BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Student Course Guide

2010
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Welcome
Welcome to the Bachelor of Biomedical Science!

Biomedical Science will be the key to advances in medical treatments and improvements to human health for this century. From molecules to microbes to medicine; from body systems to biotechnology; from human genome to health policy, you will study all of these and more during your course. The Biomedical Science degree will provide you with an amazing range of career opportunities. This course is unique because it provides a broad foundation in the biomedical sciences while allowing students the flexibility to choose to develop specialised skills within the area of biomedical science or within other disciplines. When you graduate, you will be well equipped to meet a broad range of vocational and academic opportunities.

General Information

Semester dates for 2010

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Students can collect a free university student diary by presenting their student id card to the Information Desk in the Campus Centre. This is a valuable resource containing many of the important dates and details of resources available to students.

The Transition Program

A transitional program is held for all first year students. This program is a compulsory component of the Biomedical Science course. The social and academic issues relating to transition to university life will be explored and career options and course planning discussed. This program is largely student organised and orientated and as such will rely heavily on the involvement of current students.

Allocate+

Allocate+ is an online allocation system useable from any computer in the world, via the internet, that enables you to allocate yourself into laboratory and tutorial classes. The system allows you to enter preferences for labs tutorials, workshops and other classes and then sorts all student preferences and evenly allocates students into their preferences to create an individual clash-free timetable for each student. Allocate+ is a fair system, as it allocates students into classes based on their availability rather than on a 'first-come-first-served' basis.

What do I need to do?

You need to enter your time-slot preferences for all or your activities (lectures, tutorials, seminars, etc) in all of your enrolled units. Once Allocate+ is open in Preference Entry mode, you should browse available timeslots for all enrolled activities and specify your personal preferences for timeslots that you would like to attend. See the Important dates to find out when the system is open in this mode.

Your preferences are collected, ranked, randomised and sorted. Once Allocate+ is open in Allocation Adjustment mode, you may view your clash free timetable. If you are not happy with your allocation, or have not been allocated to an activity, you may choose from available remaining timeslots for an instant allocation.

If you are having problems with your timetable that you are unable to fix, you may email the School of Biomedical Sciences staff at biomed.allocate@med.monash.edu.au. Please make sure you include your name, student id number and a description of your problem. If you omit any of these details, there may be delays in processing your query.
If your timetable has a clash between scheduled classes, the staff will examine the problem and attempt to rectify the difficulty as soon as possible. Preference is given to these types of problems.

In the event that you have outside commitments that require alterations to your timetable, you will need to complete the Change to Allocation Request Form. This form can be collected from the School of Biomedical Sciences office. Once you have completed and returned this form, your request will be assessed at the end of the first week of semester because clashes will need to receive priority. When we have been able to accommodate you, or if further information is required, an email will be sent to your student email account. Please note that it is not always possible to accommodate all these changes.

The image above illustrates the type of information that allocate+ will show on your timetable. In each cell, you will find:

- The unit code (eg BMS1052), the campus (CL for Clayton), the semester (S1 for semester 1 and S2 for semester 2) and the type of class (Day for during the hours of 8am and 6pm)
- The type of activity will be listed next (eg Lecture, Laboratory or Tutorial) with an indication of whether more than one stream is offered and the parts to each stream (01-P1 indicates the first part of stream 1). Please note for most biomedical science units only one lecture stream is provided.
- The venue. For example CL_08/R1 indicates the venue is on the Clayton campus (CL) in building 8 and room R1.
- The times during semester that the class is scheduled. For example 18/7-19/9, 3/10-17/10. The dates are not booked for the mid-semester breaks.

Timetable changes
Lecture and tutorial times are subject to change, so it is important that you check your preferences close to the commencement of semester to ensure that you selections are still valid and offered.

