for the student (the student knows what this project is prior to acceptance). A Research Committee (mentor and 2 to 3 members – those who can provide research input on the student’s research project) is formed at the time the student has identified a mentor prior to acceptance. Within one month of acceptance, the student (under the guidance of the mentor) presents the MS research thesis proposal to the Research Committee. At that meeting, the Research Committee determines, with the mentor and student, what coursework (if any) is needed by the student.

Coursework is custom designed for each student. There is great flexibility in this determination based on the educational background of the student. Some students may need the entire first year of the IGPBS, a course or two from the first year, or courses only from the Advanced Courses of the department. In some cases, because of the strong background of the student, only special reading course(s) with a faculty member on the area of research may be required. All students will be required to take the specialty courses of the IGPBS, unless they have previously completed such a course from an accredited university and it can be documented on official transcripts, or they obtain special waiver approval from the Dean of the Graduate School because of training they previously received through work experience (a request for waiver must be submitted to the Dean by the Mentor). These courses include: 1) scientific presentations and computer use; 2) computers in data acquisition
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and analysis; 3) Bioethics (with all certification components such as radiation safety, IRB, IACUC, etc. These certification components are listed in the requirements of the Bioethics course); and 4) Biostatistics.

**ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND MEASUREMENT**

**GRADING**

A pass/fail grading system customarily is used for seminar and research courses. All other course work is graded as follows:

A = High Achievement

B = Above Average Achievement

C = Average Achievement

F = Fail

P = Pass

I = Incomplete. Evidence required for a qualitative grade has not yet been submitted, but arrangements have been made.

**Note:** The privilege of completing all work required to change a grade of I (Incomplete) cannot be extended beyond the end of the quarter following the quarter this grade is received. On or before this date, a final grade must be entered.

W = Withdrawal

IP = In Progress

PP = Pass Proficiency Exam

NC = No Credit Given

# = Graded at Sequence End

AU = Audit

**COURSE CREDIT**

Academic work at RFUMS is measured by “units of credit.” In conjunction with the letter grade a student receives from the course instructor, units of credit give a fairly accurate evaluation of the amount of time that has been devoted to a given subject. Doctoral and Masters degree students in SGPS do not have a minimum number of hours required for a quarter to be considered full time.

The number of credit hours assigned to a course must be proportional to “student workload,” entailing lecture, laboratory work, clinical/internship work, and other out-of-class work associated with a course. It is neither practical nor desirable to precisely measure these quantities in an ongoing fashion. Therefore, the RFUMS policy provides a set of general guidelines for the assignment of credit hours to courses in the curriculum.

All classes offered for credit at RFUMS are equated a standard credit hour. One credit hour is equivalent to one hour (50 minutes) of lecture per week or two hours per week for laboratory, clinical experience, or small group discussion. Courses may last for one or more quarters. Grades are reported at the end of each course. Details of the curriculum for each program and the specifics of each course are described in the catalogues of each of the five schools and colleges.

The Registrar’s Office is responsible for the final determination of credit hours for a course. RFUMS uses the quarter system to measure the length of a term. The quarter system is generally 12 weeks of classes including final examinations.
**ACADEMIC RECORDS**
A copy of each student's complete academic record at the University is furnished upon request to him/her after each academic quarter attended – a written request form is available on the Registrar’s Website. Students are encouraged to periodically monitor their academic progress via WebAdvisor.

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**
All Schools within Rosalind Franklin University operate under a quarter calendar, and credit is expressed in quarter hours.

**HOLIDAYS, VACATION TIME AND BREAKS**
The nature of research is on-going. SGPS Students are required to follow the University Holiday Calendar. This is true for all degree seeking doctoral students (combined, regular and IGPBS).

New Year's Eve (½ Day)    Labor Day
New Year’s Day             Columbus Day
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Thanksgiving Day
President’s Day            Day After Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day               ½ Day Christmas Eve
Independence Day           Christmas Day

These days are noted in the University’s Human Resource Website, and also on the Graduate School Student Handbook.

IGPBS Students – Because enrollment from Fall through Summer quarters is required for completion of the IGPBS Program Core Phase, new students in IGPBS are allowed only the holidays as determined by the University for the first four terms. This schedule is NOT the same as the Student Academic Calendar. There is no vacation time scheduled through the end of Summer Quarter without the IGPBS Program Director’s approval.

All non-IGPBS Students – A two week vacation period may be arranged only with the approval of the student’s mentor and Department Chair. Student vacations are limited to dates during academic interims. Vacation beyond two weeks requires approval of the Dean and may affect stipend support.

Although students follow the University academic calendar for coursework, graduate students do not have intersession breaks between quarters due to research requirements.

All graduate students are required to adhere to rules set forth by their departments for reporting sick time, vacation usage, etc.

**MAINTAINING ACADEMIC STANDARDS**
Any student enrolled in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is expected to remain in Good Standing by maintenance of a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (4.0 scale). No grades below a B are
considered acceptable. If a student receives a grade below a B, an automatic progress assessment is initiated by the IGPBS Director or Department Graduate Oversight Committee. This evaluation of status and performance may produce recommendations which can include, among others, remediation of deficiencies, discontinuation of stipend support and/or tuition waiver, expulsion from the program, and implementation of the funding payback policy.

In addition, individual departments may require the student to maintain a specific quality point level in the major subject area to maintain Good Standing. If a student fails to maintain Good Standing based on department standards, the Department Chair will notify the student of this status and provide a recommendation to the DGOC, mentor or IGPBS Director, and Dean.

Student progress toward fulfillment of degree requirements is evaluated at the end of each academic quarter by either the Department Graduate Oversight Committee or the IGPBS Director for first year regular doctoral students. Any student who fails to satisfactorily meet any of the required standards in any given quarter will be notified by the DGOC or IGPBS Director that an assessment of progress toward the degree will be made with recommendations for course of action. Required standards for satisfactory degree progress include, but may not be limited to:

- Maintenance of Good Standing in graduate course work
- Satisfactory performance in laboratory rotations and thesis research

Recommendations from the DGOC or IGPBS Director regarding lack of satisfactory performance are forwarded to the Dean for approval. If a student’s degree progress falls below either Graduate School or departmental standards for two consecutive or three non-consecutive quarters, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Department Chair or IGPBS Program Director will notify the Dean of the student’s status and of the recommendation.
2. The Dean may refer the question of the student’s future status to the Department Graduate Oversight Committee, requesting its recommendation.
3. The student will have the right and opportunity to present evidence and to discuss his/her situation with the Department Chair, IGPBS Program Director, DGOC, and Dean before recommendations and decisions are made.
4. The Dean will determine, based on these recommendations and discussions, whether the student will be dismissed or continue as a student on academic probation. The decision will be provided to the student in writing.

Six month evaluations are also conducted for students who have advanced to doctoral candidacy. Required standards for satisfactory degree progress include, but may not be limited to:

- Maintenance of Good Standing in graduate course work
- Satisfactory performance in laboratory rotations and thesis research
If a student's degree progress falls below either Graduate School or departmental standards the following steps will be taken:

1. The Research Committee will notify the student's mentor and Department Graduate Oversight Committee of the student’s status and of its recommendation.
2. The DGOC, Department Chair, and mentor will evaluate the student's degree progress and provide recommendations to the Dean.
3. The student will have the right and opportunity to present evidence and to discuss his/her situation with the Department Chair, DGOC, mentor, and Dean before recommendations and decisions are made.
4. The Dean will determine, based on these recommendations and discussions, whether the student will be dismissed or continue as a student on academic probation. The decision will be provided to the student in writing.

The student has the right and the opportunity to present evidence and to discuss the situation with the departmental chair, the Committee on Academic Standards and the Dean before each submits a decision.

**Retaking Courses**

The Graduate School discourages the retaking of courses or examinations to improve grades. Courses or exams may be retaken only after approval of a petition to the Dean, endorsed by the course director, program director and chair of the student's department. Such petition is a document detailing the student's concern and stating their request. It is preferred to be type-written, including the names of those endorsing the document.

