

# IMMUNOLOGY & INFECTION

**The Master of Science in Immunology & Infection (MSI&I) degree program** allows training in a health science campus environment with direct access and constant exposure to the biomedical community. The program ensures that our graduates will experience, first hand, and in ways unavailable to students at non-health campuses, how their training is relevant and applicable to the health care, biotech and educational professions.

All graduate students are trained by world-class scientists and educators in a cutting-edge 21st century environment. The program offers classroom and laboratory training concerned with fundamental scientific principles that link immunology and microbial infection. The curriculum achieves two main objectives: provides in the classroom an extensive knowledge base of fundamental scientific principles and provides in the laboratory opportunities to develop skills of problem solving and clinical application.

Thus, the curriculum and two-year progression through the MSI&I degree program are designed to integrate the fields of immunology and infectious disease (i.e., microbiology) so as to provide a big-picture multidimensional view of host-pathogen relationships. This will produce graduates who are also multidimensional, and prepared to contribute solutions to countless challenges that face our biotechnology research and development industries, health care infrastructure, and teaching needs. The MSI&I program is not designed simply to become just another line in a student's resume, but to offer a rigorous and full-immersion experience that will produce thinkers and problem solvers.

## Master of Science in Immunology & Infection Admissions Requirements

All of the required application information, including official transcripts from all institutions attended, must be submitted in order for an applicant to be considered by the MSI&I program Admissions Committee. In general, students should have some educational background in the biological or biochemical sciences prior to admission to the program.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the U.S. or proof of an equivalent degree/training at a foreign institution, a grade point average (GPA) no lower than B (3.0 in a 4.0 system) in the last 60 hours of coursework for a BS/BA degree, a graduate Record Examination score (GRE) for the combined verbal and quantitative portions, and three letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's readiness for graduate level studies.

International applicants from countries where English is not the native language must earn a satisfactory score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (usual minimum of 68 is typical). A 6.5 on International English Language Testing System (IELTS) may also apply.

### Application Process

Each applicant should submit online applications through the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences application website. After receipt of an online application, together with all of the required admission materials, the MSI&I degree program Admissions Committee will review the application by considering the minimal admission requirements listed above. The MSI&I program Admissions Committee will make a recommendation to accept or decline the application. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Dean of the GSBS for final approval. Applicants will be formally notified of the outcome by the Graduate Dean of the

GSBS. Recommendation for admission to the MSI&I program will be made for the most highly qualified applicants regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, nation of origin, or disability.

### Commitment to Underrepresented Minorities

The Health Science Center is designated as an Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. Thus, the Health Science Center and the Department of Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics have a long history of recruiting and retaining underrepresented racial/ethnic minority students into our programs.

## Master of Science in Immunology & Infection Degree Requirements

Over a 2-year (4-semester) period, students are expected to fulfill all requirements of the M.S. in Immunology & Infection Program. Each semester will include a minimum of 8.0 credit hours, approximately 32 credit hours for the entire program.

**Year 1:** Students must enroll in all required courses and maintain a grade point average at or above 3.0 for all class work. In addition, in order to maintain satisfactory research/academic progress, students are required, prior to the end of the Year 1 Fall semester, to identify and engage a faculty member in the program who will serve as the student's Research Advisor.

**Year 2:** Students must perform original research in the laboratory of their Research Advisors. Guidance and evaluation of research progress will be aided by a Research Supervising Committee. This committee, together with the Research Advisor will determine if the thesis research is adequate for granting the M.S. degree. This decision is confirmed by a public presentation of the thesis research and a closed-door oral defense of the thesis for the benefit of the Research Supervising Committee.

## Master of Science in Immunology & Infection Sample Plan of Study

### First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
MICR 5031	Pathogenic Microbiology	3.0
MICR 5051	Intro To Immunology	2.0
MICR 5091	Current Topics In Microbiology And Immunology	1.0
TSCI 5070	Responsible Conduct of Research	2
Total Credit Hours:		8.0

**Research:** Meet with faculty to identify research opportunities and seek approval for appointment of Research Advisor.

### First Year

Spring		Credit Hours
MICR 5025	Eukaryotic Pathogens	1
MICR 5026	Bacterial Pathogenesis	1
MICR 5027	Immunology	1
MICR 5028	Virology	1
MICR 5091	Current Topics In Microbiology And Immunology	1

CSAT 5095	Experimental Design And Data Analysis	3
Total Credit Hours:		8.0

Preparation for Research Year: Seek approval for Research Supervising Committee membership and meet with Research Supervising Committee to discuss Special Topic research from MICR 5091 course.

### Second Year

Fall		Credit Hours
MICR 6097	Research (*)	6
Elective *		2
Total Credit Hours:		8.0

**Research:** Meet with Research Supervising Committee, seek approval of Research Proposal, and advance to Candidacy.

### Second Year

Spring		Credit Hours
MICR 6097	Research (*)	6
MICR 6098	Thesis	1
Elective *		1
Total Credit Hours:		8.0

**Research:** Complete Research, meet with Research Supervising Committee, and write and defend thesis.

\* The elective taken will determine how many hours of research would be required for each semester.

## Elective Courses

Each MSI&I student is required to take one elective course during each of the final two semesters. Courses that will satisfy this requirement may be selected from courses provided from the MSI&I program or from elective courses provided on a regular basis for PhD or MS students in Graduate School programs other than MSI&I. Regardless of who gives the course, it is expected that students will select elective courses in consultation with their Research Advisors and based on predicted enhancement of their studies and their research projects.

### Advanced Elective Courses from MS I&I and IBMS Programs

These courses are available to all MS students.		
MICR 5030	Microbiology And Immunology Track Journal Clubs	0.5
IBMS 6090	Seminar	1.5
MICR 5029	Building Scientific Thinking Skills (Fall semester only)	2
MICR 5030	Microbiology And Immunology Track Journal Clubs	0.5
MICR 5035	Emerging Trends in Immunology and Infection (Fall semester only)	2
MICR 5095	Current Topics in Immunobiology and Host-microbe Interactions (Not available during all semesters)	1

Note: Some courses are associated with a letter grade that can impact your grade point average (GPA), while some are graded S/U and do not impact your GPA.

