Advanced Medicinal Chemistry

CHEM 9713 -0.25 credit Chemistry Graduate Course

Course Description

This course will explore medicinal chemistry concepts primarily through case studies of specific classes of therapeutic and diagnostic agents. It will begin with an overview of medicinal chemistry concepts, including a discussion of the methods of drug discovery, the classes of drug molecules (small molecules, peptides, antibodies), methods of optimization and preclinical evaluation. Those with limited background knowledge in medicinal chemistry concepts and terminology will be expected to cover introductory material outside of course lecture time. Case studies of drug discovery will be presented, including the discovery of targeted oncology drugs and the development of imaging agents. An independent study will be a course requirement with both written and presentation components.

Lectures

Once per week (2-3 hour class time) for six weeks duration.

Course Material

There is no official course textbook. Background material can be found using introductory medicinal chemistry books. Journal articles will be provided. Students will be required to use library resources for database searches and journal articles, for their independent study.

Course Evaluation

Independent study report 30%
Presentation (includes peer-reviewed evaluation) 50%
Participation 20%

Course attendance and missed tests/exams

Appeals related to information missed due to course absences will not be considered for the basis of a grade appeal.

If you are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness or other serious circumstances, you must provide valid medical or other supporting documentation to your instructor immediately. It is the student’s responsibility to make alternative arrangements with their instructor once the accommodation has been approved and the instructor has been informed. The weight of missed course material will be transferred to the final examination in cases where medical accommodation has been granted.

It is the policy of the Department of Chemistry that when a student takes a test or examination, they have deemed themselves fit to do so. Claims of distress or medical issues after the fact will not be considered for the basis of a grade appeal.

Notes on Academic Honesty:
Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Website:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism-detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

Health and Wellness

As part of a successful graduate student experience at Western, we encourage students to make their health and wellness a priority. Western provides several on campus health-related services to help you achieve optimum health and engage in healthy living while pursuing your graduate degree. For example, to support physical activity, all students, as part of their registration, receive membership in Western’s Campus Recreation Centre. Numerous cultural events are offered throughout the year. For example, please check out the Faculty of Music web page http://www.music.uwo.ca/, and our own McIntosh Gallery http://www.mcintoshgallery.ca/. Information regarding health- and wellness-related services available to students may be found at http://www.health.uwo.ca/. Students seeking help regarding mental health concerns are advised to speak to someone they feel comfortable confiding in, such as their faculty supervisor, their program director (graduate chair), or other relevant administrators in their unit. Campus mental health resources may be found at http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/resources.html.