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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION

Senate

FROM

Peter Liljedahl, Acting Dean of

Graduate Studies

RE:

Faculty of Science

DATE

June 15 2015

No.

GS2015.29

For the information of Senate:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of June 8, 2015, SGSC approved the following course changes effective **Spring 2016**:

Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Course change (title, description): MBB 702

Course change (description): MBB 723

Course change (title, description, prerequisite): MBB 806

MEMO

Faculty of Science

ATTENTION Wade Parkhouse, Dean of Graduate Studies

FROM Carl Lowenberger, Associate Dean, Faculty of Science

**RE** Graduate Courses change: MBB 702 "Developmental Biology of Cell Signaling" and MBB 723 "Protein Structure and Function"

**DATE** May 14, 2015

TIME 2:26:30 PM

The graduate program in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry seeks minor changes to MBB 702 "Developmental Biology of Cell Signaling" in terms of course title and description and to MBB 723 "Protein Structure and Function" in terms of description to link with the undergraduate course MBB 423 as described in the attached memo.

These are minor changes to existing courses. These changes have my approval and that of the Faculty of Science Graduate Committee.

Carl Lowenberger

# MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY Memorandum

To: Chair, Faculty Graduate Studies Committee,

Faculty of Science

Re: Graduate Course Change – MBB 702 Graduate Course Change – MBB 723 From: Michel Leroux, Chair, MBB Graduate

**Studies Committee** 

Date: January 26, 2015

We are requesting approval of the following:

MBB 702: Developmental Biology of Cell Signalling – graduate course change
 The course title and description have been updated to better reflect the content of the course.

Graduate Course Change form attached.

2. MBB 723: Protein Structure and Function – graduate course change MBB 324, Protein Biochemistry, was recently developed and added to the MBB program. Material was moved out of MBB 423 and into MBB 324 which now lays the foundations of protein biochemistry required for students to take MBB 423. MBB 723 description changes are made to reflect the MBB 423 course changes. MBB 423 and MBB 723 are normally combined.

Graduate Course Change form attached.

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Sincerely,

Dr. M.R. Leroux



# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDIES & POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

## Graduate Course Change

Attach a separate document if more space is required.				
Course Subject/Number MBB 702	4	Units 3		
Course Title Developmental Genetics				
Rationale for Change:				
The course title and description have been updated to better reflect the content of the course.				
Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)				
Course number Units* Z Title Description Prerequisite Other				
Complete only the fields to be changed		9		
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Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number			
Units	Units*			
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 cl	haracters)		
Developmental Genetics	Developmental Biology of Cell Signalling			
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max	30 characters)		
	Dev. Biol. of Cell Sig	gnalling		
Description	Description			
Selected topics in the developmental genetics of drosophila.	Aspects of developmental and cellular biology in the contextof signal transduction pathways. The diverse mechanisms used in cell signaling and how the various approaches to the study of signal transduction in organismal development complement each other will be examined with an emphasis on current literature.			
Prerequisite	Prerequisite			
Other	Other	,		

<sup>\*</sup> Program requirements may need to be revised when course units are changed. Please review the calendar and submit any relevant program revisions resulting from this course change.

**REMINDER:** All course changes must be identified on a cover memo and confirmed as approved when submitted to FGSC and SGSC.

CONTACT PERSON Department / School / Program Contact name Contact email **MBB** Mimi Fourie mbb@sfu.ca MESSIV DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL **Department Graduate Program Committee** Signature Date Michel Leroux Jan. 26, 2015 Department Chair Signature Date Lynne Quarmby 2015 ENER FACULTY APPROVAL Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC) Signature Date Care Lowensens Text SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE APPROVAL Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
PETER LIJEGAN Signature Date 2015



## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDIES & POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

## Graduate Course Change

Attach a separate document if more space is required.				
Course Subject/Number MBB 723		Units 3		
Course Title Protein Structure and Function				
Rationale for Change:				
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Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)				
Course number Units* Title Description Prerequisite Other				
Complete only the fields to be changed				
FROM	TO			
Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number			
Units	Units*			
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 c	haracters)		
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max	30 characters)		
Description	Description			
Transition state theory; specificity in enzyme	Mechanistic principle	es for how protein molecules		
catalyzed reactions; use of recombinant DNA	achieve diverse functions such as chemical			
techniques to describe and modify enzyme	catalysis and confor	mational switching. Students		
catalysis, catalytic activities through monoclonal	will learn to critique h	hypotheses about structural		
antibody techniques.	mechanisms, and to	interpret the primary literature		
	diffraction and spectr	al evidence from X-ray		
Prerequisite	Prerequisite			
	rerequisite			
Other	Other			
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Peter Lilledahl Signatup Date

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#### MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

#### **MBB 723**

#### Protein Structure and Function (3)

#### Calendar Description:

Mechanistic principles for how protein molecules achieve diverse functions such as chemical catalysis and conformational switching. Students will learn to critique hypotheses about structural mechanisms, and to interpret the primary literature reporting on structural evidence from X-ray diffraction and spectroscopy.