### Elective Courses from Other Department Suggestions

BIOC 6010	Gene Expression	2
BIOC 6033	Cell Signaling Mechanisms	2
BIOC 6036	Macromolecular Structure & Mechanism	2
BIOC 6037	Integration Of Metabolic Pathways	2
BIOC 6043	Structure & Function Of Membrane Proteins	2
CSAT 5007	Methods In Cell Biology	1
CSAT 5023	Development (Spring semester only)	1
CSAT 5024	Genomics (Spring semester only)	1
CSAT 5025	Genetics (Spring semester only)	1
CSAT 5083	Practical Optical Microscopy	1
CSAT 6021	Animal Models	3
CSAT 6048	Biology of Aging	4
CSAT 6049	Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Aging (Spring semester only)	2
CSAT 6050	Aging and Longevity Mechanisms (Spring semester only)	2
CSAT 6059	Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine (Spring semester only)	1
CSAT 6064	Genes & Development	4
CSAT 6068	Cancer Biology Core 1; An Introductory course (Fall semester only)	1
CSAT 6069	Cancer Biology Core 2; Advanced Cancer Biology (Fall semester only)	2.5
CSAT 6074	Molecular Aspects Of Epigenetics	2
CSAT 6095	Analysis and Visualization of Genomic Data (Spring semester only)	2
INTD 6007	Advanced Cell Biology	2
INTD 6008	Mitochondria & Apoptosis	1
INTD 6009	Advanced Molecular Biology	2

## Master of Science in Immunology & Infection Objectives/Program Outcomes

As reported by **Sean Gallagher** in the April 4, 2014 edition of **Forbes Magazine**, as well as according to many in the profession of providing doctoral education in the biomedical sciences, we are on the verge of a major transformation (B. Alberts *et al*, "Rescuing US biomedical research from its systemic flaws"; Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. early edition). Programs are in high demand that offer alternatives for individuals who wish to pursue careers in the biomedical sciences without needing to graduate from Ph.D. programs. The Master of Science in Immunology & Infection (MSI&I) degree program offers such an option.

Graduates of the MSI&I degree program will compete effectively for:

- Entry-level, mid-level, and leadership positions in research and clinical laboratories, as well as in the teaching workforce.
- Positions that expect a broad deep knowledge base.

- Positions that require real-world problem-solving (research) skills.
- Positions that require employees who are prepared to become immediately productive.
- Positions in 2-year community colleges that more and more are requiring instructors in the biological sciences to have master's degrees.
- Highly competitive positions in M.D., D.D.S. and Ph.D. training programs.

## Courses

### CSBL 3005. Advanced Anatomy. Credit Hours.

Selected students will participate in lectures, detailed dissections, presentations, and teaching of Pre-Matriculation students in the gross anatomy laboratory. A special project or readings in the surgical anatomy literature will be assigned. This elective is considered to be a full-time commitment (40 hours per week). Students are expected to 1) attend all lectures given in the Pre-Matriculation program, 2) to teach in all scheduled laboratory sessions, 3) to prepare and present dissections, 4) to help prepare a laboratory examination, 5) to write and present a literature review on an original topic of interest to the student related to the region of the body being studied.

## Courses

### INTD 1091. Independent Study. 4 Credit Hours.

Students will work directly with a faculty advisor or assistant dean to develop an independent plan of study.

### INTD 3001. International Elective. Credit Hours.

Students will work with the course director and Assistant Director of Global Health to identify an appropriate international elective site, using established sites/programs or one that the student discovers on their own. All rotations must be vetted and approved by the course director and will adhere to a community service-learning model that is a structured educational experience combining community service with preparation and reflection. Students are expected to help shape the learning experience around community-identified needs and advance insight related to the context in which service is provided, the connection between service and academic coursework, and students' roles as citizens and professionals. Students will spend 4 weeks living and working at an international service site. Sites may allow for a range of experiences, such as participating in patient care, conducting clinical or public health research, and/or participating in a language immersion program. There may also be opportunities for patient education and emphasis on efforts of local empowerment, aiming to build up the communities in a sustainable way. Regardless of the focus, all sites must be supervised by qualified health care providers. Students are encouraged to integrate themselves into the health care delivery system, to explore community needs that they could address, and when possible, to strive to make an impact through community education, home visits, and research. Reflection essays serve as a way to process experiences, including clinical cases, new perspectives gained, and analysis of health care disparities, and strategies for the overcoming poverty-related health problems. Students are encouraged to share their experiences upon return through a formal presentation.

### INTD 3002. School of Medicine Research Elective. Credit Hours.

Students will participate in basic or clinical research projects under the supervision of university faculty. The goal of this elective is to immerse students in a rich research environment and provide an opportunity to work with research mentors to fully engage in the research process from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating research results. This elective is open to students who already have an established working relationship with a faculty member and who wish time to continue their work, students who wish to establish a new project, and for students who are in the MD-MPH degree program and MD with Distinction in Research Program. Interested students must contact the course director prior to the enrollment date to express interest in the elective and receive further instructions on the application process for the research and identification/ confirmation of the faculty mentor.

### INTD 3030. Clinical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.

The purposes of this completely on-line course are to: 1. Prepare early clinical students to increase knowledge in clinical settings including: a. Exposure to healthcare team members, b. Exposure to roles on clerkship (H&Ps, orders, SOAP notes, prescriptions, etc.), c. Interpretation of EKGs and radiographs, d. Interpretation of normal/abnormal lab values, e. Recognition of fatigue/strategies to combat fatigue in clinical settings, f. Basic understanding of ventilator management/ICU care, g. Patient insurance issues/patient health care financial resources, h. Avoidance of medical legal problems, i. Better success on exams, j. Performance of evidence-based searches in medical literature, k. Understanding fundamentals of translational research; 2. Assist students in developing new skills expected of early clinical students including: a. Intravenous catheter placement, nasogastric catheter placement, urinary catheter placement, and O2 management, b. Sterile gloving and sterile technique, c. Basic suturing/staple placement and removal; and 3. Prepare early clinical students for their roles in clinical settings including: a. Patient care under supervision, b. Patient privacy-HIPAA, c. Professionalism and responsibility to team and patients, d. Patient safety, e. Proper use of social media in patient care, f. Strategies to be best student on the first clerkship, g. OSHA and hand hygiene, h. Proper professional attire, i. Completion of evaluations on residents and faculty. The students will complete credentials for major clinical sites.