Important dates

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Assessment

Each unit convenor will inform students of assessment tasks at the beginning of each unit. All essays and assignments must have a covering sheet on plagiarism when submitted. By signing this coversheet, you are indicating that the piece of work you have submitted has been completed by you. Assessment will not be accepted if you fail to complete or sign the coversheet, and thus, you will not receive the marks for the relevant work. Copies of the coversheets for individual and group work can be found at: http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sobs/teaching/plagiarism.htm.

Student’s attention is drawn to the university policy on cheating and plagiarism. A website that all students should pay close attention to is the Monash University Cheating and Plagiarism Policy and Procedures: http://www.adm.monash.edu/uniSec/academicpolicies/policy/plagiarism.html.

Special Consideration / Deferred Examinations

A student whose work, during a teaching period or performance in an examination or other assessment, has been affected by illness or other serious cause may apply in writing for special consideration in the form of a deferred examination, by the examiners or board of examiners concerned.

Such serious causes include:

- serious illness or psychological condition – for example hospital admission, serious injury, severe asthma, severe anxiety or depression. This does not include minor illness such as a mild cold.
- Loss or bereavement – for example, the death of a close family member, family relationship breakdown.
- Hardship/trauma – for example, victim of crime, sudden loss of income or employment, severe disruption to domestic arrangements.

This application form is available at http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/service-centre/forms/. An application for consideration must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation and evidence from a qualified practitioner. Special consideration should be applied for as soon as the particular circumstances arise. In particular, special consideration is usually applied for prior to exams. Applications should be made no more that two (2) working days after your final examination for that semester.

Please note: this is an application only. It does not ensure you will be granted a deferred examination.

Supplementary Examinations

These will only be offered to students in the Biomedical Science Course in the following circumstances:

- when the student has achieved an overall score of 45-49 for end of semester mark for a given unit;
- the students has no more than two ‘fail’ marks in a maximum of two units for a given semester;
- the supplementary examinations/ assessment must be approved by Board of Examiners; and
- a student may be granted no more than two supplementary assessments in respect of one course of study
- Unless otherwise notified, supplementary examination will be held in the official examinations period, which is usually August for units offered during semester 1 and January for the semester 2 units.

When a student has completed a supplementary examination, the maximum mark achievable is a pass of 50.

Information on the Semester examinations and the deferred and supplementary examinations can be found on the examinations website (http://www.monash.edu.au/exams/index.html). This site will supply details of the examination timetables, venues, policies and result publication.

Re-enrolment

It is your responsibility to re-enrol within the re-enrolment period. You will receive an email from the university informing you of when and how you should do this. Re-enrolment is performed via the web and usually takes place from the end of October. You will need to make sure that you enrol in the correct core units and that you choose your electives. There is only one reenrolment period. Thus, you are expected to choose your units for semester 1 and semester 2 for the next academic year.
You can change your enrolment within the enrolment period or within the first 2-4 weeks of semester. Heavy fines and penalties apply to students who fail to enrol during the designated periods and students run the risk of losing their place in the course.

Often students are expected to re-enrol prior to receiving their second semester marks. Make sure you reenrol assuming you are going to pass all units. If you receive a supplementary or deferred exam or fail a unit, you can change your enrolment during the next year.

Once you have reenrolment, you will need to enter your preferences for your classes in the Allocate+ system. See the relevant section on page 1.

**Student Resources**

Often students suffer unexpected circumstances, be these financial hardship, illness or personal problems. If you feel that you are having problems *it is always better to seek help early*. Listed below are some of the many resources available at Monash, for other problems, or as a starting point, students may speak to staff in the student services area in the School of Biomedical Sciences.

**Student Representatives**

Student representatives from each year level of the course are elected at the beginning of each year. Student representatives serve on the respective year level management committee and provide valuable feedback from their peers (you) regarding teaching and learning issues for all core units in the course.

It is important that student representatives actually communicate the opinions of their fellow students and not simply their own personal opinion. In order to facilitate this, unit convenors will ensure that the student representatives will be able to address their fellow students during lecture or practical class times. Student representatives should bear in mind the constraints on the curriculum and take relatively short times out of these classes. There may occasionally be the need for the student representatives to call a separate meeting in order to canvas proper student feedback. In this case the student administrative officer will liaise with the student representatives to assist with organisational matters.

