

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**BCH 4024: INTRODUCTION TO BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**  
**COURSE COORDINATOR: Dr. Brian D. Cain**

**Spring Semester, 2019**

**Credit:** four (4) hours

**Course Description:** BCH 4024 surveys the structure, function, and metabolism of amino acids, proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids. It introduces concepts in cell structure, replication and growth, and metabolic regulation.

**Meeting Times and Places:** Lectures are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> periods) in the second-floor Stetson MSB (Medical Sciences Building) Auditorium (Room N2-200).

**Prerequisites:** Organic Chemistry (CHM 2210 and 2211, CHM 2215 and 2216, or their equivalents at other universities) or consent of course coordinator. CHM 2200 is not an acceptable prerequisite for BCH 4024.

**Recommended Text:** *Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, 7th edition*, by David L. Nelson and Michael M. Cox. New York: W.H. Freeman and Company, 2017. Textbooks may be bought at the Health Center Bookstore (Room MG-15) and available in several other local, commercial bookstores. Used copies of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> editions are widely available.

**Web Page:** This syllabus, expanded policies, and other information about the course are available on Canvas. The syllabus is also available on the BCH 4024 site, <http://biochem.med.ufl.edu/academics/undergraduate-courses>.

**Lecture Notes:** ALL faculty lecture notes for this course are available ONLY at the Canvas site. All other course-related files is also there. There is NO approved course package.

**Attendance:** We want to emphasize that attendance is central to success in this course. Students who regularly attend class and seek assistance or clarification score higher in BCH 4024 than those who do not. Lecturers will announce their office hours in class and post them outside their office doors. The BCH4024 **Supplemental Instruction** program is very popular and highly effective.

**Tests and Grading:** Examinations periods are on Thursdays at the times indicated below: February 7, March 14, and April 4 in Room CG-28 (Computer Testing Center, Communicore Building, Health Science Center). The Final Exam will be on Tuesday April 30. The online exam **SIGN-UP** is mandatory. The sign-up for Exams 1-3 will be prior to Exam 1, and then a second sign-up will be before for Exam 4. If you will have a consistent conflict with these exam times, such as another class, lab, or some other exam, then **DO NOT REGISTER** for BCH4024.

The four, ninety-minute examinations are each worth one-hundred (100) points, with a course total of four-hundred (400) points. Students' final letter-grades will be determined **SOLELY** based on performance on those exams. Exams will cover the material discussed in the lectures, PowerPoint slides, and in the textbook. There is **NO EXTRA CREDIT**. For more detailed information on grading see the BCH4024 Testing and Grading Policies in Canvas. Information on the UF grading policy is available at: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>.

Students requesting special-needs classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student. The student must provide this documentation to **Dr. Brown** during the first week of the classes for **DRC accommodations**.

A make-up examination is available for students who miss **ONE** of the first three exams for some acceptable reason, **WITH PRIOR PERMISSION** from **DR. CAIN**. Generally, this will be illness, injury, or some unforeseeable scheduling conflict. Written documentation will be required for all make-up requests. All make-up exams are on Thursday, April 11 at 8:30 AM. Be warned that previous history suggests missing an exam correlates with a lower score. Although the makeup exams are designed for equal difficulty, they are weeks after the lectures for that section of the course. Moreover, you will also have less time to study for Exam 4. The makeup exams are specific to the missed exam, not cumulative. No make-up exam is available for Exam 4, so to complete BCH4024 students must take Exam 4 as scheduled. Students failing to take an exam will receive zero points for that test. Any exception requires the prior explicit written approval of **DR. CAIN**.

The Testing Center uses **iMac** computers equipped with a scientific calculator (version 10.7.1). No other calculator is allowable during an exam. Students are strongly encouraged to practice functions such as log, anti-log and scientific notation on a Mac prior to taking exams. The proctors do **NOT** help students perform calculations.

By agreement of the faculty, BCH4024 will **NOT** allow general review of exams. Be assured that exam questions undergo a rigorous statistical review after every question. The faculty take into account student concerns voiced during and immediately after exams. Adjustments to the answer key may occur and extra points awarded based on the results of the faculty review. Dr. Cain is willing to review exam results with individual students upon request. Please note that Dr. Cain will not discuss whether questions were "fair," and there is no possibility of gaining additional points.