### INTD 3058. Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Credit Hours.

This rotation offers clinical experience in Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM). Palliative care provides treatment for seriously ill hospitalized and ambulatory patients and focuses on symptom management, enhancement of function, physical comfort, quality of life, psychosocial support, and communication about the goals of medical care for the patients as well as their families.

### INTD 3091. Independent Study. 9 Credit Hours.

Students will work directly with a faculty advisor or assistant dean to develop an independent plan of study.

**INTD 4007. Interprofessional Community Service Learning. 2 Credit Hours.**

This is an innovative interdisciplinary service learning (CSL) course offered in partnership with the UT School of Pharmacy, PHR 270S, to allow medical students to integrate meaningful community service with instruction, preparation, and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. This course will provide the opportunity for students to examine social justice and social determinant of health issues and apply these principles in a structured serviced learning practicum. The student-led service learning project will address the social and health needs of a community partner and will be conducted with the partner agency in a culturally competent manner. Through online learning modules, readings, and discussion; monthly class sessions; a group service learning project; and a structured service learning practicum, this course combines community service with preparation and reflection to foster civic responsibility in the health professions. Open for Cross Enrollment on Space Available Basis.

**INTD 4008. Interprofessional Care in HIV. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

Students will have the opportunity to learn how to function as a member of an interprofessional team in HIV case management. The objective is for students to become familiar with issues of patient safety, health literacy, medication reconciliation, and interprofessional teamwork in HIV care. This is an elective didactic course. This is an elective didactic course.

**INTD 4009. Interprofessional Care in HIV. 2 Credit Hours.**

Students will have the opportunity to learn how to function as a member of an interprofessional team in HIV case management, and become familiar with issues of: patient safety, health literacy, medication reconciliation, treatment guidelines, and interprofessional teamwork in HIV care.

**INTD 4015. Humanism in Medicine Fellowship. 2 Credit Hours.**

This is a longitudinal 4th-year elective to support and nourish the inherent altruism of our students. This elective will bring together like-minded students and faculty who have a passion for caring for the medically underserved in their communities. The students will take a leadership role in managing and directing the student-run clinics at the Alpha Home, SAMM Transitional Living and Learning Center, Haven for Hope, Travis Park Dermatology (under faculty supervision). Clinical experiences will be at these clinics. This elective will include a few evening seminars throughout the year in which students and faculty meet to discuss social justice, how to start a free clinic, homelessness and topics chosen by the students. Every student will complete a project of their choice over the year.

**INTD 4018. Independent Elective in Ethics. 2 Credit Hours.**

In this longitudinal course, students will be required to undertake an independent study into a specific issue in medical ethics or medical humanities. Students will be required to read on research methods in medical ethics as well as literature in their issue of interest, and then to propose and conduct an original study project, a literature review, a position paper, or an ethical analysis of a particular topic or case. Students will be expected to write an academically rigorous final research report of 10 to 15 pages. Students will be encouraged to produce a final paper that can be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed bioethics or medical humanities journal. Students will be required to meet with the instructor and/or chosen faculty advisor over the course for assistance, guidance, and discussion. (Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics).

**INTD 4019. Clinical Ethics. 2 Credit Hours.**

Students in this two-week course will have the opportunity to focus on work in clinical ethics consultation. The student will be required to participate in rounds as an ethicist, do in-depth reading on clinical ethics consultation, observe clinical ethics consults, attend ethics committee meetings, and provide an educational seminar to hospital staff on an issue of ethical significance.

**INTD 4025. Healthcare Practice and Policy Elective. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

The Healthcare Practice Elective is an introductory-level, discussion-based, eight-hour course targeted to fourth-year medical students. The course focuses generally on practice and policy issues of payment methodologies, cost-effectiveness, and access to care.

**INTD 4030. Preparing for Global Health Work. 2 Credit Hours.**

This is a 2-week multidisciplinary course for 4th-year medical students who are planning future global health experiences, arising in response to enormous interest in international medicine, with increasing numbers of students choosing to spend time overseas during medical school. This preparatory course aims to provide a foundation of practical knowledge in global health to optimize the students' overseas experiences, facilitate their adaptation to working in different cultural settings, and maximize their impact in the communities where they serve. Topics include chronic and infectious disease, parasite infection, prioritizing community resources, health disparities, ethical dilemmas, cultural awareness, and professionalism. Course material is presented through a variety of approaches, including lectures, small-group case discussions, laboratory sessions, and online learning modules.

**INTD 4045. Patient Notes- Enrichment Elective. Credit Hours.**

It is an interactive, inter-professional course that engages students in music listening sessions to teach students active listening skills. Through various forms of music, students will learn how to actively listen for specific details to gain insight on meaning, become comfortable with ambiguity and interpretation, and develop pattern recognition skills to quickly recognize deviation. Students will also develop stronger methodology for writing patients notes through conceptual practice of SOAP format notes for music pieces. Taught jointly by UTHSCSA faculty and professional musicians, this strategy of applying practical skills to an abstract concept such as music will refine these skills for students in clinical settings. Specifically, this course aims to improve interpersonal communication skills, and organizational note writing. This is also an opportunity for students to practice problems solving with other healthcare professionals.

**INTD 4048. Art Rounds. 2 Credit Hours.**

This is an interactive, interprofessional course that takes students to the McNay Art Museum to learn physical observation skills. Studies demonstrate that increased observational skills translate to improved physical examination skills. Using artwork as patients, students will have the opportunity to learn how to observe details and how to interpret images based on available evidence. Taught jointly by Health Science Center faculty and McNay museum educators, students will have the opportunity to develop and hone their observation, problem solving, and assessment skills. They will also observe, interpret, and give case reports on the original works of art to teach them the skill of verbalizing descriptions of what is seen, and not to accept assumptions made with a first impression. Open for Cross Enrollment on Space Available Basis.



**INTD 4058. Hospice and Palliative Medicine Elective. 4 Credit Hours.**

This rotation offers clinical experience in Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM). Palliative care provides treatment for seriously ill hospitalized and ambulatory patients and focuses on symptom management, enhancement of function, physical comfort, quality of life, psychosocial support, and communication about the goals of medical care for the patients as well as their families.

**INTD 4103. Communication Skills. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

To introduce fourth year medical students to the principles of conducting public interviews, presentations and effectively disseminating information to the communities they will serve.

