

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

PROGRAM: BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES, BUSINESS

- 1. Catalog Description of the Course.** *[Include the course prefix, number, full title, and units. Provide a course narrative including prerequisites and corequisites. If any of the following apply, include in the description: Repeatability (May be repeated to a maximum of ___ units); time distribution (Lecture ___ hours, laboratory ___ hours); non-traditional grading system (Graded CR/NC, ABC/NC). Follow accepted catalog format.]*

BUS 341. DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT (3)

Three hours lecture per week.

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CHEM 341. Drug Discovery and Development (3)

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ECON 341. Drug Discovery and Development (3)

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2. Mode of Instruction.

	Units	Hours per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment
Lecture	3	1	30
Seminar			
Laboratory			
Activity			

- 3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course.** (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) *[Use as much space as necessary]*

General Education Course: B1, D and Upper-division Interdisciplinary

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Describe the scientific method and how it is used to approach scientific problems

- Explain basic chemistry concepts including simple bonding theory, functional groups, molecular structure and geometry, hydrophilicity/ hydrophobicity, and acid-base properties
- Explain basic biological and biochemical concepts including the structures of proteins, DNA, and RNA, gene regulation, cell growth and development, interactions between biomolecules, and cancer and other disease states
- Identify the stages involved in the discovery, development, and approval of a pharmaceutical by the FDA.
- Evaluate the scientific and business challenges faced by a pharmaceutical company.
- Evaluate ethical issues involved in the development of pharmaceuticals.
- Explain business concepts as related to a start-up pharmaceutical company.

4. Is this a General Education Course

YES

NO

If Yes, indicate GE category:

A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)	
B (Mathematics & Sciences)	X
C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)	
D (Social Perspectives)	X
E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)	

5. Course Content in Outline Form. [Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]

Introduction to the Course

Sources of Drugs

Overview of Discovery and Development

The Amgen Story

Basic Chemistry

Bonding and Atom Geometries

Hydrogen-bonding

Molecular Conformation and Molecular Modeling

Polarity and Acid-Base Chemistry

Functional Groups

Chirality

Lipophilicity and Solubility

Basic Biology and Biochemistry

Cell Structure

DNA and RNA Structure and Function

Amino Acids and Protein Structure

Ligand-Receptor Interactions

Molecular Biology

Basic Pharmaceutical Biology and Chemistry

Toxicology

Drug Metabolism

Pharmacokinetics

Challenges and Opportunities in Drug Discovery and Development

Identification of Biological Targets

Biological Informatics and the Human Genome

Expression and Purification of Targets

Assay Development

Organization of the Research Project Team

Financing the Drug Development Process

Venture Capital

Investment Decision Making

Capital Allocation

Advanced Drug Discovery

Medicinal Chemistry

High Throughput Screening (HTS) and Combinatorial Chemistry

QSAR

- Structural and Rational Drug Design
- X-ray Crystallography and Computer-Aided Drug Design
- Pre-Clinical Development*
 - Toxicology
 - Drug Metabolism Studies
 - Drug Delivery and Formulation
 - Scientific Advisory Boards
- Business and Economic Aspects of the Drug Discovery and Development Process*
 - Management of a Start-Up Company
 - Management of the Scientific Process
 - Economic Cost and Application to Drug Development
 - Critical Path Management
- Clinical Development*
 - The FDA and Drug Development: Investigational New Drug Application, Treatment IND
 - Clinical Development
 - Clinical Trials, Study Design, Informed Consent
 - Patenting and Intellectual Property Rights
 - FDA Approval
- Marketing and Manufacturing*
 - IPO, Stock Market
 - Public Perception
 - Economy of Scale
 - Marketing
 - Drug Pricing Issues and Impact of Markets, Government Regulation, and Patents on Pricing
 - Process Development
 - Advertising, Direct-to-Consumer
- Threats and Opportunities*
 - Patent Expiration
 - Over-the-Counter
 - Generic Competition
 - Reformulation
 - On-going Research and Development
 - Health Insurance and Drug Coverage
 - Government Policies to Control Drug Pricing and the Effect of Controls on Drug Pricing and Availability
 - Ethical Issues in Drug Development
 - Orphan Drugs
 - Human Genome and Customized Pharmaceutical Drugs

6. References. [Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]

Thomas, G. *Medicinal Chemistry: An Introduction*, John Wiley & Sons, 2000.
 Patrick, G. *Medicinal Chemistry: An Introduction*, Oxford 2001.
From Test Tube to Patient: Improving Health through Human Drugs, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Special Report, 1999.
 Werth, B. *The Billion Dollar Molecule*, Touchstone, 1995.
 Drews, J. and Drews, J. *In Pursuit of Tomorrow's Medicines*, Springer, 2002.
 Getz, K. *et al. Informed Consent: The Consumer's Guide to the Risks and Benefits of Volunteering for Clinical Trials*, Centerwatch, 2002

7. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.

Dr. Philip Hampton, Dr. William Cordeiro, Dr. Dennis Muraoka, Dr. Ashish Vaidja, Dr. Paul Rivera

8. Frequency.

a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall X Spring X Summer

9. New Resources Required.

None.

Consultation:

Prof. Dennis Muraoka

Date

Prof. William Cordeiro

Date