**Withdrawal from a Course**

With written approval from the instructor and the Dean, a student may withdraw from a course by petitioning the Dean at any time within six weeks after registration. The student's grade is recorded as W (withdrawn). Full tuition for the course may be refunded up to the end of the first week following registration. A 75 percent refund is allowed up to the end of the second week; a 50 percent refund, up to the end of the third week; and no refund, after the end of the third week.

**Non-Academic Performance Standards**

Students in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies are subject to dismissal for unethical and/or unprofessional behavior in their student role.

**Statement of Policy on Professionalism and Ethics**

All students at Rosalind Franklin University are expected to exhibit professional, responsible and ethical behavior. Students should display this behavior as students in the University, as health care providers in the clinical setting and as researchers in the laboratory or clinic. All students should, therefore, possess the highest degree of personal integrity and be able to reason about ethical issues in their professional life. Students are expected to treat patients and research subjects with respect, compassion and sincerity, irrespective of race, color, creed, ethnic origin, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic class, and to maintain strict confidentiality. Students are expected to be honest and trustworthy, to respect the property of others, and to follow the code of professional ethics appropriate to their discipline. Any departures from these standards may result in disciplinary action.
PROCEEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF VIOLATIONS OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
A student under suspicion of ethical or professional misconduct shall be afforded appropriate notice and an expedient process in the investigation, deliberation, and decision about such allegations and potential penalties. The student shall also be afforded the right to appeal any negative outcomes to the Dean of the School in which the student is enrolled. Refer to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Handbook for procedures described to ensure such rights for the student and the University.

STUDENT TREATMENT
Students have a right to work and study in an environment free from harassment; as such, the University will not tolerate student mistreatment. A primary goal of RFUMS is the education of students who will meet the health care needs of society in a caring, competent, and professional manner. Insensitivity during training/education runs counter to the fundamental tenets of health care and impairs the ability of many students to maintain their idealism, caring, and compassion past training into their careers. Refer to the RFUMS Student Handbook for the Student Mistreatment Statement.

STUDENT RECORDS
All documents and records pertaining to a student's admission and academic performance in the University are filed in the Office of the Registrar. Refer to the RFUMS Student Handbook for information regarding Students' Personal and Academic Information.

STUDENT PETITIONS
Students may petition the Dean to waive or deviate from the stated requirements or for any other academic matter requiring resolution by the Dean. Petitions are submitted in Memo form from the Student to the Office of the Dean. The Mentor should be copied.

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE (see also Registrar's Policy)
Regular students in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies are expected to maintain continuity and diligence in pursuing a specified advanced degree. When a student must be absent from academic work at the University for any reason, departmental approval must be obtained. For periods longer than three weeks, the student shall petition the Dean for a leave-of-absence, and receive approval before leaving.

Unauthorized leave may be considered as withdrawal from graduate school. Graduate students may be allowed a leave-of-absence for a period of up to one year by the Dean, upon the recommendation of the chair of the department (or Committee). Registration after an absence of more than one year shall require resubmission of a new application for admission. Time spent on an approved leave-of-absence will not be included within the maximum period in which a degree program must be completed.

PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES
If a student permanently withdraws from graduate school (does not seek and receive a leave-of-absence), full tuition is refunded only if the withdrawal occurs during the first week following registration. A 75 percent refund is allowed up to two weeks following the registration deadline, a 50 percent refund up to three weeks following
registration and before the end of the fourth week, a 25 percent refund. No tuition is refunded after the fourth week. As a condition for refund, the student must first file appropriate documentation as stated in Registrar’s Policy (linked above).

TUITION AND EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, 2011-2012

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CREDIT HOURS
The number of hours credited for any course in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is determined by the individual department. Such determination is based on the time a student is expected to spend preparing for and participating in a particular course. Full Time Status is not dependent on the number of quarterly registered credit hours, but on enrollment as a Regular Graduate Student. Faculty Doctoral, Student-at-Large, Concurrent Master’s, and Conditional Acceptance students are considered part time.

TUITION FOR PART TIME STUDENTS
Tuition for students who, for whatever reason, are taking a part-time academic load is assessed per credit hour (e.g., Student-at-Large, Faculty Doctoral Students, and Students in a concurrent master’s program).

TUITION FOR STUDENT-AT-LARGE
The University reserves the right to assess Students-at-Large at a higher tuition rate per credit hour than is assessed Regular Graduate Students.

TUITION AND AUDITING A COURSE
In general, students auditing a course are charged the same tuition as those taking the course for credit. The University does distinguish, however, between a passive and active audit.

- Passive Audit (participating only by listening, viewing, and reading)
- Active Audit (discussing, conducting laboratory work, practice teaching, participation in exams, etc.).

The University reserves the right to assess a passive audit at a different rate from tuition for an active audit of the same course. Tuition assessments are due and payable each quarter at registration.

UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEES PAYMENT POLICY
This policy is applicable to all RFUMS students who have not received an approved deferral of tuition.

1. Tuition and fees are due on the designated registration day (Monday) for each quarter. A five-day grace period for payment will be allowed including and ending on the Friday of the week in which registration day occurs.
2. Beginning on the following Monday, the sixth day, after the five-day grace period has expired, a late charge will be assessed for each day until paid, based upon a rate of 18% per annum computed on a day-to-day basis using a 365-day-year.

3. Students with outstanding balances still remaining at the end of the quarter will receive an incomplete grade in all courses in which the student was enrolled. The incomplete grade will be registered on their transcript and the reason for the incomplete grade will be noted (i.e. for non-payment of tuition and fees). Also, students who have not paid in full by the end of the quarter will not be allowed to register for the following quarter.

**Refund of Tuition**

With written approval from the instructor and the Dean SGPS, a student may withdraw from a course (see instructions for same Section 3.7. Tuition for the course shall be refunded as follows

- Full refund up to the end of the first week of class
- 75% refund up to the end of the second week
- 50% refund up to the end of the third week
- 25% refund up to the end of the fourth week
- No refund will be allowed after the end of the 4th week.

**Financial Assistance**

*University Fellowships and Tuition Waivers*

The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies offers a limited number of research assistantships, graduate student tuition waivers and graduate student stipends to full-time students in good standing. University stipends may be supplemented by individual departments. The particular form and amounts of graduate student support available vary among different departments. Prospective students are invited to explore this subject with their departmental chair at their earliest opportunity. In general, financial support to individual graduate students is based on academic excellence and economic need. When resources are limited, doctoral students are given preference over masters' degree students. At present, the University does not provide a stipend to all regular students, but most regular students in good standing are receiving financial support in some form.

*Student Loan Programs*

To meet the cost of attending The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, students, spouses and parents are expected to provide financial support to the extent that they are able. When family resources are insufficient to meet college costs, students are encouraged to seek assistance from the following currently existing loan programs. Refer to the RFUMS Financial Aid Office website for more information regarding financial resources.

**Health Insurance**

Health Insurance options for students of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies are the same as for employees of this University. Please see the Summary Plan Descriptions on the RFUMS Human Resources webpage.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Participation in University Governance
Student representatives participate as active members on most committees of each school. A few of the committees on which students are serving include Admissions, Graduate Faculty Council, Curriculum, Academic Standards, Faculty Search Committees and the Financial Aid Committee.

Graduate Student Association
Graduate students at the University have organized a Graduate Student Association (GSA) to help meet their individual and group needs. The concerns of the GSA range from social and academic events to availability of library resources and evaluation of students’ academic performance. Prospective students are invited to discuss GSA activities with its president, who may be reached through the Office of the Dean.

University Student Council
Students in all schools participate in the University Executive Student Council. This group, organized and run entirely by students, concerns itself with the overall policy and direction of the institution as these relate to student concerns. In addition, the Council plans and supports campus social events and student delegate trips to national professional group meetings. It also names student representatives to school committees.