**INTD 4104. Improving Patient Outcomes. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed to increase a student's knowledge of and skills in identifying systemic problems with health care delivery and patient safety, collecting and analyzing data, generating solutions, presenting results and evaluating peers. The course objectives include facilitating systems thinking, exposing students to the ACGME general competencies (with emphasis on practice-based learning and improvement and systems-based practice), increasing understanding of health care economics and working in teams.

**INTD 4105. Medical Jurisprudence. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

The course will center on the Texas Medical Practice Act and applicable federal laws.

**INTD 4106. Practical Ethics For Healers. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

The course is the capstone of the four-year longitudinal curriculum in humanities and ethics. The goals are to reflect upon 1) physician's values, attitudes, and their intersection with cultural values and attitudes; 2) the historical and moral traditions of medicine in the context of society, politics, spirituality, and the health care system; and 3) the personal identity of a doctor. Open for Cross Enrollment on Space Available Basis.

**INTD 4107. The Skin Around Us: A View of Skin Disease from a Humanities Perspective. 4 Credit Hours.**

This elective is for fourth year medical students with a special interest in learning about skin diseases through a humanities perspective. Throughout the four week course, students will attend daily clinics, create a project and write an essay on activities encountered during the elective. The students will also complete brief writing assignments each week after watching videos, movies, and/or reading books.

**INTD 4110. Getting Ready to Teach During Your Residency Program. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

The goal of this 8-hour course is to help senior medical students, who will be residents in a few months, develop teaching skills that will enhance the quality of their interactions with students. The course will be conducted in an interactive workshop format to allow participants to practice important teaching skills for residents. These include 1) orienting and priming students to their responsibilities and roles and accepting the personal role of teacher and role model, 2) giving feedback to improve student performance, 3) helping students to improve their patient presentations-the use of questioning, and 4) coaching procedural and technical skills. The participants will practice these skills and receive feedback from their course peers and instructors based on the guidelines for clinical teachers in action with students and provide critiques. Large and small group discussions and role plays will be used to reinforce teaching principles.

**INTD 4205. Veritas Mentors in Medicine Longitudinal Elective. 2 Credit Hours.**

This is longitudinal elective and the course work requirements will be for 2 week credit and must be complete by March 1st. Evaluation of MiM performance will include feedback from faculty mentors and students.

**INTD 4210. School of Medicine Research Elective Level 1. 4 Credit Hours.**

Medical research is multidisciplinary and broad in scope. Students will participate in basic, clinical research, quality improvement, or patient safety research projects under the supervision of faculty in the Health Science Center. The goal of this elective is to immerse students in a rich scholarly environment and provide an opportunity to work with research/faculty mentors to fully engage in a scholarly research process from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating results. This elective is open to students who already have an established working relationship with a faculty member and who wish time to continue their work, students who wish to establish a new project, and for students who are in the MD-MPH degree program and MD with Distinction in Research Program. Interested students must submit a research elective application which includes the faculty mentor the student will work, to the office of UME, no later than 12 weeks before the research elective is to begin. Applications will be reviewed and confirmed or declined no later than 8 weeks prior to the proposed start date of the elective. Students will be able to 1) Formulate a research question and identify a research methodology to answer that question; 2) understand research ethics and apply an ethical approach to research design, implementation, and dissemination 3) design a research study and gather quality data; 4) apply and interpret basic biostatistics relevant to the individual research project; 5) write scientific reports. The supervising faculty member will evaluate the performance of the student using a standard, research specific, medical student evaluation form. Students will receive a Pass or Fail summative grade at the conclusion of the 4 week elective. Faculty will be expected to give the student formative feedback after two weeks to assist the student in meeting all expectations to pass the elective.

**INTD 4211. School of Medicine Research Elective Level 2. 4 Credit Hours.**

Medical research is multidisciplinary and broad in scope. Students will participate in basic, clinical research, quality improvement, or patient safety research projects under the supervision of faculty in the Health Science Center. The goal of this elective is to immerse students in a rich scholarly environment and provide an opportunity to work with research/faculty mentors to fully engage in a scholarly research process from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating results. This elective is open to students who already have an established working relationship with a faculty member and reflects their increasing experience with the research process. INTD 4210 Level 1 elective or evidence of past experience knowledge and/or skills is a prerequisite. The expectation is that enrolled students will continue with research experiences begun in INTD 4210 Level 1 including students pursuing the MD-MPH degree and MD with Distinction in Research. Interested students must submit a research elective application which includes the faculty mentor the student will work, to the office of UME, no later than 12 weeks before the research elective is to begin. Applications will be reviewed and confirmed or declined no later than 8 weeks prior to the proposed start date of the elective.

**INTD 4212. School of Medicine Research Elective Level 3. 4 Credit Hours.**

Medical research is multidisciplinary and broad in scope. Students will participate in basic, clinical research, quality improvement, or patient safety research projects under the supervision of faculty in the Health Science Center. The goal of this elective is to immerse students in a rich scholarly environment and provide an opportunity to work with research/faculty mentors to fully engage in a scholarly research process from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating results. Students enrolled in this course will have prior experience with research and ongoing research activities. As such, this elective is open to students who already have an established working relationship with a faculty member and reflects their increasing experience with the research process. INTD 4211 Level 2 electives is a prerequisite. As with INTD 4211 Level 2, the expectation is that enrolled students will continue with research experiences begun in INTD 4210 Level 1 and INTD 4211 Level 2 including students pursuing the MD-MPH degree and MD with Distinction in Research or produce evidence of past experience knowledge and/or skills which are deemed equivalent to these prerequisites. Interested students must submit a research elective application which includes the faculty mentor the student will work, to the office of UME, no later than 12 weeks before the research elective is to begin. Applications will be reviewed and confirmed or declined no later than 8 weeks prior to the proposed start date of the elective. Students will be able to formulate a research question and identify a research methodology to answer that question; understand research ethics and apply an ethical approach to research design, implementation, and dissemination; design a research study and gather quality data; apply and interpret basic biostatistics relevant to the individual research project; write scientific reports. The supervising faculty member will evaluate the performance of the student using a standard, research specific, medical student evaluation form. Students will receive a Pass or Fail summative grade at the conclusion of the 4 week elective. Faculty will be expected to give the student formative feedback after two weeks to assist the student in meeting all expectations to pass the elective.