The Student Support Committee for Health Sciences BMS representative will be chosen/elected to speak to the committee about issues that involve Biomedical Science students.

The names of the student representatives will be posted on the BMS noticeboard, located in the Department of Anatomy foyer. You will also find information on this noticeboard, about scholarships, course information nights, and other important events. Please check the noticeboard regularly.

**Advisory Sessions**

Attend all advisory sessions that you can. You will often be informed about these via the email, post or website. Advisory sessions that are usually run each year include, a careers night and an Honours information night.

**Counselling Service**

For personal problems, students are encouraged to seek help from counsellors. This is a professional and confidential service, where individual counselling is offered for academic, personal and relationship issues. Group programs are also conducted in areas such as stress management, exam skills, relaxation techniques and communication skills. Appointments can be made to see the counsellors in the campus centre on 9905 3156.

**Course Website**

The official course web site (www.med.monash.edu.au/biomed) is a valuable resource for all students and is regularly updated. The web site incorporates a section on transition issues and contains a facility that allows students to form study groups and seek mentoring, either via on-line methods or traditional means. The Faculty strongly encourages students to make use of these opportunities, as they will help you cope with the transition from secondary school to university. They will also help you to become familiar with the university, staff and other students.
Disabilities
Students who have disabilities should contact the disability liaison office (DLO). This office will coordinate resources to help students in lectures, practicals and/or with their studies in general. You can contact the Disability Liaison unit on 9905 5704 (voice) and 9905 5391 (TTY).

Financial Aid
A financial advisor is available to assist any enrolled students with a variety of financial matters. This can range from student loans which are available for any study related purpose to information and advice regarding eligibility for Youth allowance. They can be contacted on 9905 3156.

International Students
The Faculty Language and Learning Service Officer is John Hamilton. He is available to international students for consultation. To speak to John please call 9905 4026 to make an appointment.

The International Student Services Unit of Monash International is responsible for providing specialist advice, assistance and services to meet the special needs of international students regarding: pre-arrival information, settling in and commencing studies, relevant government regulations and making cultural adjustments to enhance the living and studying experience in Australia. The Clayton campus office can be reached at 9905 1174, 9905 2990 or 9905 5009.

Language and Learning Service
Students who have problems with English or writing skills should seek help from the Language and Learning Service. The language and learning services offer programs free of charge to Monash students wishing to improve their academic English and approaches to study. For further information, contact 9905 3053.

Medical Problems
For medical problems students should consult a medical practitioner, either their own doctor or a doctor at the Campus medical centre. The Campus medical centre can assist you with a range of issues, including emergency care, travel and sports medicine and health advice. Consultations are available with female and male doctors and with the Campus Nurse. Medicare is bulk billed for Australian resident students, and Medibank Private/Worldcare for international students. Appointments can be made on 9905 3175.

MONSEACS
Start thinking about your career. What interests you? What skills do you wish to acquire during your studies, i.e. languages, marketing, business, IT. Use your electives to provide these skills. Speak to staff and other students about career directions. MONSEACS, located in the campus centre can also help with career advice. MONSEACS can be contacted on 9905 4170.

Prizes
Each year the Faculty awards $200 to two students with the highest aggregate score from each level of the course.

Considering Research?
Thinking of research as a career? Try summer vacation scholarships to get a feel for research/honours or consider doing the Research in action units (BCH3990, DEV3990, MIC3990, MIS3990, PHA3990 or PHY3990). Summer scholarships are available from most Biomedical Science departments at Monash and at affiliated institutions. Further information is available on the website (www.med.monash.edu.au/sobs/teaching/summerscholarships.html).