#### Course Details:

3 lecture hours + 1 tutorial hour / week

Through examination of modern research literature, students will learn to assess primary literature reports of structure data, and to formulate hypotheses and apply structural reasoning in investigations of molecular mechanism. Pre-requisites: Any 4th year biochemistry course OR permission of instructor

#### **Topics**

#### Structural basis of protein function:

- Stability and flexibility
- Enzymatic catalysis
- Integrating multiple functions

#### Obtaining and assessing structural data:

- X-ray crystallography
- Electron microscopy
- Spectroscopic techniques

#### Grading

Quizzes/iClicker	15
Midterm Exam I	15
Written Assignment	15
Midterm Exam II	15
Written Research Project	40

#### Notes:

Grading is subject to change depending on enrolment.

#### Materials + Supplies:

iClicker transmitter required during lectures (available from SFU Bookstore)

#### Required Reading:

This course is not textbook-based. Course readings and research journal articles will be available in Library Reserves.

#### MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

#### **MBB 423**

## PROTEIN STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION (3)

Prerequisite: MBB 323 or MBB 324.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Mechanistic principles for how protein molecules achieve diverse functions such as chemical catalysis and conformational switching. Students will learn to critique hypotheses about structural mechanisms, and to interpret the primary literature reporting on structural evidence from X-ray diffraction and spectroscopy.

#### COURSE DETAILS:

3 lecture hours + 1 tutorial hour / week

Through examination of modern research literature, students will learn to assess primary literature reports of structure data, and to formulate hypotheses and apply structural reasoning in investigations of molecular mechanism

#### **Topics**

#### Structural basis of protein function:

- Stability and flexibility
- Enzymatic catalysis
- Integrating multiple functions

#### Obtaining and assessing structural data:

- X-ray crystallography
- Electron microscopy
- Spectroscopic techniques

#### Grading

Quizzes/Clicker 15%
Midterm Exam I 15%
Written Assignment 15%
Midterm Exam II 15%
Final Exam 40%

Grading is subject to change depending on enrolment.

#### MATERIALS + SUPPLIES:

iClicker transmitter required during lectures (available from SFU Bookstore).

#### REQUIRED READING:

This course is not textbook-based. Course readings and research journal articles will be available in Library Reserves.



MEMO

Faculty of Science

ATTENTION SGSC	
FROM Carl Lowenberger, Associate Dean, Facul	ty of Science
RE Graduate Course Change - MBB 806	
DATE April 30, 2015	2
	TIME 2:52:16

The graduate program in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry seeks to change the course description for MBB 806 from "PhD Graduate Research Seminar" to "PhD Graduate Research Candidacy Examination" to align better with their PhD program, as described in the attached memo.

The changes are minor and this course will be required for all students in the MBB program. This course change has my approval and that of the Faculty of Science Graduate Committee.

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# MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY Memorandum

To: Chair, Faculty Graduate Studies Committee,

Faculty of Science

Re: Graduate Course Change - MBB 806

From: Michel Leroux, Chair, MBB Graduate

**Studies Committee** 

Date: April 28, 2015

We are requesting a graduate course change of MBB 806 for the Spring 2016 term.

New title and description of MBB 806. Our MBB 806 represents an important stepping stone for students wishing to complete a PhD degree. The new title and description aligns better with this fact.

The Graduate Course Change form is attached.

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Sincerely,

Dr. M.R. Leroux



### Graduate Course Change

Attach a separate document if more space is required. Course Subject/Number Units 3 Effective Term and Year MBB 806 Spring 2016 Course Title PhD Graduate Research Seminar Rationale for Change: MBB 806 represents an essential course that students must complete successfully to continue in our graduate program, and obtain a PhD degree. The new title and description aligns better with this fact. Proposed Changes (Check all that apply) Course number Units\* Title Description Prerequisite Other Course Short Title Complete only the fields to be changed FROM TO Course Subject/Number Course Subject/Number Units Units\* Course Title Course Title (max 100 characters) PhD Graduate Research Seminar PhD Graduate Research Candidacy Examination Course Short Title Course Short Title (max 30 characters) PhD Graduate Research Seminar PhD Grad Res Candidacy Exam Description Description Oral presentation and defense of a written PhD Oral presentation and defense of a written PhD research proposal. Students will be examined on research proposal. Students will be examined on their knowledge relevant to the proposed research, capacity their progress and grasp of knowledge relevant to to complete the proposed thesis research (including the proposed research and their capacity to any relevant preliminary results), and understanding of complete the proposed thesis research. Open only the broader field of study. All PhD students enrolled in to students in the PhD molecular biology and the MBB PhD graduate program must take MBB 806. biochemistry graduate program. Prerequisite Prerequisite Permission of the student's supervisory committee. Other Other

<sup>\*</sup> Program requirements may need to be revised when course units are changed. Please review the calendar and submit any relevant program revisions resulting from this course change.

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Department Chair Lynne Quarmby	Signature	Date 28, 2015	
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