**Course Communications:** Verbal announcements are made in class and by email to your **ufl.edu** account. We cannot use any other email for official business. It is your responsibility to attend class to hear announcements in class, clear your spam file, and regularly check your UF email account.

**Course Contact Information:** Direct questions about course organization, including exams and grades to Dr. Cain via email (not telephone). His office hours will be by "Appointment Only" until March when he begins lecturing in the class.

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**LECTURE SCHEDULE FOR  
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<b><u>Lecture</u></b>	<b><u>Day and Date</u></b>	<b><u>Lecturer</u></b>	<b><u>Specific Topic</u></b>
L-1	Mon, 1/7/19	DLP	<b>Introduction and Course Organization Water and Acid-Base Chemistry</b>
L-2	Tue, 1/8/19	DLP	<b>Molecular Interactions</b>
L-3	Wed, 1/9/19	DLP	<b>Amino Acids</b>
L-4	Fri, 1/11/19	DLP	<b>Peptides and Peptide Bonds</b>
L-5	Mon, 1/14/19	DLP	<b>Three-Dimensional Structure of Proteins</b>
L-6	Tue, 1/15/19	DLP	<b>Protein Dynamics and Protein Folding</b>
L-7	Wed, 1/16/19	DLP	<b>Protein Ligand Interactions</b>
L-8	Fri, 1/18/19	DLP	<b>Enzyme Mechanism and Catalysis I</b>
	Mon, 1/21/19		<b>Martin Luther King Day (no classes)</b>
L-9	Tue, 1/22/19	DLP	<b>Enzyme Mechanism and Catalysis II</b>
L-10	Wed, 1/23/19	DLP	<b>Enzyme Kinetics and Inhibition</b>
L-11	Fri, 1/25/19	DLP	<b>Enzyme Regulation and Bioenergetics</b>
L-12	Mon, 1/28/19	DLP	<b>Introduction to Metabolism - Part 1: Pathways &amp; Bioenergetics</b>
L-13	Tue, 1/29/19	DLP	<b>Amino Acid Metabolism: Digestion &amp; Amino Acid Absorption</b>
L-14	Wed, 1/30/19	DLP	<b>Amino Acid Degradation and Disposition</b>
L-15	Fri, 2/1/19	DLP	<b>Amino Acid Metabolism: Urea Cycle</b>
L-16	Mon, 2/4/19	DLP	<b>Amino Acid Metabolism: Biosynthesis of Nonessential AAs</b>
L-17	Tue, 2/5/19	DLP	<b>Amino Acid Metabolism: Specialized Amino Acids</b>
L-18	Wed, 2/6/19	DLP	<b>Pyrimidine &amp; Purine Nucleotide Biosynthesis</b>
<b>E-1</b>	<b>Thurs, 2/7/19</b>	<b>EXAM 1</b>	<b>[LECTURES L-1 THRU L-16] 8:30-10:00 AM, 10:30-12:00 AM, 1:00-2:30 PM, 3:00-4:30 PM</b>