The Research in action units allow you to pursue a research project in a chosen discipline in third year, provided you meet the academic criteria. See the university handbook for further details.
Important Contacts

Staff involved in Teaching

Staff members in the School of Biomedical Science, the Southern Clinical School and the Central and Eastern Clinical School teach the course. A staff member from one of these schools convenes each unit of the course. Most convenors, lecturers and tutors will give you their contact information at the beginning of their teaching sessions. If you do not have contact information and wish to contact a member of staff you should use the staff directory on the university website. Email is usually the best way of contacting staff members. A list of unit convenors and contact details is given below:

First Year Convenor: Dr Nancy Nichols

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<td>Biomedical Chemistry</td>
<td>Dr Jackie Wilce</td>
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<td>Cells, Tissues and Organisms</td>
<td>A/Prof Jane Black</td>
<td>9902 9112</td>
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<td>Medical Biophysics</td>
<td>Dr David Mills</td>
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<td>A/Prof Helena Parkington</td>
<td>9905 2505</td>
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<td>9903 0452</td>
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<td>Dr Nancy Nichols</td>
<td>9905 2516</td>
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<td>Molecular Biology</td>
<td>Dr Mark Prescott</td>
<td>9905 3724</td>
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<td>BME1130</td>
<td>Health and Human Behaviour</td>
<td>Dr Susan Burney</td>
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Second Year Convenor: Dr Alfons Lawen

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<td>Body Systems</td>
<td>Dr Julia Choate</td>
<td>9905 2562</td>
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<td>Human Genetics</td>
<td>Dr Heather Verkade</td>
<td>9905 4663</td>
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<td>Microbes in Health and Disease</td>
<td>Dr Priscilla Johanesen</td>
<td>9902 9153</td>
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<td>Introduction to Bioinformatics</td>
<td>A/Prof Martin Stone</td>
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Third Year Convenor: Prof Phillip Nagley

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<td>9902 9221</td>
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<td>Biomedical Basis of Disease II</td>
<td>Dr Richard Kitching</td>
<td>9594 5520</td>
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<td>BME3032</td>
<td>Health Policy and Management</td>
<td>Ms Catherine Joyce</td>
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All staff members have been issued with Monash University email addresses. These email address take the format of firstname.lastname@faculty.monash.edu. For most staff you come in contact with the faculty will be med or sci.

Student Administration Staff

The student services office is situated in Building 13C, Room CG11. All enquiries regarding enrolment should be directed to this office. Staff members can be contact by phone on 9905 1212 or email: biomed@med.monash.edu.au.

**Course Convenor:** Dr Yvonne Hodgson  
**Student Services Manager:** Dr Joanne Waring  
**Course Administration Officer:** Ms Natalie Seng  
**Student Services Officer:** Ms Leanne Sultana
Course Structure – Core Units and Electives

The Bachelor of Biomedical Science degree provides three main outcomes for its graduates:

- a non-specialised general degree in biomedical sciences.
- an in-depth specialised program.

Students will, by the selection of elective units throughout the course, decide which of these outcomes is to be achieved.

The course is designed as a series of interlinked and consecutive sequences of units aimed at permitting students to readily acquire fluency and proficiency in the concepts, language and fundamentals of the biomedical sciences. The development of such a flexible curriculum may be achieved as part of one or more orderly course sequences or knowledge streams. The distinctive feature of this educational approach is that students are allowed some flexibility in their choice of units so that they are able to construct a sequence of studies suitable to their own requirements. In this way, students choose the most appropriate studies for their own particular career aspirations.

The undergraduate course is normally taken in three years of full-time study. All units within the degree are valued at six credit points. Each semester, students would normally complete four six-point units. In first and second year, students would normally complete three cores and one elective unit in each semester. In third year, students would normally complete one core and three elective units. The core units are multidisciplinary and taught by several departments in combination. Units from other faculties can be taken as electives. These are fully described in this handbook. A maximum of six units (of 6 credit points) may be taken from outside the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Students will receive detailed unit information from convenors via individual unit manuals. These manuals contain detailed information on teaching staff, contact persons, timetables, textbooks, reading guides, supplementary lecture material, details and weighting of assessment methods and procedures including some specific assessment dates. Manuals are available at the commencement of each semester.