Physician Scientist Student Association
The goal of the PSSA is to address the unique interests/needs of, and serve as a voice for, the MD/PhD and DPM/PhD student population. This association provides forums for students to interact with successful physician-scientists to discuss career opportunities. This association also serves to foster increased interactions between students in different years of the program. Students pursuing a combined MD/PhD or DPM/PhD degree are automatically members of this organization.

STUDENT POLICIES, STUDENT RECORDS AND STUDENT RESOURCES
Refer to the RFUMS Student Policies Handbook for information on topics which include:

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY
CAMPUS LIFE
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES
MISSING PERSON POLICY
STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
I. ACCOMMODATIONS AND STUDENT DISABILITY
II. EXPOSURE INCIDENTS
III. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES
IV. INSURANCE
   Health Insurance
   Dental and Vision Insurance
STUDENTS’ PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION
I. ACADEMIC PERIOD
II. STUDENT RECORDS
III. POLICY STATEMENTS AND GUIDELINES
   Public Information
Confidential Information
Rights of Access and Review of Records
Limitation on Access
Supplementary Exceptions
Custodians of Student Records
Release of Grades
Right to Challenge Content of Records
Creation, Permanence, and Disposal of Student Records
Transferring Admissions Records to the Registrar's Office

RESOURCES
I. BUSINESS SERVICES
II. CAMPUS SECURITY
III. DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
   - Academic Support Services
   - Disability Support Services
   - Fitness and Recreation
   - Multicultural Student Services
   - Student Counseling Service
   - Student Housing
   - Student Life
   - Tutoring and Study Skills Assistance
IV. FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
V. FOOD SERVICE
VI. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
   - Desire2Learn (D2L)
   - Student E-mail
   - Student Housing Network and Telephone Access
   - Technology Purchase Information
   - WebAdvisor
   - Wireless Network Information
VII. INSURANCE
   - Disability Insurance
   - Health Insurance
   - Malpractice Insurance
VIII. LEARNING RESOURCES
   - Academic Computing Labs
   - Boxer University Library
   - Educational Technology
   - Information Commons
   - Presentation Practice Room
   - Small Group Rooms
   - 24-Hour Study Space
IX. PARKING ON CAMPUS
X. STUDENT COUNCIL AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
XI. STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
XII. STUDENT HEALTH
XIII. TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
   - Airport Transportation
   - Metra Train Service
   - University Van Shuttle to Metra Station
   - Pace Bus Service
DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Degree Programs offered are PhD, MS*, MD/PhD and DPM/PhD The primary objective of these programs is to train students to become scientists capable of pursuing independent research. Students will be exposed to the latest interdisciplinary approaches to modern biochemical research by the ten investigators within the Department. Our research aims to elucidate the molecular basis of action of important biomedical systems ranging from receptors and transporters to enzymes in key pathways to protein-RNA complexes needed for cell growth. The emphasis on the study of proteins (i) allows a common research bond and language among faculty, (ii) complements ongoing research in other CMS departments, (iii) coincides with the cutting edge of modern biomedical research, and (iv) provides teaching capability across a spectrum of biochemical topics.

Degree Requirements for all PhD Tracks
Entry into the PhD training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year and follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for selection of research committee, preliminary exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense. The PhD will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

Department Requirements for PhD Degree (following completion of IGPBS Core Coursework)

Advanced Coursework Requirements
GBCH-600A/B  Biochemical Pathways (fall/winter)
GBCH-543  Enzyme Structure and Mechanisms (spring 2nd or 3rd year)*
GBCH-544A/B  Physical Biochemistry (winter/spring 2nd or 3rd year)*
*offered on alternate years

Candidacy examination offered at the end of the second year will only cover the courses that the student has taken up until that point.

Teaching Requirements
None

Department Program Requirements: second year through graduation
GBCH-537  Doctoral Research in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
GBCH-532  Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Journal Club
GBCH-533  Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Seminar

Elective Seminars
GMTD-709  MCS Seminar Series (2nd Wednesday of each month)

MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students will follow the guidelines of the SGPS (IGPBS Specialty Courses, and a course curriculum designed by the Student's Research Committee, with approval by the Dean)
Department Requirements for Masters Degree (following completion of IGPBS Core Coursework)

Masters programs are tailored to each candidate. The following minimum requirements must be met before the candidate will be eligible for the degree. Entry into the MS training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year and follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for selection of research committee, preliminary exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense. The MS will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

Advanced Coursework Requirements
GBCH-600A/B  Biochemical Pathways (fall/winter)
GBCH-543   Enzyme Structure and mechanisms (spring 2nd or 3rd year)*
GBCH-544A/B  Physical Biochemistry (A-winter/B-spring 2nd or 3rd year)*
*offered on alternate years

Teaching Requirements
None

Department Program Requirements: second year through graduation
GBCH-531  Master’s Research in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
GBCH-532  Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Journal Club
GBCH-533  Biochemistry Seminar (Departmental seminars)

Graduate Faculty
Chair: Marc J. Glucksman, PhD, Professor
  Jun-yong Choe, PhD, Assistant Professor
  Carl C. Correll, PhD, Associate Professor
  Adrian Gross, MD, Associate Professor
  Ronald S. Kaplan, PhD, Professor and Vice President for Research
  Min Lu, PhD, Assistant Professor
  Daivd M. Mueller, PhD, Professor
  Kenneth E. Neet, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean for Research
  Kyoung Joon Oh, PhD, Assistant Professor
  Xinli Yang, PhD, Research Assistant Professor

The chair of a department and the Dean may approve faculty and other professional staff members who are not members of the graduate faculty for teaching of appropriate graduate courses.
DEPARTMENT OF CELL BIOLOGY AND ANATOMY

The program in Cell Biology and Anatomy offers graduate study leading to the M.S. and PhD degrees. In addition, we participate in combined degree programs offered by our affiliated Schools in the University, leading to the MD/PhD and DPM/PhD degrees. These programs provide essential training for careers that would include faculty positions at research and/or educational institutions, and for research positions in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry.

Degree Requirements - PhD Track
Entry into the PhD training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year and follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for selection of research committee, candidacy exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense. The PhD will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

Department Requirements for PhD Degree (following completion of IGPBS Core Coursework)

Advanced Courses - Required
GCBA-600 Advanced Cell Biology (winter)
GCBA-604 Techniques in Cell Biology (fall)

Advanced Courses - Elective
GCBA-500A/B Clinical Anatomy - Selected Modules (fall/winter)
GCBA-502A/B Histology - Selected Modules (fall/winter)
GCBA-504 Embryology
GCBA-602 Special Topics in Cell Biology
GCBA-605 Special Topics in Developmental Biology (spring)

Departmental graduate students also have the opportunity to participate as Teaching Assistants in at least one course offered by the department, typically Gross Anatomy or Histology.

Department Program Requirements
GCBA-533 Cell Biology and Anatomy Seminars
GCBA-532 Cell Biology and Anatomy Journal Club

Elective Seminars
GMTD-709 MCS Seminar Series (2nd Wednesday each month)
GMTD-711 Cell Journal Club

MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students will follow the guidelines of the SGPS (IGPBS Specialty Courses) and a course curriculum designed by the Student's Research Committee, with approval by the Dean.
Department Requirements for Masters Degree
Masters programs are tailored to each candidate. The following minimum requirements must be met before the candidate will be eligible for the degree.

Graduate Faculty
Chair:  William Frost, PhD, Professor
       Christopher Brandon, PhD, Associate Professor
       Joseph DiMario, PhD, Professor
       Dominik Duelli, PhD, Assistant Professor
       Mirek Dundr, PhD, Assistant Professor
       Michelle Hastings, PhD, Assistant Professor
       Evan Hill, PhD, Research Assistant Professor
       Robert Intine, PhD, Assistant Professor (Scholl)
       Hongkyun Kim, PhD, Assistant Professor
       Monica Oblinger, PhD, Professor
       Hyun (Kelly) Oh, PhD, Research Assistant Professor
       Michael Sarras, Jr., PhD, Professor
       Barbara Vertel, PhD, Professor

The chair of a department and the Dean may approve faculty and other professional staff members who are not members of the graduate faculty for teaching of appropriate graduate courses.
DEPARTMENT OF CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR PHARMACOLOGY

Graduate training in the Department of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology provides students with the opportunity to gain comprehensive instruction covering all areas in pharmacology. Students are expected to develop and carry out their own research project while receiving individual mentorship from their thesis advisor and research committee. During the program, students will get involved in teaching pharmacology, learn to write grant proposals, and attend and present work at local and national scientific meetings. Career opportunities for those holding the doctorate in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology are outstanding and cover a wider spectrum than those of most other medical sciences.

