

IBMS 7099 Dissertation Fall 2023

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

CLASSROOM: Variable as determined by the faculty mentors

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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 graduate students time to write their doctoral dissertations and to receive guidance from their Dissertation Supervising Committees. Registration in IBMS 7099 is only permitted following a student's admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree, approval of the dissertation research proposal, and approval of the membership of the candidate's Dissertation Supervising Committee. A candidate for the Ph.D. degree must register for the Dissertation course for at least two semesters prior to graduation. Students should enroll in the Dissertation course section that corresponds to their IBMS discipline: IBMS 7099-2BA for Biology of Aging (BA), IBMS 7099-3CB for Cancer Biology (CB), IBMS 7099-4CGM for Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine (CGM), IBMS 7099-5MIM for Molecular Immunology & Microbiology (MIM), 7099-6MBB for Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry (MBB), IBMS 7099-6NS for Neuroscience (NS), and IBMS 7099-7PP for Physiology & Pharmacology (PP). Enrollment in IBMS 7099 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 12 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 Ph.D. Dissertation 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 Ph.D. Dissertation 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 ACCOMMODATIONS 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>.

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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				
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