Core Units for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science

First year
Students will be required to study three core units and one elective unit in each semester of first year.

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Students will be required to study three core units and one elective unit in each semester of second year.

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Third year
Students will be required to study one core unit and three elective units, two of which must be in the general area of biomedical sciences, in each semester of third year.

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Fourth year (Honours)

Students may choose to do a fourth (Honours) year of study. The structure of the Honours year is made up of course work (25%) and a research project (75%). Students must achieve a distinction average in four third year units, 2 of these units must be the third year core units. Students may choose to undertake their research component in any of the Schools associated with the Medical faculty.

Course Progression for Mid-year Entry

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Electives Units and Course requirements

Students are normally expected to undertake electives at the same year level as their current BMS enrolment, the following exception is allowed:

* During the entire course a student can complete a maximum of 12 credit points (2 elective units) at one level lower than their core Bachelor of Biomedical Science unit enrolment (this assumes a standard enrolment).

Students are required to complete a total of ten elective units as part of the Bachelor of Biomedical Science.

Normally they would be taken as follows:

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N.B. Please note the starting number of the unit usually denotes the level for example BMS1011 is a level 1 unit and BMS2011 is a level 2 unit.

The above is the ideal situation, but some flexibility is allowed. The following are the minimum requirements set for graduation from the course and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have met the minimum requirements.

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If a student takes level 1 elective units in Year 1 and 2, then they must do six elective units at level 3.
If a student takes four level 2 elective units in year 2 and 3 then they must do four elective units at level 3.

If a student takes one level 2 elective unit in year 2, then they can complete one level 2 elective unit in year 3 and the five remaining elective units must be done at level 3.

Advice on levels of electives choices is available from the student services manager.

Possible Elective Units

This list of elective subjects is not a comprehensive list. It is a list produced from suggested subjects and those that students have already taken. Additional units are available. It is not possible to list them all. A complete list of units available and prerequisites are in the University handbook, which can be found on the web at www.monash.edu.au/pubs/handbooks/undergrad.

Please note that students are responsible for ensuring that they meet prerequisite requirements. A list of prohibited subject can be found on page 14 and on the biomedical website at www.med.monash.edu/biomed.

If you decide to take unit from another faculty you must abide by their rules and regulations.

A unit being on this list does not mean that it will fit in your timetable. You must check your timetable for each semester.

Semester 1 – year 1

Faculty Electives
BME1130 Health and human behaviour
Chemistry
CHM1011 Chemistry
Mathematics
MTH1010 Functions and their applications
MTH1030 Techniques for modelling
Nutrition and Dietetics
BND1010 Human nutrition: an introduction to nutrients
Physics
PHS1011 Physics
Psychology
PSY1011 Psychology 1A

These are examples of units that students have taken as electives in the past:
AFC1021/1022 Accounting Principles*
AFC1100 Introduction to finance*
ASP1010 Earth to cosmos: introductory astronomy
BTC1100 Business law*
CHI1110 Beginning Chinese, part 1
CES1301 Computer programming
ECC1000 Principles of macroeconomics*
ECC1100 Principles of microeconomics*
ECC1510 Economic history: world economic leadership
ENH1010 Reading literature I
ETC1000 Business and economic statistics*
ETC1010 Data Modelling and computing*
FRN1110 French studies year 1 level 1A
HSY1010 Medieval Europe
IMS1401 The internet and multimedia
INM1210 Intermediate Indonesian, part 1
INT1010 Contemporary worlds 1
JPL1110 Japanese 1A: part 1
MGG1010 Managing people and organisations*
MGC1020 Organisations: contexts and strategies*
MKC1200 Principles of marketing*
PHL1010 Introduction to philosophy A
SPN1010 Introductory Spanish 1A
STA1010 Statistical Methods for Science

*additional studies in this discipline area may be undertaken if prerequisites are met. Please check the handbook.

