

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: MOLECULAR CELL BIOLOGY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5005BCBMOL** (101439)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences  
Teaching School/Faculty: Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 12.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 22.50  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120      **Private Study:** 97

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture   | 20.000        |
| Seminar   | 1.000         |

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description  | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|----------|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| Exam     | AS1               | In class written essay                                 | 60.0          | 1.50          |
| Test     | AS2               | In class critical review of a published research paper | 40.0          | 1.00          |

### Aims

*Molecular Cellular Biology is core for second year students of Biochemistry and an option for students of Medical Biochemistry, Biochemistry & Forensic Science, Forensic science, Microbiology, and Biomedical Science. It aims to teach a number of currently important topics in cell biology to "cutting-edge" level and to improve your analytical skills through the learning of reading skills.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe the pathways by which proteins are sorted in cells.
- 2 Explain the roles and basic mechanisms of cellular communication.
- 3 Describe the basic pathways controlling cell growth and cell death.
- 4 Discuss the molecular basics of tissue homeostasis and development.
- 5 Analyze and interpret data from experimental reports (papers) and communicate conclusions and critics about the work in the form of written reports.
- 6 Encourage student interactions both during lectures and outside when preparing homework/critical review.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| EXAM          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| In-class test | 6 |   |   |   |   |

## Outline Syllabus

*Intracellular compartments and transport: Protein sorting, vesicular transport, secretory pathway, endocytic pathways.*

*Intra- and inter-cellular communication: The roles of cellular communication, types and functions of cell adhesion molecules, roles and types of signal transduction pathways.*

*Cell cycle control and cell death: Molecular control of mitosis, types of cell death, molecular control of apoptosis.*

*Tissue maintenance and renewal: Concept of tissue homeostasis, molecular control of development, the roles of cellular differentiation.*

*Experimental approaches to cell biology: Advances in methodologies for cell biology.*

## Learning Activities

- 1 Prepare homework on a weekly basis.
- 2 Acquire new professional skills.

## References

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Course Material</b> | Book                    |
| <b>Author</b>          | Alberts, B. et al.      |
| <b>Publishing Year</b> | 2010                    |
| <b>Title</b>           | Essential Cell Biology. |

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| <b>Subtitle</b>  |                     |
| <b>Edition</b>   |                     |
| <b>Publisher</b> | Garland Publishing. |
| <b>ISBN</b>      |                     |

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| <b>Course Material</b> | Book                           |
| <b>Author</b>          | Alberts, B. et al.             |
| <b>Publishing Year</b> | 2008                           |
| <b>Title</b>           | Molecular Biology of the Cell. |
| <b>Subtitle</b>        |                                |
| <b>Edition</b>         | 5th Edition                    |
| <b>Publisher</b>       | Garland Publishing.            |
| <b>ISBN</b>            |                                |

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| <b>Course Material</b> | Book   |
| <b>Author</b>          | Lodishm, H., Darnell, J., Baltimore, D. et al. |
| <b>Publishing Year</b> | 2008   |
| <b>Title</b>           | Molecular Cell Biology.                        |
| <b>Subtitle</b>        |  |
| <b>Edition</b>         | 6th Edition                                    |
| <b>Publisher</b>       | W.H. Freeman.                                  |
| <b>ISBN</b>            |  |

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| <b>Course Material</b> | Book                        |
| <b>Author</b>          | Karp, G.                    |
| <b>Publishing Year</b> | 1996                        |
| <b>Title</b>           | Cell and Molecular Biology. |
| <b>Subtitle</b>        |                             |
| <b>Edition</b>         |                             |
| <b>Publisher</b>       | John Wiley and Sons Inc.    |
| <b>ISBN</b>            | 0471599131.                 |

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| <b>Course Material</b> | Book                  |
| <b>Author</b>          | Becker et al.         |
| <b>Publishing Year</b> | 2005                  |
| <b>Title</b>           | The World of the Cell |
| <b>Subtitle</b>        |                       |
| <b>Edition</b>         | 6th Edition           |
| <b>Publisher</b>       | Pearson Education     |
| <b>ISBN</b>            |                       |

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| <b>Course Material</b> | Book                                  |
| <b>Author</b>          | Morgan, D.O.                          |
| <b>Publishing Year</b> | 2007                                  |
| <b>Title</b>           | The Cell Cycle: Principles of Control |
| <b>Subtitle</b>        |                                       |
| <b>Edition</b>         |                                       |

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| <b>Publisher</b> | Oxford University Press |
| <b>ISBN</b>      | 31111012047708          |

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| <b>Course Material</b> | Book                    |
| <b>Author</b>          | Hancock, J.T.           |
| <b>Publishing Year</b> | 2005                    |
| <b>Title</b>           | Cell Signalling         |
| <b>Subtitle</b>        |                         |
| <b>Edition</b>         | 2nd Edition             |
| <b>Publisher</b>       | Oxford University Press |
| <b>ISBN</b>            | 31111011298807          |

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### Notes

This module will build on the concepts introduced in Level 1 Cell Biology and also introduce students to cutting edge areas of Cell Biology. Through this module, they will learn more about the different cellular mechanisms involved during cell communications, cell division and cell death. Furthermore, this module will encourage student's participation and will teach them new professional/research critical skills.