**INTD 5005. Core Course 1: Biochemistry. 2 Credit Hours.**

Topics to be covered include: protein structure; properties of enzymes; structure, biosynthesis, and function of lipids; pathways and regulation of carbohydrate metabolism and biosynthesis and regulation of amino acids, nucleotides, and related compounds. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

**INTD 5007. Advanced Cellular And Molecular Biology. 4 Credit Hours.**

This course provides an in-depth learning experience that instructs students on the fundamentals of molecular biology and cell biology as well as prepares the student to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern molecular biology and cell biology. The course combines a didactic program of lectures along with a small group discussion format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. The course focuses on active areas of research in molecular biology: Chromatin structure, DNA Transcription, DNA Replication and Repair, Recombination, RNA processing and regulation, Protein processing, targeting and degradation and in cell biology: Cell Signaling and Communication, Cell Growth, and Cell Death. Each week, the faculty provide students with didactic lectures on a current research area. Students and faculty will then jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area.

**INTD 5013. Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 1. 1 Credit Hour.**

A seminar that brings together the residents and graduate staff from the periodontic, prosthodontic, endodontic and orthodontic postdoctoral programs to share clinically relevant multidisciplinary information. Patient diagnostic evaluations and treatment plans are evaluated in an interactive environment. Selected topics involving new advancements are presented and discussed.

**INTD 5021. Dental Biomed Core 2. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course is a continuation of MSDS 5020 Dental Biomedical Core Course 1.

**INTD 5023. Research Ethics. 1 Credit Hour.**

The goal of this course is to provide the Master's student an opportunity to gain the essential standards necessary for training and education approved by the National Institute of Health. This course links to the web-based NIH Clinical Research Training On-Line Course <http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/training/crt/infor.html> for Principal Investigators that is required for all individuals conducting research. This course is open to current Health Science Center students. Open for Cross Enrollment on Space Available Basis.

**INTD 5035. University Teaching Excellence Course. 2 Credit Hours.**

The course is designed for post-doctoral fellows, senior graduate students, faculty members, research staff and residents who are interested in a career in teaching and desire to acquire knowledge about learning processes and to develop educational planning, teaching and assessment skills to enhance their "teaching toolkit." UTEC participants practice key skills needed for success in college-level teaching, working individually and in teams to accomplish course objectives. Classes will be supplemented by readings, worksheets and self-assessment inventories. Although the course will provide instruction in contemporary pedagogic techniques, it primarily emphasizes teaching science courses for undergraduates on campuses at predominantly undergraduate institutions (PUIs), rather than teaching graduate students and medical / dental students at the health science center (HSC) or other academic HSCs. Course instructors include faculty from the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing at UTHSCSA as well as visiting faculty from local PUIs, St. Mary's University and Our Lady of the Lake University. UTEC has been offered for two consecutive fall semesters now (2015 and 2016). It is sponsored by the San Antonio Biomedical Education and Research (SABER) Program that is supported by an Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award (IRACDA) from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the NIH (PHS grant, K12 GM11726).

**INTD 5040. Fundamentals Of Neuroscience1: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Neuroscience. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course is intended to introduce students to a broad survey of the basics of molecular, cellular and developmental neuroscience. The course is organized into a series of three modules: biochemical and cellular properties of nervous system cells, development of neuronal systems, and neurotransmission and neuromodulation, which covers the fundamentals of these three areas. Current topics and concepts are discussed in discussion sessions that include student participation. Two components; Neuroscience students register for both PHYL 5041 and INTD 5040.

**INTD 5043. Fundamentals Of Neuroscience 2: Systems Neuroscience. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course, the second component of our broad survey of the basics of neuroscience, begins at the level of the neural circuit, and guides the students through an understanding of increasingly complex levels of organization and function in the brain. Topics include neurotransmitter systems, sensory and motor function, motivated behavior, regulation and integration of autonomic, behavioral, and emotional responses in the limbic system, higher order cognitive processes, and the neurobiological basis underlying some important psychiatric disorders and their treatment.

**INTD 5046. Metanalysis In Cognitive Neuroimaging. 2.5 Credit Hours.**

The objective of this course is to familiarize students with human functional brain imaging methods, experimental designs, statistical analyses, inferential strategies, and content. Students are guided through a literature-based research project that culminates in a quantitative metanalysis of a set of studies using similar tasks.

**INTD 5047. Neuroanatomy. 2 Credit Hours.**

The purpose of this course is to provide students with a practical working knowledge of the structure of both the peripheral and central nervous system. The emphasis will be on the organization of the human brain, although the brains of other species may also be included if appropriate for a specific brain region. The course will look at each of the individual components of the central nervous system in some depth but will also emphasize the complex integration of these various components into a functional brain. The topics covered in the course are specifically designed to mesh in time with those covered in Fundamentals of Neuroscience 2 describing the function of these areas. For this reason, it would be best if these two courses were taken concomitantly. The course will be didactic with digital images, models, and wet specimens included in the course.

**INTD 5051. Research Methodology and Evidence-Based Practice. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed to introduce dental residents and faculty to critical thinking, research methodology, and evidence-based practice skills.

**INTD 5064. Applied Statistics for Health Care Practitioners. 3 Credit Hours.**

This online course focuses on the application of descriptive and inferential statistics in research studies. Students are expected to gain knowledge and skills that will enable them to understand, interpret, and evaluate statistical results; work with a consultant statistician; and use software to enter, analyze, and summarize data. Course requirements include homework assignments, online discussions and/or chats, and periodic projects.

**INTD 5066. Laughter is the Best Medicine: An Interdisciplinary Elective about Humor, Healing, and Healthcare. 1 Credit Hour.**

This class is a serious look at humor! The physiological and psychological benefits of humor, as well as its therapeutic use with patient interactions, will be explored. Students will learn how to develop and improve their personal use of humor to combat burn out, through techniques to enhance coping skills and stress reduction. Student participation and interaction is integral to the content delivery.