L-19	Fri, 2/8/19	DLP	<b>Salvage and Ribonucleotide Reductase</b>
L-20	Mon 2/11/19	DLP	<b>Carbohydrates and Glycobiology</b>
L-21	Tue, 2/12/19	WLZ	<b>Lipids</b>
L-22	Wed, 2/13/19	WLZ	<b>Biological Membranes</b>
L-23	Fri, 2/15/19	WLZ	<b>Membrane Proteins</b>
L-24	Mon, 2/18/19	WLZ	<b>Membrane Protein Transporters</b>
L-25	Tue, 2/19/19	WLZ	<b>Membrane Protein Signaling I</b>
L-26	Wed, 2/20/19	WLZ	<b>Membrane Protein Signaling II</b>
L-27	Fri, 2/22/19	WLZ	<b>Introduction to Metabolism – Part 2: Carbon Metabolism</b>
L-28	Mon, 2/25/19	WLZ	<b>Glycolysis</b>
L-29	Tue, 2/26/19	WLZ	<b>Gluconeogenesis</b>
L-30	Wed, 2/27/18	WLZ	<b>Glycogen Metabolism</b>
L-31	Fri, 3/1/19	WLZ	<b>Regulation of Carbohydrate Metabolism</b>
	<b>3/2/19 through 3/10/19</b>		<b>Spring Break (no classes)</b>
L-32	Mon, 3/11/19	WLZ	<b>Respiration and Introduction to the Citric Acid Cycle</b>
L-33	Tue, 3/12/19	WLZ	<b>Citric Acid Cycle</b>
L-34	Wed, 3/13/19	WLZ	<b>Electron Transport</b>
<b>E-2</b>	<b>Thurs, 3/14/19</b>	<b>EXAM 2</b>	<b>[LECTURES L-17 THRU L-31] 8:30-10:00 AM, 10:30-12:00 AM, 1:00-2:30 PM, 3:00-4:30 PM</b>
L-35	Fri, 3/15/19	WLZ	<b>Oxidative Phosphorylation</b>
L-36	Mon, 3/18/19	WLZ	<b>Introduction to Lipid Metabolism and Fatty Acid Oxidation</b>
L-37	Tue, 3/19/19	WLZ	<b>Ketogenesis and Fatty Acid Synthesis</b>
L-38	Wed, 3/20/19	WLZ	<b>Regulation of Fatty Acid Oxidation and Synthesis</b>
L-39	Fri, 3/22/19	WLZ	<b>Cholesterol Synthesis</b>
L-40	Mon, 3/25/19	WLZ	<b>Plasma Lipoproteins</b>

L-41	Tue, 3/26/19	BDC	<b>Nucleic Acids</b>
L-42	Wed, 3/27/19	BDC	<b>DNA Sequencing</b>
L-43	Fri, 3/29/18	BDC	<b>DNA Replication I</b>
L-44	Mon, 4/1/19	BDC	<b>DNA Replication II</b>
L-45	Tue, 4/2/19	BDC	<b>Prokaryotic Transcription and Gene Regulation</b>
L-46	Wed, 4/3/19	BDC	<b>Eukaryotic Transcription and Gene Regulation I</b>
<b>E-3</b>	<b>Thurs, 4/4/19</b>	<b>EXAM 3</b>	<b>[LECTURES L-32 THRU L-44] 8:30-10:00 AM, 10:30-12:00 AM, 1:00-2:30 PM, 3:00-4:30 PM</b>
L-47	Fri, 4/5/19	BDC	<b>Eukaryotic Transcription and Gene Regulation II</b>
L-48	Mon, 4/8/19	BDC	<b>Eukaryotic Transcription and Gene Regulation III</b>
L-49	Tue, 4/9/19	BDC	<b>RNA Processing</b>
L-50	Wed, 4/10/19	BDC	<b>Translation I</b>
<b>E-MU</b>	<b>Thurs, 4/11/19</b>		<b>Makeup Exam (for students who miss one of the first three exams) 8:30-10:00</b>
L-51	Fri, 4/12/19	BDC	<b>Translation II</b>
L-52	Mon, 4/15/19	BDC	<b>Post-translational Modification of Proteins</b>
L-53	Tue, 4/16/19	BDC	<b>DNA Damage and Repair</b>
L-54	Wed, 4/17/19	BDC	<b>Recombination and Transposition</b>
L-55	Fri, 4/19/19	BDC	<b>Signal Transduction</b>
L-56	Mon, 4/22/19	BDC	<b>Cell Cycle</b>
L-57	Tue, 4/23/19	BDC	<b>Cancer Mechanisms I</b>
L-58	Wed, 4/24/19	BDC	<b>Cancer Mechanisms II</b>
<b>E-4</b>	<b>Tue, 4/30/19</b>	<b>EXAM 4</b>	<b>[LECTURES L-45 THRU L-58] 8:30-10:00 AM, 10:30-12:00 AM, 1:00-2:30 PM, 3:00-4:30 PM</b>