

Introductory Biochemistry Laboratory

Chemistry 3710 • Dr. Harris
Spring 2018 Course Syllabus
1 credit

Dates		Experiment/Activity
January	16 th – 22 nd	Course Policies – Safety Review – Excel Introduction
January	23 rd – 29 th	Amino Acid Titrations
January/February	30 th – 5 th	UV Absorption of Sun Screen Lotions
February	6 th – 12 th	Got Protein
February	13 th – 20 th	SDS-PAGE of Milk Protein (Monday lab sections meet on Tuesday the 20 th)
February/March	26 th – 2 nd	Size Exclusion Chromatography
March	12 th – 16 th	Lactase Enzyme Kinetics
March	19 th – 23 rd	Kinetics Data Analysis
March	26 th – 30 th	PDB/Literature Data Bases Introduction
April	2 nd – 6 th	Inhibiting the Flu
April	9 th – 13 th	Inhibiting the Flu Lab Report Submission and Score Check
April	16 th – 20 th	The Flu Fights Back

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Materials

Safety splash goggles, long-sleeve lab coat, full-length jeans with no holes, and closed-toe shoes are required in the laboratory.

The lab fee of \$75 is used to purchase equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as a small portion for teaching assistant compensation.

Prerequisites

Concurrent enrollment in Chemistry 3700. Prior general and organic chemistry experience is expected.

Grades

A score of 90% is guaranteed an A- and 95% or better is guaranteed an A. Final scores will be rounded to nearest one's place (94.4% = 94% and 94.5% = 95%).

Signed Safety Documentation.....	20 points
8 Lab reports @ 20 pts.....	160 points
Teaching Assistant Evaluation (safety, cooperation, independence).....	20 points
Total.....	200 points

All lab reports are due by the laboratory section meeting time one week after completion of the experiment. Late reports will be assessed a 10% penalty per week. The lab report for the make-up experiment (The Flu Fights Back) will be due at the conclusion of the lab period that it is performed.

Students must review all lab course scores at the score check meeting time (April 9th – 13th). It is also recommended that students retain all scored course laboratory work. The Teaching assistant will not declare a student's final lab course grade at the score check meeting.

Policies and Procedures

1. The administration of Chemistry 3710 will adhere strictly to the policies (including the issuing of incompletes) outlined in the USU 2016 – 2017 General Catalog.
2. Qualified students with disabilities may be eligible for reasonable accommodations. All accommodations are coordinated through the Disability Resource Center (DRC) in Room 101 of the University Inn, 797-2444 voice, 797-0740 TTY, or toll-free at 1-800-259-2966. Please contact the DRC as early in the semester as possible. Alternate format materials (Braille, large print or digital) are available with advance notice.
3. Attendance at all the assigned meetings is required. Experiments will not be rescheduled to a different lab section meeting time. A missed experiment which has an excused absence will be made up by appointment only with the last experiment (The Flu Fights Back) during the scheduled lab section meeting time the last week (April 16th – 20th) of the course. Excused absences include: (1) school excused absences outlined in the general catalog, (2) illness, and (3) a family emergency. Planned family trips, vacations, outings, and weddings are not excused absences. Students should notify the TA in advance, if possible, prior to missing an experiment. Students missing an experiment will have one week to notify the TA that they have a valid excuse. A missed experiment that is not made up will be scored as **zero**. Only one missed experiment can be made up.
4. Individuals not wearing safety goggles, full-length jeans with no holes, or closed-toed shoes (no sandals or pumps) will not be allowed in the laboratory, no exceptions.

Course Objectives and Assessment

This course is designed to provide hands-on experience with techniques and concepts common to biochemistry research. This will be accomplished through a laboratory experience that will involve directed reading, observations of demonstrations, performance of experiments, data analysis, and completion of laboratory reports. This course is intended to be taken concurrently with chemistry 3700.

Learning objectives include:

1. Appreciation of laboratory safety
 2. Use of photometry
 3. Understanding of chromatography
 4. Use of gel electrophoresis
 5. Understanding of enzyme kinetics and protein structure
- Exposure to these topics is appropriate for all pre-health and pre-vet professionals, along with majors in many other life science areas.

Assessment of the course will include an end-of-semester evaluation seeking suggestions for course improvement.