

# Molecular Medicine 7099 Dissertation

FALL 2017

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**CLASS DAYS and TIME:** JULY 05, 2017 – DECEMBER 15, 2017, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**CLASSROOM:** STRF OR TBD BY MENTOR LAB

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Students will work in their thesis laboratory on their research projects. They will publish their data in relevant journals and present their research.

**Pre-requisites** – Upon satisfactory completion of all required core courses, Comprehensive and Qualifying Examinations, and with the approval of the Supervising Professor, students can register for Dissertation.

**Semester credit hours** – 1-12 units depending on the status and course load of students to fulfill their requirements.

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

- Obtain sufficient data for at least one first-author research paper.
- Obtain strong training in both technical and scholastic abilities.
- Communicate their results both in oral and written formats effectively.

## COURSE ORGANIZATION

The main teaching modalities used in this course include:

- 1) Laboratory research
- 2) Scientific thinking and planning
- 3) Present their work in oral and written formats as a part of their thesis defense

**Materials** – equipment and reagents required for the projects would be provided by the supervising faculty.

**Computer Access** – will be offered by the faculty if needed.

**Reading Assignments** – suggested by the faculty; students should be actively engaged in paper reading and analysis weekly, if not daily, on their research topic.

## ATTENDANCE

The research is expected to be carried out daily.

## TEXTBOOKS

**Required:** none

**Recommended:** none

## GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory – based on completion of research assignments.

### Grading System

S = Satisfactory    U = 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>.

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**USE OF RECORDING DEVICES**

Recording of any activities in this course by any means, e.g., video, audio, etc., is not permitted unless approved by the instructor or required for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Un-restricted and encouraged