Areas of research strength in the department:
- Drug addiction, Parkinson’s disease, Schizophrenia
- Neurodegeneration
- Neurobiology of normal and aberrant learning; Neurobiology of emotion and behavior
- Neuronal plasticity, Synaptic integration, Ion channel function
- Basal ganglia anatomy, physiology, and function
- Gene expression; Regulation of alternative splicing
- Neuronal morphology and ultrastructure; Actin cytoskeleton regulation

Departmental research facilities and approaches are devoted to a wide-range of molecular, physiological, genetic, anatomical, and behavioral techniques.
- Cell culture
- In vivo and in vitro electrophysiology
- Protein and mRNA quantification; In situ hybridization; RT-PCR
- Electron microscopy; Fluorescence microscopy; Morphological reconstruction
- Behavioral assays (drug self-administration, locomotor behavior, anxiety, startle, etc…)

Degree Requirements – PhD Track
Entry into the PhD training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year and follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for selection of research committee, preliminary exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense (see page 17). The PhD will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

Department Requirements for PhD Degree (following completion of IGPBS Core Coursework)

Advanced Courses – Required
GCMP-605 Pharmacology Core
GCMP-601 Neuropharmacology I
GCMP-602 Neuropharmacology II

At least one (1) optional course offered by our or other departments, such as:
GNSC-607 Neuronal Signaling (Neuroscience)
GNSC-606 Neurodegeneration (Neuroscience)
GNSC-600  Neurophysiology (Neuroscience)

Teaching Requirements
GCMP-700  Teaching in Pharmacology

Department Program Requirements
GCMP-502  Journal Club in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology
GCMP-509  Seminars in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology
GCMP-539  Research in Pharmacology – Introduction (before passing the candidacy exam)
GCMP-535  Research in Pharmacology – theses (after passing the candidacy exam)
GMTD-709  MCS Seminar Series (2nd Wednesday each month)

CMP Electives (Students are encouraged to take at least one elective)
GNSC-605  Techniques in Microscopy (Neuroscience)
GNSC-505  Brain Dissection (Neuroscience)
GCMP-500  Electrophysiology Journal Club (Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology)
GCMP-608  Research Skills – Beyond the Bench (Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology)

MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students will follow the guidelines of the SGPS (IGPBS Specialty Courses) and a course curriculum designed by the Student's Research Committee, with approval by the Dean.

Graduate Faculty
Chair:  Heinz Steiner, PhD, Associate Professor
   Patricia Loomis, PhD, Research Assistant Professor
   Michela Marinelli, PhD, Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies
   Gloria Meredith, PhD, Professor
   Judith Potashkin, PhD, Associate Professor
   J. Amiel Rosenkranz, PhD, Assistant Professor
   Ann Snyder, PhD, Associate Professor
   Kuei-Yuan Tseng, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor

The chair of a department and the Dean may approve faculty and other professional staff members who are not members of the graduate faculty for teaching of appropriate graduate courses.
DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology offers advanced degree programs leading to the MD/PhD, DPM/PhD, and PhD in Microbiology and Immunology. These programs prepare candidates for careers in research and teaching in the field of modern Microbiology and Immunology.

The aim of the graduate training program is to develop competent researchers and teachers in all fields of medical microbiology and immunology. Emphasis is placed on helping the student explore creative potential and develop essential research skills and teaching competence that will enable him/her to secure a faculty appointment in a medical or related health professions’ school, or a position as a research scientist in a biomedical research institute or in the biotechnology and/or pharmaceutical industry. The department offers formal courses covering both basic and clinical microbiology and immunology and specializes in advanced teaching of immunology, molecular biology, clinical immunology, molecular virology, cell biology, parasitology, and molecular parasitology.

The PhD in Microbiology and Immunology will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

Degree Requirements – PhD Track
Entry into the PhD training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year and follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for selection of research committee, preliminary exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense. The PhD will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

Department Requirements for PhD Degree (following completion of IGPBS Core Coursework)

Completion of Core Courses
GMIC-600 A & B  Medical Microbiology and Immunology (PhD students) (fall/winter)
MMIC 600 A & B  Medical Microbiology and Immunology (MD/PhD students) (fall/winter)
GMIC-605  Molecular Biology Techniques (fall)

Completion of two (2) advanced courses from the following list:
GMIC-503  Virology (spring)
GMIC-560  Advanced Immunology (winter)
GMIC-606  Cancer Biology and Signaling (winter)

Additional Program Requirements – participation required in all quarters
GMIC-532  Journal Club
GMIC-533  Microbiology and Immunology Seminar

Elective Seminar
GMTD-709  MCS Seminar Series (2nd Wednesday each month)
Research (Participation required in all quarters)
GMIC-539   Intro to Research – before passing the Candidacy Exam
GMIC-535   Doctoral Dissertation in Microbiology and Immunology – after passing the Candidacy Exam

Optional Advanced Courses
GMIC-510   Introductory Immunology (fall)
GMIC-520   Molecular Parasitology (winter)
GMIC-542   Selected Topics of Microbiology, Virology, Parasitology, Immunology, and Molecular Biology
GMIC-549   Flow Cytometry Techniques

Graduate Faculty
Chair: Bala Chandran, PhD, Professor
       Kenneth Beaman, PhD, Professor
       Kwang-Poo Chang, PhD, Professor
       David Everly, PhD, Assistant Professor
       Michael Fennewald, PhD, Associate Professor
       Alice Gilman-Sachs, PhD, Associate Professor
       Neelam Sharma-Walia, PhD, Assistant Professor
       Gulam Waris, PhD, Assistant Professor
       Chao-Lan Yu, PhD, Associate Professor

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DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE

Graduate training in Neuroscience is coordinated by the Interdepartmental Neuroscience PhD Program (IDNP), which includes all faculty members in the Dept. of Neuroscience as well as approximately 20 faculty members from four other basic science departments whose research interests are in nervous system-related topics. (Other participating departments include Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology and Biophysics, Cell Biology and Anatomy, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology).

Degree Requirements – PhD Track
Entry into the PhD training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year, including the Neuroscience and Physiology Electives in the Spring Quarter. Further advancement follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for the selection of research committee, preliminary exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense. The PhD will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

IDNP Requirements for PhD Degree (following completion of IGPBS Core Coursework)

Advanced Coursework Requirements
GNSC-600 Neurophysiology
GNSC-606 Neurodegeneration
GNSC-607 Neuronal Signaling
GCMP-601 Neuropharmacology I
GCMP-602 Neuropharmacology II
GNSC-605 Techniques in Microscopy
GNSC-505 Human Brain Dissection

Teaching Requirements
GNSC-570 Neuroscience Teaching Assistant

Additional IDNP Requirements
GNSC-553 Neuroscience Journal Club
GNSC-504 Neuroscience Seminar

Elective Seminars and Journal Clubs
GMTD-709 MCS Seminar Series
GCMP-500 Electrophysiology Journal Club
GCMP-502 CMP Journal Club (required for Neuropharmacology Track)
GCMP-509 Seminar in Pharmacology (required for Neuropharmacology Track)

MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students will follow the guidelines of the SGPS (IGPBS Specialty Courses) and a course curriculum designed by the Student and Research Committee, with approval by the Dean.