**INTD 5067. Introduction To Bioinformatics And Computational Biology. 2 Credit Hours.**

The course will be taught by faculty from Biochemistry, Cellular & Structural Biology, CCRI, Periodontics, and faculty from UTSA. The course will be an introduction to methods and tools for working with DNA sequences and protein families, learning basic Unix networking, overview of numerical modeling, systems biology approaches to complex diseases, gene expression analysis, bioinformatics in clinical research, statistical tools for complex datasets, proteomics, structural methods for protein biology, chemoinformatics, molecular modeling, and mathematical model building.

**INTD 5074. Topics In Translational Medical Product Development. 1 Credit Hour.**

It is crucial to understand the intricate process of translating basic research into market driven products, navigate the complex pathways of intellectual property management and the regulatory affairs of agencies such as the FDA. This course will offer students in biomedical sciences the opportunity to integrate industry-relevant training and experience with their basic science education. The course will explore the marketing and regulatory process by which a biomedical product is developed and brought to commercialization.

**INTD 5075. Complementary Healthcare for the Clinician. Credit Hours.**

The goal of this elective is to introduce future doctors to practices outside of the classical medical school curriculum that promote an evidence-based approach to wellness. This is so that the medical students of the UTHSC School of Medicine are informed about the reality, evidence and rumor surrounding a variety of commonly used alternative and supplementary healthcare practices. The of this class is not to make the student an expert in areas such as acupuncture or yoga, but to be well informed of the role of such practices as it relates to patient treatment and wellness. To this end, all the classes will have a practical component which will allow the students to experience the alternative modalities in a structured setting.

**INTD 5081. Topics In Cardiovascular Research. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course is designed to familiarize students with the current literature related to cardiovascular disease. Each week a different research topic selected from the recent literature is presented and discussed. Students are expected to attend and participate in the discussions. In addition, students are required to prepare and present once during the semester. A list of previous and current course presentations will be available online.

**INTD 5082. Responsible Conduct of Research. 1.5 Credit Hour.**

This foundational course introduces students to core ethical content necessary for responsible research conduct. Through interactive seminars, students will learn about (1) scientists as responsible members of society (contemporary ethical issues in biomedical research and environmental/social impacts of research), (2) policies for research with human subjects and vertebrate animals, (3) collaborative research, (4) conflicts of interest (personal, professional, financial), (5) data acquisition and laboratory tools (management, sharing, ownership), (6) responsible authorship and publication, (7) mentor/trainee responsibilities and relationships, (8) peer review, and (9) research misconduct (forms of misconduct and management policies).

**INTD 5091. Special Topics. 1-4 Credit Hours.**

This is a placeholder course, for which graduate students may register, if they are unable to select a specific track core course at the time of registration. Tracks are: Biology of Aging, Cancer Biology; Cell and Molecular Biology; Genetics, Genomics, & Development; Membrane Biology & Cell Signaling; Metabolism & Metabolic Disorders; Microbiology & Immunology; Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry; Molecular, Cellular, & Integrative Physiology; Neuroscience; and Pharmacology. The course may be repeated for credit.

**INTD 5094. Independent Study. 1-4 Credit Hours.**

This elective allows for detailed in-depth study in a specific area of study. The area and mode of study are to be agreed upon by the student and instructor. The course may be repeated for credit when the area of study varies. Clock hours are to be arranged. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

**INTD 6002. Ethics In Research. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

This course covers topics relevant to ethics in scientific research. The course is taught on a case-study basis, dealing with real and hypothetical situations relevant to the conduct of scientific research. Topics discussed will include, but will not be limited to: data management, peer review, recognizing scientific misconduct, authorship, and The University of Texas regulations relevant to human and animal research. This course is required of all doctoral graduate students.

**INTD 6007. Advanced Cell Biology. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course provides an in-depth learning experience that instructs students on the fundamentals of cell biology as well as prepares the student to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern cell biology. The course combines a didactic program of lectures along with a small-group discussion format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. The course focuses on active areas of research in cell biology: Cell Signaling and Communication, Cell Growth, and Cell Death. Each week, the faculty the jointly discuss key publications that serve the bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area. Students and faculty will then jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area.

**INTD 6008. Mitochondria & Apoptosis. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course will focus in depth on Mitochondria and Apoptosis. Topics will include: Mitochondria and Respiration; Mitochondria and Reactive Oxygen Species; Mitochondria and Apoptosis. It will provide an opportunity for a unique learning experience where the student can prepare to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern cell biology and molecular biology. Instead of a didactic program of lectures, the entire course comprises a small-group format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. Each week, faculty will provide students with a brief overview of the research area. Students and faculty will then jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the student's prior understanding of the field and the state of the art in that area.

**INTD 6009. Advanced Molecular Biology. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course will provide an in-depth learning experience on the fundamentals of molecular biology as well as prepare the student to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern molecular biology. The course combines a didactic program of lectures along with a small- group discussion format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. The course focuses on active areas of research in molecular biology: Chromatin structure, Transcription, DNA Replication and Repair, Recombination, RNA processing and regulation, Protein processing, targeting and degradation. Each week, the faculty provide students with didactic lectures on a current research area. Students and faculty then jointly discuss Key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area.

**INTD 6011. Introduction To Science Of Teaching. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course will provide insight into the basic skills of learning and teaching. Faculty from the Academic Center for Excellence in Teaching and the Graduate School will provide the opportunity to learn the skills, strategies, and experiences for a future in academia and teaching. Topics include lecture presentations on why scientists choose to teach, planning a student learning experience in addition to developing a lecture syllabus, curriculum and teaching portfolio and philosophy. The course is recommended for Supervised Teaching Course INTD 6071.

**INTD 6014. Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 2. 1 Credit Hour.**

This seminar brings together the residents and graduate staff from the periodontic, prosthodontic, endodontic and orthodontic postdoctoral programs to share clinically relevant multidisciplinary information. Patient diagnostic evaluations and treatment plans are evaluated in an interactive environment. Selected topics involving new advancements are presented and discussed.

**INTD 6019. Pharmacotherapeutics. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course is designed to review general principles of pharmacology; current and accepted pharmacotherapy for the medical management of pain, infection, and selected systemic diseases; and associated adverse drug events. It is based on the top 200 drugs dispensed by U.S. community pharmacies for the prevention, diagnosis, and/or treatment of disease with special reference to dentistry.