Semester 1 – year 2

Anatomy and Developmental biology
DEV2011 Early human development from cells to tissues

Behavioural Neuroscience
BNS2011 Brain structure and function

Biochemistry
BCH2011 The molecules of life

Biological Sciences
BIO2011 Ecology
BIO2031 Biodiversity and bioresources

Chemistry
CHN2911 Molecular design and reactivity
CHM2951 Environmental chemistry – water

Immunology
IMM2011 Function of the immune system

Mathematics
MTH2010 Multivariable calculus
MTH2021 Linear algebra with applications
MTH2051 Introduction to computational mathematics

Microbiology
MIC2011 Microbiology

Physics
PHS2011 Physics: quantum concepts and technologies

Psychology
PSY2031 Developmental and biological psychology
PSY2051 Research design and analysis

These are examples of units that students have taken as electives in the past:
ARY2970 The archaeology and history of ancient Egypt, 3000-1650 BCE
ENH2980 Introduction to fiction writing
JPL2990 Language study in Japan 6 points
MUS2070 Orchestral and choral performance and studies
PHL2650  Philosophy of mind
SCY2031  Sexuality, gender and social relations

Semester 1 – year 3

Anatomy and Developmental biology
DEV3011  Fundamentals of developmental processes
HUP3011  Human pathology 1: understanding disease processes

Behavioural Neuroscience
BNS3031  Brain chemistry and behaviour
BNS3041  Brain development and memory

Biochemistry
BCH3021  Cellular organisation: organelle structure and function in health and disease
BCH3031  Advanced molecular biology: modern concepts and applications

Biological Sciences
GEN3030  Genetics of development
GEN3051  Medical genetics and forensic biology

Chemistry
CHM3180  Material chemistry: biomaterials, macromolecules and smart molecules
CHM3911  Spectroscopy, synchrotron and structure
CHM3941  Synthesis 1: chemistry of bioactive compounds

Immunology
IMM3031  Molecular and cellular immunology
IMM3051  Principles of applied immunopathology

Microbiology
MIC3011  Molecular microbiology
MIC3041  Medical microbiology and biotechnology

Pharmacology
PHA3011  Principles of drug action
PHA3021  Drugs in health and disease

Physiology
PHY3111  Sensation and Movement
PHY3171  Clinical and experimental cardiovascular physiology
PHY3181  Sex, reproduction and stress

These are examples of units that students have taken as electives in the past:
BTC3150  Taxation law
HSY3050  Fears and fantasies: deviance in history
MGC3120  International management

Semester 2 – year 1

Faculty Electives
BME1130  Health and human behaviour

Behavioural Neuroscience
BNS1072  Foundations of behavioural neuroscience

Biological Sciences
BIO1042  Environmental biology

Chemistry
CHM1022  Chemistry
Mathematics
MTH1020 Analysis of change
MTH1112 Numbers, logic and graphs

Nutrition and Dietetics
BND1022 Food chemistry
BND1032 Social nutrition

Physics
PHS1022 Physics
PHS1042 Physics for bio and environmental sciences

Psychology
PSY1022 Psychology 1B

These are examples of units that students have taken as electives in the past:
AFC1100/2100 Introduction to finance*
ASP1022 Life and the universe
BHS1340 Behavioural studies B
BTC1100 Business law*
BUS1010 Introductory computing for business applications
CHI1120 Beginning Chinese, part 2
CSE1303 Computer science
ECC1000 Principles of macroeconomics*
ECC1100 Principles of microeconomics*
ETC1000 Business and economic statistics*
ETC1010 Data Modelling and computing*
FRN1120 French studies year 1 level 1B
GRN1425 German studies, advanced 2, part 2
HSY1020 Renaissance Europe
INT1020 Contemporary worlds 2
JPL1120 Japanese 1A: part 2
MGG1010 Managing people and organisations*
MGC1020 Organisations: contexts and strategies*
MKC1200 Principles of marketing*
PHL1020 Introduction to philosophy B
PLT1040 Introduction to international relations
SPN1020 Introductory Spanish 1B
STA1010 Statistical Methods for Science
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Semester 2 – year 2