Neuropharmacology Track
For students seeking a degree in Neuroscience (PhD or MD/PhD or DPM/PhD), but whose mentors are members of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology, a second track is offered, emphasizing Neuropharmacology. The requirements for this track are similar to the regular Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program, except for the addition of one required course, Pharmacology Core (GCMP-605), which replaces Human Brain Dissection (GNSC-505) and Techniques in Microscopy (GNSC-605). The latter two courses may be taken as electives. Another difference is that the teaching requirement for the Neuropharmacology Track is GCMP-700, Teaching in Pharmacology, in lieu of GNSC-570. The required Journal Club is GCMP-502 and the required Seminar Series is GCMP-509, although these may be adjusted based on the needs of individual students.

**Graduate Faculty**

**Chair:** Marina Wolf, PhD, Professor  
Marjorie Ariano, PhD, Vice Chair and Professor  
Lise Eliot, PhD, Associate Professor  
Robert Marr, PhD, Assistant Professor  
Daniel Peterson, PhD, Associate Professor  
Grace (Beth) Stutzmann, PhD, Assistant Professor  
Anthony West, PhD, Associate Professor

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The Department of Physiology and Biophysics offers advanced degree programs leading to the MD/PhD, DPM/PhD, and PhD in Physiology and Biophysics. These programs prepare candidates for careers in research and teaching in the field of modern Physiology and Biophysics.

The aim of the graduate training program is to develop competent researchers and teachers in all fields of Physiology and Biophysics. Emphasis is placed on helping the student explore creative potential and develop essential research skills and teaching competence that will enable him/her to secure a faculty appointment in a medical or related health professions school, or a position as a research scientist in a biomedical research institute, or in the biotechnology and/or pharmaceutical industry. The department offers formal courses covering both basic and clinical physiology, ad cell physiology, and specializes in advanced teaching of transport biology and cell physiology.

Entry into the PhD training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year, and follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for selection of research committee, candidacy exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense.

**Degree Requirements – PhD Track**
Entry into the PhD training program follows successful completion of the IGPBS core year and follows the SGPS Advanced Phase timeline for selection of research committee, preliminary exam, thesis proposal, progress review, and thesis defense. The PhD will be granted upon successful completion of the following requirements, as well as thesis defense and publication.

**Department Requirements for PhD Degree** (following completion of IGPBS Core Coursework)

**Advanced Coursework Requirements**
- **GPHY-500 A&B**  Medical Physiology (fall/winter)
- **GPHY-539**  Introduction to Research in Physiology
- **GPHY-535**  Doctoral Research in Physiology

**Advanced Coursework (Electives)**
- **GIGP-506**  Systems Physiology (spring)
- **GPHY-512**  Physiology of the Autonomic Nervous System (fall)
- **GPHY-513**  Pulmonary Pathophysiology (spring)
- **GPHY-514**  Physiology of the Liver (winter)
- **GPHY-516**  Cardiovascular Physiology (fall/winter)
- **GPHY-542**  Electrogenic Ion Pumps (winter)
- **GPHY-545**  Acid-Base Physiology (spring)
- **GPHY-618**  Molecular Biophysics of Ion Channels (spring)
Teaching Requirements
GPHY-534  Teaching Methods (fall)
          Physiology Problem Sets for MPHY 500A/B

Department Program Requirements
GMTD-711  Department Journal Club
GPHY-505  Department Seminar

Elective Seminars
GMTD-709  MCS Seminars (2nd Wednesday each month)

MD/PhD and DPM/PhD students will follow the guidelines of the SGPS (IGPBS Specialty Courses) and a
course curriculum designed by the Student and Research Committee, with approval by the Dean.

Department Requirements for Masters Degree
Masters programs are tailored to each candidate. The following minimum requirements must be met before the
candidate will be eligible for the degree.

GPHY-522A  Topics in Physiology I
GPHY-522B  Topics in Physiology II

Graduate Faculty
Chair: Robert J. Bridges, PhD, Professor

Dmitri Boudko, PhD, Assistant Professor
Neil A. Bradbury, PhD, Associate Professor
Lisa Ebihara, MD, PhD, Associate Professor
Timothy Hansen, PhD, Professor
Richard Hawkins, PhD, Professor
Donghee Kim, PhD, Professor
Charles E. McCormack, PhD, Professor and
Vice Chair

Darryl Peterson, PhD, Professor
Gordon Pullen, PhD, Assistant Professor
Hector Rasgado-Flores, PhD, Associate Professor
Henry Sackin, PhD, Professor
Ernest Sukowski, PhD, Associate Professor
Janice Urban, PhD, Associate Professor
Carl White, PhD, Assistant Professor

Secondary and Adjunct Faculty
Sarah Garber, PhD, Associate Professor
Raul Gazmuri, MD, PhD, Associate Professor
Gordon Pullen, PhD, Assistant Professor
Bruce Riser, PhD, Adjunct Professor

The chair of a department and the Dean may approve faculty and other professional staff members who are
not members of the graduate faculty for teaching of appropriate graduate courses.
SGPS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GRADUATE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COURSES

GMTD-709  Molecular Cellular Seminar Series (1.0 credit issued after Spring Quarter)
Internationally known biomedical scientists provide exciting seminars for all who are interested in attending. Meets monthly; 2nd Wednesday (September thru May). Graduate Students are also invited to attend a lunch with these visiting speakers. Attendance is taken at each seminar and credit is issued based on overall attendance for the academic year.

GMTD-711  Cell Journal Club (1.0 credit)  Cell Journal Club Lecture

INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE PROGRAM IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES-CORE COURSEWORK

GIGP-500  First Year Research Rotations (1.00 credit)
REQUIRED for IGPBS – First year IGPBS students complete four self-selected laboratory rotations with research faculty. These eight-week rotations are designed to introduce student and mentor in the laboratory setting with the goal of determining student/mentor match. At the end of the rotations, the student will select their thesis advisor from among those faculty members with whom the rotations were held. Lab

GIGP-501  Molecular – Cell Biology I (6.00 credits)
REQUIRED for IGPBS - Based on MBCH 502, this course consists of 36 formal MCB lectures plus seven Physiology lectures; weekly student presentation and discussion of research papers; MD/PhD students also attend 2 clinical correlation lectures and participate in 2 integrated problem based learning sessions. In this course, the molecular and cellular processes common to all eukaryotic cells are studied and, where appropriate, comparisons to prokaryotic cells are made. The molecular and cellular processes of specific cell types and tissue types are also considered, and related to their morphological appearance. A unique aspect of the course is a self-teaching program that covers certain facts and concepts basic to biochemistry; this is an individual, self-learning, self-evaluation program. The course is taught by Dr. Walters and faculty from the Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Cell Biology & Anatomy. Grading is based 30% on written midterm exam; 30% on written final exam; 40% on participation in discussion sessions. Lecture Only, Seminar/Discussion. Fall

GIGP-502  MCB II (4.00 credits)
REQUIRED for IGPBS A continuation and expansion of the principles taught in Molecular - Cell Biology I, this course covers the following topics: protein structure & molecular recognition, enzyme action & adaptation principles of biomolecular action & regulation receptors, signal transduction, gene expression – pre-mRNA to targeted protein degradation, antibodies-structure and function, and current methods of cell biology. Lecture Only, Seminar/Discussion. Winter
GIGP-503  Systems Lectures (2 credits total)
REQUIRED for IGPBS - The Systems Lectures are a series of short, (2 weeks each) that focus on particular
diseases and take the student from the disease's primary underlying mechanism (at the cellular level or gene
level, if known) to the integrated physiological systems level. The modules are a combination of lectures
and/or directed paper discussions by faculty with expertise in a particular disease area. Lecture Only,
Seminar/Discussion. Winter

  GIGP-503 A  –  Fundamentals of Immunology and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (.50 credit)
  GIGP-503 B  –  Cystic Fibrosis (.50 credit)
  GIGP-503 C  –  Cancer (.50 credit)
  GIGP-503 D  –  Parkinson’s Disease (.50 credit)