**INTD 6040. Resident Lecture Series in Psychiatric Disorders and Psychopharmacology. 1 Credit Hour.**

This is an interdisciplinary advanced elective in which students attend 17 lectures from the Psychiatry Year One Residents' lecture series. These lectures focus on the psychopathology, epidemiology, and pharmacological treatments for illnesses such as schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, trauma related disorders, eating disorders, and sleep disorders.

**INTD 6041. Basic Science Resident Lecture Series In Neurology. 1.5 Credit Hour.**

This is an interdisciplinary advanced elective in which students attend 20 lectures, selected from the full offering of daily one-hour lectures comprising the Neurology Residents' Basic Sciences lecture series. These lectures cover a range of topics, such as Epilepsy, Movement Disorders, the Thalamus, Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, Stroke, Sleep, etc., all given from a clinical perspective. In addition, graduate students will have the opportunity to observe or participate in at least two enrichment activities related topically to the lectures they attend, which may include such settings as case presentations, diagnostic training sessions, or clinical observations, again selected from the list of offerings included in the "Neurology Residents" series.



**INTD 6045. Clinical Practicum In Neuroscience. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course will provide students with a brief, but intense and very focused exposure to clinical practice in a relevant area of their choosing, designed and coordinated to best match their interests in close individual collaboration with a clinical mentor in one of the participating components: Neurosurgery, Neurology, Psychiatry, or Endodontics. Representative activities could include participation in case presentation and treatment planning, attending rounds with physicians and residents, direct observation of clinical procedures, patient interviews, follow-up care and outcome review. Potential venues may include inpatient psychiatric ward, sleep clinic, epilepsy clinic, stroke clinic, neurosurgical theater and surgical ICU. In consultation with the course director, students will first select one of the following sub-sections, then design their individually tailored clinical practicum experience with the coordinator for that section.

**INTD 6046. Resident Lecture Series in Psychiatric Disorders and Psychopharmacology II. 1 Credit Hour.**

This is an interdisciplinary advanced elective in which students attend lectures, selected from the full offering of weekly two-hour lectures comprising the Psychiatry Year One Residents' lecture series. These lectures cover a range of topics, such as Substance Abuse, Depression, Bipolar Disorder, etc., all given from a clinical perspective.

**INTD 6070. Teaching Excellence And Academic Skills (Texas). 1 Credit Hour.**

This course, designed to assist graduate students and faculty in acquiring teaching skills, is composed of four modules, each covering a range of topics from lecture and clinical teaching to instructional development to assessing student achievement.

**INTD 6097. Research. 0.5-12 Credit Hours.**

This course is intended for first-year IMGP students only. Students will be required to attend a minimum of 10 departmental (any) seminars during the semester and submit a 100-150 word synopsis of each seminar within two weeks of the seminar.

**INTD 6115. Perio/Pros/Endo/Ortho Interdisciplinary Course 3. 1 Credit Hour.**

This is a seminar that brings together the residents and graduate staff from the periodontic, prosthodontic, endodontic and orthodontics postdoctoral programs to share clinically relevant multidisciplinary information. Patient diagnostic evaluations and treatment plans are evaluated in an interactive environment. Selected topics involving new advancements are presented and discussed.

**INTD 7002. Neurobiology Of Learning And Memory. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course will focus on recent findings and topics related to the underlying aspects of the neural basis of learning and memory. Students will have the opportunity to learn about: molecular basis of memory formation, consolidation and retrieval, memory and emotion, associative learning, memory and amnesia, and recognition memory and the medial temporal lobe. The lectures will be interactive and driven by discussions of key journal articles. Each week the first hour will be reserved for lecturing and the second hour will be reserved for a discussion of a journal article.

**INTD 7003. Elective in International Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.**

This elective serves as a vehicle for students to participate in international medicine rotations. Students will work with a faculty sponsor to identify a program, either a pre-established site or a site discovered by the student which requires faculty approval. This elective includes: 1) The Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics International Scholars Program in India, a competitive program requiring a separate application through the department of Medicine, 2) Shoulder to Shoulder program in Latin America, which requires a separate application process and some cost (airfare and small project fee), and is available October, January, and April, 3) Programs in Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, and Guatemala, and 4) Other sites available through online directory: <http://www.globalhealth-cc.org/GHEC/Resources/GHonline.htm>. All rotations share a commitment to service learning - medical education and self-reflection that arises out of service to needy populations. Students spend up to 4 weeks (or possibly longer) living in an international site and participating in the care of patients, under the supervision of local and visiting health care providers. The clinical settings and caseload will vary based on the location. There may be opportunities for patient education and emphasis on efforts of local empowerment, aiming to build up the communities in a sustainable way. Students will be expected to integrate themselves into the health care delivery system, and when possible, to strive to make an impact through community education and home visits. For certain Latin American sites, fluency in Spanish is a prerequisite. Students are encouraged to seek similar service learning experiences with underprivileged populations in San Antonio and Border communities prior to or after the rotation. End of rotation "reflection essays" are required and will serve to process student experiences.

**INTD 7005. Indian Health Care Preceptorship. 4 Credit Hours.**

This elective offers the opportunity for an experience in the health care of Native Americans, coordinated through the Indian Health Service. Most experiences involve both inpatient and outpatient care under direct supervision of board certified family physicians or internists. Educational activities such as conferences, teaching rounds, etc., may vary from site to site. All clinical sites are located outside the state of Texas, including sites in New Mexico, Arizona and Alaska. Early application is recommended. Students completing appropriate application forms may be reimbursed for transportation costs and provided room and board by the Indian Health Service.

**INTD 7007. Literature and Medicine. 2 Credit Hours.**

In this course you are required to read short stories, poems, and a book of nonfiction. While many of the stories or poems directly address medical or ethical issues, the primary purpose is not to enhance your store of knowledge in these areas, but to promote your appreciation of these works through discussions with other students (online via Blackboard and in class) and with authors and lecturers. Your own contributions to the course - not just the insights you've gained as medical students but the wisdom you bring to the class as human beings - will be critical to its success. We hope that the readings will help you prepare for and process your clinical experiences, furthering your development as a person as well as physician. There will be no "right" or "wrong" answers in this course; rather, our goal is to encourage thoughtful and serious responses to the readings and a lively and fulfilling conversation about them and the issues they raise. Students from Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, will join in our discussion online. MSIV students will receive two credits for completion of this longitudinal elective. All students are expected to participate in class discussions. Grades are earned by reading assignments, attendance at class meetings, and posting primary and secondary responses to posted discussion questions. Open for Cross Enrollment on Space Available Basis.

