

## IBMS 6098 Thesis Fall 2023

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**CLASS DAYS and TIME:** Variable as determined by the faculty mentors

**CLASSROOM:** Variable as determined by the faculty mentors

**COURSE DIRECTOR:** P. Renee Yew, Ph.D.

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This course involves independent, original research under the direction of a faculty advisor and is designed to allow a graduate student time to write his or her Master's Thesis and to receive guidance from his or her Thesis Supervising Committee. Registration in IBMS 6098 is only permitted following a student's admission to candidacy for the M.S. degree, approval of the thesis research proposal, and approval of the membership of the candidate's Thesis Supervising Committee. A candidate for the M.S. degree must register for the Thesis course for at least one semester prior to graduation. Students should enroll in the Thesis course section that corresponds to their IBMS discipline: IBMS 6098-2BA for Biology of Aging (BA), IBMS 6098-3CB for Cancer Biology (CB), IBMS 6098-4CGM for Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine (CGM), IBMS 6098-5MIM for Molecular Immunology & Microbiology (MIM), 6098-6MBB for Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry (MBB), IBMS 6098-6NS for Neuroscience (NS), and IBMS 6098-7PP for Physiology & Pharmacology (PP). Enrollment in IBMS 6098 with discipline designations typically requires course permissions which is granted by the discipline coordinator or director.

**Pre-requisites** – None

**Semester credit hours** – Variable, 1 SCH to 9 SCH

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Conduct independent experiments using the appropriate experimental approaches in biomedical research to address scientific questions.
- Interpret the underlying principles, experimental design, data and statistical analyses of specific biomedical experiments.
- Write and orally defend a M.S Thesis describing the data collected and highlighting the key findings of the research project.

### **COURSE ORGANIZATION**

**The main teaching modalities used in this course include:**

- 1) Hands on laboratory work with the purpose of addressing an important area of study in Integrated Biomedical Sciences.
- 2) Design and defense of a M.S. Thesis describing the data collected and highlighting the key findings of the research project.

**Materials** – Laboratory protocols and laboratory notebooks. Laptop for data presentations.

**Access to Course Materials** – NA

**Reading Assignments** – Papers may be suggested by the faculty mentor.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance and participation are mandatory. One large component of the grading is participation in the lab work so if a student does not perform their assigned lab work then this may result in an unsatisfactory grade or incomplete. Any scheduled absences must be approved by the faculty mentor prior to the absence.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

No required textbooks.

## **GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES**

Students will be graded on their attendance and participation. A final grade will be assigned by the course director based on the grade given to the student by the mentor.

### **Grading System**

Honors/Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

## **REQUESTS FOR ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES**

In accordance with policy 4.2.3, **Request for Accommodation Under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA)**, any student requesting accommodation must submit the appropriate request for accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, form 100). to his/her appropriate Associate Dean of their School and a copy to the ADA Coordinator. Additional information may be obtained at <http://uthscsa.edu/eeo/request.asp>.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM**

Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline as prescribed by the UT System Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an exam for another person, signing attendance sheets for another student, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act. Additional information may be obtained at <http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/academicdishonestypolicy/>

The values and ethics of the GSBS and UT Health San Antonio are based upon honesty, integrity, and mutual respect between all students, staff, and faculty. These values and ethics are applied to all endeavors that are related to activities performed by all members of the GSBS community. This includes any assignments, presentations, projects, and/or exams completed in this course. All students commit to not receiving or giving any aid on the completion of their work in this course including the use of Artificial Intelligence text generators such as ChatGPT. If you are unsure how this might pertain to this course, please contact the course director before submission of any assigned work.

## **TITLE IX AT UTHSCSA**

### **Title IX Defined:**

Title of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. It reads “no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

**University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio's Commitment:**

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. As required by Title IX, UTHSCSA does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, and it encourages any student, faculty, or staff member who thinks that he or she has been subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment (including sexual violence) or sexual misconduct to immediately report the incident to the Title IX Director.

In an emergency, victims of sexual abuse should call 911. For non-emergencies, they may contact UPD at 210-567-2800. Additional information may be obtained at <http://students.uthscsa.edu/titleix/>

**EMAIL POLICY**

Students should communicate with the course director via e-mail.

**USE OF RECORDING DEVICES**

NA

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Electronic devices such as cell phones, computers, tablets, etc. are permitted in the lab.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

TBD

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	Assignment	Instructor and Modality
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Week 7				
Week 8				
Week 9				
Week 10				
Week 11				
Week 12				
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