GIGP-505  Cell & Mole Develop Biology (3.00 credits)
ELECTIVE for IGPBS - Students must take a minimum of 1 elective option. This course will introduce the
students to the prominent experimental model systems used today by developmental biologists and then focus
on particular underlying developmental control mechanisms that are important to the processes of cell
differentiation and morphogenesis. The course is made up of a combination of lectures and/or directed paper
discussions by faculty with expertise in the various sub-topics of the course. Lecture Only. Spring

GIGP-506  Systems Physiology (4.00 credits)
ELECTIVE for IGPBS - Students must take a minimum of 1 elective in their first year. The Systems Physiology
elective includes the study of: cardiac, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal and endocrine physiology. It is
designed for graduate students who have successfully completed Molecular and Cell Biology 1 and 2, but
require a more complete understanding of organ-systems physiology. The text required is Principles of
Physiology, 4th edition by Robert Berne and Matthew Levy. Papers, discussions and presentations relevant to
the system being presented may supplement the topics. Examinations are in written format. Nota bene: This
course is recommended for those students also taking the Neuroscience elective. Those students studying
toward the PhD, degree with an advisor in Physiology and Biophysics will be required to complete the full
course in Medical Physiology MMPH500A and B (14 units). Lecture Only, Seminar/Discussion. Spring

GIGP-507  The Art of Scientific Presentation (2.00 credits)
REQUIRED for IGPBS - Students learn to improve their oral presentation skills by weekly presentations and by
giving and receiving peer evaluation. The successful scientific career requires clear communication of
scientific results. Participants in this course practice giving and evaluating oral presentations of technical
material. Topics to be covered include organization of a talk, targeting the material to the appropriate level of
the audience, overcoming "stage fright", effective visual aids, developing eye contact, effective use of voice,
overcoming language barriers and handling question-and-answer sessions. Lecture Only,
Seminar/Discussion. Fall
GIGP-508   Ethics and Regulatory Issues (2.00 credits)
REQUIRED for IGPBS - This course covers most of the major issues related to the responsible conduct of research in the biomedical sciences, including: overt falsification, fabrication, plagiarism (FFP); authorship and publication guidelines; conflict of interest; mentor/trainee responsibilities, and human subject research. Online component includes certification for using radioisotopes and using animals in research. Lecture, discussions, and online modules. Coordinated by Dr. Eliot. Winter

GIGP-510   Computer Applications in Biomedical Sciences (2.00 credits)
REQUIRED for IGPBS - Combination of lecture and hands-on application of computer databases and tools to research problems. Grading is based on student projects carried out during the quarter. Lecture Only. Winter

GIGP-512   Neuroscience Elective (5.00 credits) IGPBS Students must take a minimum of 1 elective option in the first year. This course, which is required for entry into both the Neuroscience and Pharmacology PhD programs, is divided into two parts. Part I is taught as a small group discussion covering a broad overview of the cellular and systems in neuroscience. Students are expected to read textbook chapters and review faculty notes before each meeting, which will focus on explaining the more difficult topics and exploring current research implications. Topics to be covered include: the neurochemistry of transmitters, receptors, and second messenger systems; developmental neurobiology; and the neural systems underlying sensory, motor, affect, memory, language, and other high cognitive functions. Part II is focused on human neuroanatomy, and is taught through a combination of large-group lectures (with medical students), labs, and small discussion sessions, employing a mixture of atlases, brain models, cadaver brains, and interactive computer programs. Students enrolled in this elective must enroll in the spring term Systems Physiology (GIGP-506) elective, as well. Spring.

GIGP-514   Principles in Experimental Design and Biostatistics (2-3 credits)
Part I – review basic principles in experimental design.
Part II – Basic principles of statistics (definitions and concepts, non-parametric and parametric tests, with focus on ANOVAs). The course will include didactic lectures, as well as small group problem-solving sessions where students get the opportunity to discuss their own data. Winter-Spring

DEPARTMENT: BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

GBCH-530   Master’s Thesis in Biochemistry (1.00 – 12.00 credits per quarter)
After completing coursework, the student writes his/her thesis. Thesis.

GBCH-531   Master’s Research in Biochemistry (1.00 – 12.00 credits per quarter) Research.

GBCH-532   BMB Journal Club (1.00 credit per quarter)
Presentations on current literature or personal research by faculty, staff and students. Seminar/Discussion.

GBCH-533   Seminars in Biochemistry (1.00 credit per quarter)
Presentations on current research by invited speakers. Seminar/Discussion.
GBCH-535  Doctoral Dissertation in Biochemistry (1.00- 12.00 credits per quarter)  
After completing course work and all research, the student writes his/her Doctoral Dissertation.

GBCH-537  Methods in Research (1.00 – 12.00 credits per quarter)  

GBCH-543  Enzyme Structure & Mechanism (3.00 credits)  
This is a course of lectures, student presentations and seminars by outside speakers on aspects of enzyme/protein structure and function; topics include: proteomics, X-ray structure determination, computer graphic modeling as well as enzyme kinetics, regulation and mechanism. Lecture Only.  Spring

GBCH-544 A&B  Physical Biochemistry (3.00 credits)  
This course deals with the physical chemical properties of biological macromolecules and the techniques used for their characterization. Molecular weight, hydrodynamic properties, and spectroscopic properties of proteins and nucleic acids; secondary structure, tertiary structure, and conformational changes of proteins; dynamics of protein-protein and protein-DNA interactions; and kinetics and thermodynamics of protein folding. Lecture Only.  Winter/Spring

GBCH-600 A/B  Biochemical Pathways (7.00 credits total)  
The fundamental chemical properties and biological reactions of the various compounds important to the normally functioning human organism are studied. As far as possible, mechanisms of life processes at the cellular and molecular level are explained in terms of these properties. Papers from the primary literature will be discussed in conference.

●  A- Fall Quarter, 5 lecture hours per week for 4 weeks and up to 2 conference hours per week.
●  B- Winter Quarter, 3 lecture hours per week and up to 2 conference hours per week (total of 7 credits).

DEPARTMENT: CELL BIOLOGY AND ANATOMY

GCBA-500 A&B  Clinical Anatomy (11 credits per year)  
In this course, human anatomy is studied by using a regional approach that also includes functional and clinical correlations. Laboratory time is devoted exclusively to the regional dissection of a human cadaver.  Supplementary offerings within the course include computerized images, guides and videos, prosected cadavers and bone sets for individual study.

●  A- Fall Quarter, three lectures and five laboratory hours per week (5.0 credits)
●  B- Winter Quarter, four lectures and five laboratory hours per week (6.0 credits)

GCBA-502 A&B  Histology (5 credits per year)  
The principal educational goal of this course is an understanding of organ structure and organ function through the detailed study of light microscopic preparations and electron micrographs.

●  Fall Quarter (3 credits)
●  Winter Quarter (2 credits)
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<td>Advanced Cell Biology (2.00 credits)</td>
<td>Advanced treatment of key topic areas in modern cell biology. Course involves critical evaluation of primary literature and discussion with concentrations in nuclear organization, gene expression, cell trafficking, mitosis, meiosis, cell cycle, apoptosis, extra cellular matrix, cancer and metastatic disease. This is a required course for all Cell Biology and Anatomy doctoral students metastatic. Seminar/Discussion. Winter</td>
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<td>GCBA-602</td>
<td>Special Topics in Cell Biology (1.00 credit)</td>
<td>Topics of current interest in Cell Biology will be covered in a format that involves primary literature and discussion as well as a didactic component. Seminar/Discussion. Spring</td>
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<td>GCBA-604</td>
<td>Techniques in Cell Biology (2.00 credits)</td>
<td>Theory and application of fundamental techniques used to visualize cells and cellular processes. Course is partly didactic and partly student participation/observation of techniques for: tissue cultures, live cell imaging, electron microscopy, immunocytochemistry, confocal microscopy, visualizing molecules. This is a required course for all Cell Biology and Anatomy doctoral students. Lecture-Lab. Fall</td>
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DEPARTMENT: CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR PHARMACOLOGY

GCMP-500 Electrophysiology Journal Club (1.00 – 3.00 credits per year)
The purpose of the electrophysiology journal club is to facilitate the understanding and discussion of
electrophysiological data, from published papers to preliminary/exciting yet unpublished observations from
different electrophysiology laboratories in our school.

