SYLLABUS CHM 480/580 Fall 2013

Special Topics Course: Advanced Topics in Biochemistry

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**Office Hours:** Official office hours will be M-R 9-10

 As long as I am in my office or lab, feel free to enter and ask questions at any time.

 The best way to contact me is by email (not phone).

**Statement of Course:** The goal of this course is to present a clear discussion of the biochemistry of mammalian cells and to relate the biochemical events at the cellular level to the physiological processes occurring in the whole animal. This is a topic driven course that will require reading current journal articles and discussing the main concepts presented in the articles during class.

**Prereqs:**  CHM 365 Introductory Biochemistry

**Attendance Policy:** Student participation will be factored into the final grade, so all students are expected to attend and participate during every class meeting.

**Textbook:** Background material will be assigned from the Medical Biochemistry Page located at:

 <http://themedicalbiochemistrypage.org/index.php>

 Required journal articles will either be posted on muonline or hardcopies will be passed out during class.

**Course Content:**

The content will be driven mainly by student interests. Students will be encouraged to find journal articles that interest them that can be discussed during class. We will mainly be focusing on drug development this semester.

**Grading Scale:**

90-100% A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

Below 60% F

You final grade for the semester will be determined by the following:

Homework 75%

Participation and Attendance 25%

**Homework:**

 Each student is to prepare for each class by reading the background material assigned and the journal article assigned for each advanced biochemistry topic discussed in class. Homework problems will be assigned throughout the semester. Each day that a homework assignment is turned in late will result in a 10%/day reduction on the grade.

**Web Site:**

 I will be posting information relevant to this course on MUonline.

**Miscellaneous Topics**

**● Academic Dishonesty:** Marshall University’s academic honest policy (http://www.marshall.edu/academicaffairs/Academic%20Dishonesty%20Policy.pdf) will be enforced. Any student caught cheating in this course will receive 0 points on that assignment or exam.

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