Anatomy and Developmental biology
DEV2022 Principles of organ and body design
CEL2012 Cell biology 1

Behavioural Neuroscience
BNS2022 Behavioural neuroscience of movement and sensation

Biochemistry
MOL2022 Molecular biology: gene technology and its application

Biological Sciences
BIO2022 Evolution and systematics
BIO2042 Conservation biology
CEL2012 Cell biology 1
Chemistry
CHM2922 Instrumental and forensic chemistry
CHM2942 Chemistry of life
CHM2962 Food chemistry

Mathematics
MTH2010 Multivariable calculus
MTH2032 Differential equations with modelling
MTH2122 Algebra and number theory I
MTH2222 Mathematics and uncertainty

Microbiology
MOL2022 Molecular biology: gene technology and its application

Pharmacology
PHA2022 Drugs and society

Physics
PHS2022 Physics for communication and measurement

Psychology
PSY2042 Cognitive and social psychology
PSY2051 Research design and analysis
PSY2112 Organisational psychology

These are examples of units that students have taken as electives in the past:
ARY2990 The archaeology and history of ancient Egypt, 1650-525 BCE
BTC2300 Health law
CHI2320 Advanced intermediate Chinese, part 2
ENH2981 Advanced fiction writing
HSY2950 Europe: enlightenment and revolution
MUS2080 Orchestral and choral performance and studies
SPN2130 Culture and civilisation of the Hispanic world

Semester 2 – year 3

Anatomy and Developmental biology
DEV3022 Developmental pathways to health and disease
DEV3032 Stem cells and regeneration
DEV3990 Action in developmental biology research project
HUP3022 Human pathology 2: pathology of human diseases

Behavioural Neuroscience
BNS3052 Drugs and altered awareness
BNS3062 Imaging and brain disorders

Biochemistry
BCH3042 Cell signal transduction: role in cancer and human disease
BCH3052 Advanced protein biology: from sequence to structure and disease
BCH3990 Action in biochemistry research project

Biological Sciences
GEN3040 Genomics and molecular genetics
GEN3062 Conservation of ecological genetics

Chemistry
CHM3922 Synthesis 2: understanding chemical reactions
CHM3932 Medicinal chemistry
CHM3952 Analytical and forensic chemistry
Immunology
IMM3042  Clinical immunopathology
IMM3062  Clinical and research laboratory immunology

Microbiology
MIC3022  Molecular virology and viral pathogenesis
MIC3032  Pathogenesis of bacterial infectious diseases
MIC3990  Action in microbiology research project

Monash Immunology and Stem Cell Laboratory
MIS3990  Action in stem cells research project

Pharmacology
PHA3032  Neuro and endocrine pharmacology
PHA3042  Modern drug development
PHA3052  Poisons and toxins
PHA3990  Action in pharmacology research project

Physiology
PHY3012  Integrative neuroscience
PHY3072  Muscle and exercise
PHY3082  Developmental physiology
PHY3990  Action in physiology research project

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BUS3200  Chinese language information technology
CLS3420  Literature and phenomenology: de Sade, Dostoevsky, Nietzsche, Tolstoy
ENH3150  Australia urban fictions
FRN3703  Rap culture: an ethnographic analysis of contemporary France
PHL3590  Mind and meaning
RLT3480  The religious quest: eastern faith and illumination
SLA3150  Slavic contrastive studies
STA3032  Advanced data analysis

Prohibited Electives
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### Last Words

This handbook has been designed to help all students in the Biomedical Science course. We welcome any suggestions about how it may be improved to meet your needs. Please direct your suggestions to the Student Services Manager, Dr Joanne Waring.
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