GCMP-502 Journal Club in Cellular & Molecular Pharmacology (1.00 – 2.00 credits per year)
Consists of informal presentation and discussion of current and novel literature in pharmacology.
May be repeated for credit. One hour every two weeks, Tuesdays at noon.

GCMP-509 Seminar in Cellular & Molecular Pharmacology (1.00 credit per year)
Internationally-recognized scientists present their most recent research. Students meet for lunch with the
speakers, allowing for informal interactions. May be repeated for credit.

GCMP-535 Research in Pharmacology - Thesis (1.00 – 12.00 credits per quarter)
This designation is utilized for students who have passed their candidacy exam, and are performing thesis
work/research in pharmacology. Credit hours to be arranged with thesis mentor.

GCMP-539 Research in Pharmacology - Introduction (1.00 – 12.00 credits per quarter)
This designation is utilized for students who have yet to pass their candidacy exam, and are performing
research in pharmacology. Credit hours to be arranged with research mentor.

GCMP-545 Advanced Molecular Pharmacology (1.00 – 12.00 credits per year)
Series of Lectures focusing on (1) basic principles in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, including
signal transduction and and receptor pharmacology (2) pharmacogenomics and gene therapy (3) drug
structure/activity relationships, small molecule drug design, molecular mechanism and drug targets, and
molecular basis of drug resistance. Problem solving exercise and references will accompany
discussion/lectures. 10 weeks. Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

GCMP-601 Neuropharmacology I (2.00 credits)
Lectures present a comprehensive overview of the cellular foundations of neuropharmacology, techniques
used in neuropharmacology, and experimental design. Principles of excitable membranes and ion channels will
be discussed. Subject matters are covered in lectures and with interactive problem-solving approaches. These
lectures will provide a background to the topics covered in GCMP601 Neuropharmacology II. 2 hours/week
(Tuesdays 1-3PM). Fall

GMCP-602 Neuropharmacology II (2.00 credits)
Lectures focus on neurotransmitter systems and how these participate on specific behaviors and disease
states. Final lecture will integrate basic neuropharmacology research with the translational aspects of drug
discovery. Scholarly publications will accompany discussion lectures.
2 hours/week (Tuesdays 1-3PM). Winter
GCMP-605  Pharmacology Core (6.00 credits)
This course will introduce students to the basic principles of drug action. The first quarter will cover basic principles of the autonomic drugs and the therapeutic uses, side effects, and interactions of prostaglandins, NSAIDs, and central nervous system agents. The second quarter will continue the study of selected drug categories, including antimicrobials, anti cancer drugs, general and local anesthetics, cardiac drugs, and sedative/hypnotics. The third quarter will continue with drug categories that include endocrine and metabolic modulators, and treatment of asthma. Subject matters are covered in lectures, tutorials, and discussions. Fall/Winter/Spring

GCMP-608  Research Skills – beyond the bench (1.00 – 4.00 credits per year)
This course will review the skills required for a successful career in academic research, providing tools to help students develop such skills. Modules are geared towards real-life experiences that students will encounter while performing scientific research in academic settings. The course will also increase professionalism and communication skills. The course has four modules and focuses on (1) meetings, (2) manuscripts, (3) grants, and (4) administrative research duties. Lecture/Seminar-Discussion Spring

GCMP-700  Teaching in Pharmacology (1.00 - 3.00 credits per year)
Part of our mission is to prepare students for academic and educational positions. Students will be trained in teaching strategies and will serve as facilitators in the Medical Pharmacology small-group problem-solving sessions, and as lecturers in the Basic Biomedical Science pharmacology review sessions. Fall/Winter/Spring

DEPARTMENT: MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

GMIC-503  Virology (4.00 credits)
This course covers fundamental animal virology including virus structure, classification, replication and genetics. Viruses of current interest that produce human disease (for example, HIV) will be discussed. Other topics may include molecular mechanisms of viral latency, role of viruses in oncogenesis, emerging viral infections of man and viruses and gene transfer vectors in human gene therapy. The course is lecture-based and discussion of original research articles. Spring

GMIC-510  Introductory Immunology (3.00 credits)
This course is appropriate for non-microbiology and immunology majors who have had no formal training in immunology or who wish to review the fundamentals in preparation for the Advanced Immunology course. An overview of specific and nonspecific immunity, structure and function of immunoglobulins, molecular basis of antibody diversity, T cell and B cell differentiation, cell-cell interactions in the immune response, humoral and cell-mediated immunity, lymphokines and mediators, immunogenetics and major histo-compatibility complexes, complement, inflammation, hypersensitivity, autoimmune and immunodeficiency diseases, tumor immunology and transplantation immunology are among the topics discussed. Lecture Only. Fall
GMIC-520 Molecular Parasitology (3.00 credits)
This course involves theoretical and practical aspects of applying new biological technology to study parasites and parasitic mechanisms of major tropical diseases. Emphasis is on molecular biology (especially DNA and RNA interactions). The depth of coverage depends on the prior training of the participants. Students are expected to actively participate in discussing recent literature as well as in project-oriented research. Research topics may be directed to the background or training and interests of the students. Winter

GMIC-530 Master’s Thesis in Microbiology/Immunology (5.00 – 15.00 credits per quarter)
Research.

GMIC-532 Journal Club in Microbiology & Immunology (1.00 credits per quarter)
Faculty, post-doctoral fellows, and students discuss current research efforts. Participants present their “work in progress” in an informal presentation, which includes an introduction to the field of interest. This series covers topics of research currently being pursued in the department and is geared towards learning of each other’s work and assisting one another in defining science and presentation skills. Required for all Microbiology and Immunology students. Lecture Only.

GMIC-533 Seminars in Microbiology & Immunology (1.00 credit per quarter)
Presentations on current research in the field of Microbiology and Immunology by invited speakers, faculty and students. Required of all Microbiology and Immunology students. Lecture Only.

GMIC-535 Doctoral Dissertation in Microbiology and Immunology (5.00 – 15.00 credits per quarter)
Research Only

GMIC-539 Introduction to Research  (5-15 credits per quarter)
Graduate students, early in their course of study, work with a member of the faculty in research, to learn specific basic procedures to enable students to select their graduate research work. Research Only.

GMIC-542 Selected Topics in Microbiology (2.00 credits per quarter)
Lecture Only. Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

GMIC-549 Flow Cytometric Techniques (1.00 credit)
Students learn flow cytometric technology including immunophenotyping, cell sorting, DNA kinetics and cellular ploidy analysis. Lecture Only.

GMIC-560 Advanced Immunology (3.00 credits)
Lectures, discussion and assigned reading for in-depth studies to cover properties of antigens and antibodies; mechanisms of antibody formation; phylogeny and ontogeny of the immune system; structural and functional aspects of the immune system; molecular basis of antibody and lymphocyte diversity; major histocompatibility complexes in man and animals; immunogenetics of differentiation; effector mechanisms of antibody and cell-mediated immunity; immunodeficiency diseases; regulation and control of the immune response; genetics and immunology of transplants and tumors. Lecture Only. Winter
GMIC-600A&B  Medical Microbiology & Immunology (8 credits total)
This course consists of two parts: [1] ~55 lectures of relevance from Medical Microbiology and Immunology (MMIC 600 A-B) taken along with medical students on immunology, basic bacteriology and pathogenic bacteria. [2] Students’ review, presentation and discussion of latest articles related to subjects of the lectures. Evaluation will be based on essay type exams, topic papers, oral presentation and discussion of articles.

GMIC 600A  Fall Quarter, six lecture hours (when scheduled) per week (4.00 credits)
GMIC 600B  Winter Quarter, six lecture hours (when scheduled) per week (4.00 credits)

GMIC-605  Molecular Biology Techniques (2.00 credits)
This course will give students a working knowledge of various molecular experimental approaches and to understand the advantages and limitations of each. Lecture only. Fall

GMIC-606  Cancer Biology and Signaling (2.00 credits)
This course covers the basic biology of cancer at the cellular and molecular levels with special emphasis on aberrant signal transduction pathways in cancer cells. The course involves lectures and discussion of original research/review articles. Lecture only. Winter

DEPARTMENT: NEUROSCIENCE

GNSC-504  Neuroscience Seminar (1.00 credit per quarter)
Presentations on current research in the field of Neuroscience by invited speakers. Required of all Neuroscience PhD and MD/PhD students. Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters, one hour per week. Lecture Only.

GNSC-505  Brain Dissection (1.00 credit)
An intensive short course, where students will carry out a detailed dissection of a human cadaver brain. This dissection will expose them to all the major areas of the human forebrain, brainstem, and cerebellum, including major fiber tracts subcortical nuclei, and their connections to brainstem and cortical structures. Special emphasis will be placed on human limbic structures and the circuitry underlying emotion, addiction, and other psychiatric disorders. Fall quarter, 1 credit. Lab Only.

GNSC-535  Doctoral Dissertation in Neuroscience (2.00 – 12.00 credits per quarter)
This course is for the PhD student who has successfully passed the Candidacy Exam. May be repeated for credit. Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer Quarters, hours and units to be arranged. Research.

GNSC-539  Introduction to Research (2.00 – 12.00 credits per quarter)
This course is for the second-year PhD student or third year MD/PhD or DPM/PhD student who has chosen a laboratory but not yet passed the Candidacy Exam. Laboratory experience is geared toward learning techniques and obtaining preliminary data toward the student’s dissertation proposal and Candidacy Exam. May be repeated for credit. Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer Quarters, hours and units to be arranged. Lecture Only.
GNSC-553  Neuroscience Journal Club (1.00 credits per quarter)
Presentations on current literature, personal research and newsworthy developments in neuroscience by faculty, staff and students. Required of all Neuroscience PhD and MD/PhD students. Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters, one hour per week. Seminar/Discussion.

GNSC-570  Neuro Teaching (1.00 credits)
Students will run weekly neuroanatomy discussion sessions for CMS and BMS students enrolled in the Medical Neuroscience Course (MNSC-501). Required of all Neuroscience PhD and MD/PhD students during the second and third years of study. Spring Quarter, two hours of teaching per week, plus preparation. Seminar/Discussion

GNSC-600  Neurophysiology (2.00 credits)
A thorough review of neurophysiological function, including the ionic basis of the neuronal membrane potential and action potentials, pre- and post-synaptic signaling, signal transduction, cable properties, and synaptic plasticity. Fall Quarter, two hours per week. Seminar/Discussion.

GNSC-605  Techniques in Microscopy (1.00 credit)
A comprehensive instruction to state-of-the-art microscopy and design-based stereology. Lectures cover the fundamentals of tissue preparation and staining, microscopy, digital imaging and confocal stereology. Fall Quarter, 1 credit, Lecture-Lab.

GNSC-606  Neurodegeneration (2.00 credits)
Mechanisms of brain death and neuronal degeneration resulting from chronic or acute diseases and their prospects for recovery. Topics include the clinical features and animal models of traumatic brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s and Huntington’s diseases. Spring, two hours per week. Coordinated by Drs. Ariano and West. Seminar/Discussion.
(Nota: course offered in Fall 2010 in lieu of Spring Quarter for both 2009 and 2010. Offered again Spring 2012)

GNSC-607  Neuronal Signaling (2.00 credits)
This course covers intracellular signaling mechanisms including G proteins, phosphoinositides, cyclic nucleotides, calcium, serine and threonine phosphorylation, and tyrosine phosphorylation. Faculty will present basic information on each topic. Students are responsible for leading discussions based on the text and journal articles. Winter, two hours per week. Seminar/Discussion.

DEPARTMENT: PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS

GPHY-500A & B  Medical Physiology (14.00 credits)
The course offers the basic principles of organ system physiology. Through lectures, demonstrations, conferences and laboratory work, students receive a quantitative and integrated concept of subcellular, cellular and organ system function. (N.B. This course is required for all graduate students majoring in physiology.)
•  GPHY 500A Fall, five lectures and three hours of laboratory work and conferences per week (7 credits).
•  GPHY 500B Winter, six lectures and two hours of conferences per week (7 credits).
GPHY-505  Physiology Seminar (1.00 credit per quarter)
Students, staff and invited guests present their current research programs in physiology for discussion and analysis. Lecture Only.

GPHY-512  Physiology of Autonomic Nervous System (2.00 credits)
An advanced course with the material covering autonomic nervous regulation and integration of vital functions such as respiration, circulation and temperature regulation. Seminar/Discussion. Fall

GPHY-513  Pulmonary Pathophysiology  (2.00 credits)
The biophysics of pulmonary mechanics and gas transport are presented as a basis for evaluating pulmonary function. Modern pulmonary function-testing equipment is utilized in the laboratory, and an emphasis is placed on recognizing abnormal lung volumes and air flows. Lecture Only. Spring

GPHY-514  Physiology of the Liver (2.00 credits)
In addition to an in-depth discussion of the functions of the liver and experimental techniques used in studying the liver, the effects of complete and partial hepatectomy are described as well as the pathophysiology of the liver. Seminar/Discussion. Winter

GPHY-516  Cardiovascular Pathophysiology (2.00 credits)
Clinical aspects of cardiovascular function are emphasized, e.g. heart sounds and murmurs, electrocardiogram, monitoring of central venous pressure, and cardiac function curves. Lecture Only. Fall/Winter

GPHY-534  Teaching Methods (1.00 – 2.00 credits)
To provide graduate students with practical experience in teaching physiology, advanced students present lectures and assist in the planning and direction of laboratory and discussion sessions and in the presentation of technical material under the careful supervision of the staff. Hours and credit hours to be arranged. Lecture Only. Fall

GPHY-535  Doctoral Research in Physiology (5.00 – 15.00 credits per quarter)
Research for doctoral work after Candidacy Exam is passed. Hours and credit to be arranged with Mentor. Lecture Only.

GPHY-539  Introduction to Research in Physiology (5-15 credits per quarter)
In their second year of study, students assist a member of the faculty with research as a step towards determining and planning their own graduate research work. Hours and credit to be arranged with Mentor. Lecture Only.

GPHY-620  Masters Research in Physiology (5-15 credits per quarter)
Research for the Master student (hours to be arranged with Mentor)
GPHY-542        Electrogenic Ion Pumps (3.00 credits)
The objective of this course is to conduct an in-depth survey of the current state of knowledge of the
mechanisms of electrogenic active transport of ions and of other substrates whose movement is coupled to the
movement of a charged substrate. This objective will be achieved primarily by lectures presented by the
instructors. In addition, students will be given written homework assignments that will be discussed in class.
In general there will be two lecture hours presented per week and one hour of classroom discussion time.
Topics to be discussed include: 1) basic principles of pump function, 2) electrogenic properties of ion pumps,
3) ion pumps and electrical properties of cell membranes, 4) bacteriorhodopsin, 5) proton pumps, 6) Na/K
ATPase, 7) Ca-ATPase of sarcoplasmic reticulum, 8) FoF1-ATPases, and 9) cytochrome oxidase. A written
final examination will be given at the end of the course. Lecture Only. Winter

GPHY-545        Acid-Base Physiology (2.00 credits)
Group discussions of assigned readings on the mechanisms of body defenses against changes in acid-base
balance. Seminar/Discussion. Spring

GPHY-618        Molecular Biology of Ionic Channels (3.00 credits)
This course will cover both experimental and theoretical aspects of ionic channels in biological membranes.
Topics to be discussed include the following: 1) classical biophysics of the squid giant axon, 2) Na and K
channels, 3) calcium channels, 4) K and chloride channels, 5) endplate channels, 6) properties of ions in
solution, 7) properties of pores, 8) counting channels, 9) ionic selectivity, 10) ion saturation and binding,
11) mechanisms of drug block, and 12) gating mechanisms. Lecture Only. Spring