**INTD 7020. Clinical Patient Management. 5 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed to help students develop skills in clinical behavioral dentistry through small group discussions, lectures, and routine patient treatment by application of the principles of coordinating patient care; communicating effectively with colleagues, staff, and faculty; and managing time, records, and environment. The students are required to manage their comprehensive care patients in the Junior Clinic following the principles presented in this course.

**INTD 7074. Topics In Translational Medical Product Development. 1 Credit Hour.**

It is crucial to understand the intricate process of translating basic research into market driven products, navigate the complex pathways of intellectual property management and the regulatory affairs of agencies such as the FDA. This course will offer students in biomedical sciences the opportunity to integrate industry-relevant training and experience with their basic science education. The course will explore the marketing and regulatory process by which a biomedical product is developed and brought to commercialization.

**INTD 7091. Independent Studies. 1-9 Credit Hours.**

Students will have the opportunity to use this course to study for the National Board, Part II examination, according to their own need. This course also will serve as a framework for a student returning from a leave of absence or from other protracted time away from classes or clinic. At the conclusion of the course, the enrolled student must demonstrate knowledge and/or skills and/or values consistent with the expectations for entering the level of course study from which the student left. An individualized course of study will be developed once the student is enrolled.

**Courses****MICR 4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.**

This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

**MICR 4002. Advanced Medical Microbiology. 4 Credit Hours.**

This elective is available to selected fourth-year students. Responsibilities during the period would include 1) the reading of 20-25 short articles out of Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Reports (generally 5-7 pages each), so as to be prepared to 2) lead discussions as MS1 students present summaries of these articles (1 article per student in a small group setting). In addition to enriching the curriculum of the first-year class, this elective will provide the MS4 student with the opportunity to be updated on some of the most current issues of the day in areas of infectious disease.

**MICR 5003. Core Concepts In Microbiology & Immunology. 4 Credit Hours.**

This course will provide an integrated view of the microbial world and the mammalian immune response. Students will receive a foundation in the basic concepts and experimental approaches that are crucial for understanding core concepts in pathogenic microbiology, virology, parasitology, mycology, and immunology through directed readings and didactic instruction. A special emphasis will be placed on integrating knowledge from each discipline using specific examples to illustrate important concepts in host-pathogen interaction.

**MICR 5025. Eukaryotic Pathogens. 1 Credit Hour.**

The course will provide students with the opportunity to gain a basic comprehensive understanding of parasitology and mycology. The first part of this course will focus on virulence mechanisms and the host immune response with respect to a variety of parasites that cause major human diseases. The second part of this course will cover several important areas of medical mycology including molecular biology, diagnostic/epidemiology, mating/phenotypic switching, morphology, pathogenesis, and antifungal therapies.

**MICR 5026. Bacterial Pathogenesis. 1 Credit Hour.**

This is an introductory course in microbial pathogenesis focusing on bacterial pathogens that are important in human disease. Students will receive a foundation in the basic concepts and experimental approaches that are crucial for understanding the discipline through directed readings and didactic instruction. Specific concepts, strategies, and mechanisms used by human bacterial pathogens to cause disease will be illustrated.

**MICR 5027. Immunology. 1 Credit Hour.**

MICR5027 is designed to build on the immunological concepts covered in MICR 5051 given in the Fall semester and to put those concepts to use as we focus on understanding the world of the mammalian host response to infection and on applying fundamental immunological concepts to the understanding of current immunological research questions in a student-presentation and in-class discussion format. Prerequisite: MICR5051.

**MICR 5028. Virology. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course focuses on the molecular and cellular biology of animal viruses, and their interactions with host cells. Many of the viruses to be covered in this course are medically significant or have provided critical information that has expanded our understanding of cell biology, immunology, development, and differentiation.

**MICR 5029. Building Scientific Thinking Skills. 2 Credit Hours.**

The goal of this course is to provide the opportunity for graduate students to develop critical thinking skills in reading scientific literature, developing/critiquing scientific ideas and grant proposals and effectively communicating one's own scientific ideas with peers. The courses will be offered in three consecutive stages. First, each student will be assigned/encouraged to read articles focusing on a topic in the areas of Microbiology and Immunology and give a 50 minute review presentation on the topic to the class followed by questions/critiques from fellow students and faculty members. Second, each student is guided to develop a mini-proposal on a chosen topic followed by written critiques from fellow students and faculty members. Finally, each student is arranged to give an oral defense of his or her written proposal to the class followed by questions from fellow students and faculty members. Since the proposal writing and defense portions mimic the process involved in M&I track qualification examination, this course will not only have a long lasting impact on the students' scientific skill development, but also help prepare the students for the immediate qualification examination.

**MICR 5030. Microbiology And Immunology Track Journal Clubs. 0.5 Credit Hours.**

The MI track students, together with faculty members and other researchers, will meet once a week to discuss articles on life science with an emphasis on the Microbiology and Immunology disciplines. At each meeting, an individual will present one or several papers, or a review and related materials. The presentation will be followed by questions and discussions involving everyone present at the meeting. Each meeting is scheduled for one hour.

**MICR 5031. Pathogenic Microbiology. 3 Credit Hours.**

This lecture-only course integrates different disciplines (immunology, cell biology, genetics, biochemistry, molecular biology, physiology, and medical microbiology) with a central theme focused on molecular mechanisms of microbial pathogenesis in humans. Recommended prerequisites for this course are Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

**MICR 5035. Emerging Trends in Immunology and Infection. 2 Credit Hours.**

An intense and advanced exploration of the primary literature focusing on the latest emerging trends in immunological research. The format will allow students to develop skills of in depth critical analysis and will involve a combination of student presentations of current data and discussions of the historical development and evolution of new directions in immunological research.

**MICR 5051. Intro To Immunology. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course is a study of immune responses with emphasis on experimental strategies for elucidating cellular and molecular mechanisms. Three phases of study: (1) immunochemistry and molecular biology of antibodies, lymphocyte receptors, and products of the major histocompatibility complex; (2) cellular interactions and immunoregulation; and (3) immunopathologies (hypersensitivity, autoimmunity, immunodeficiency, transplantation rejection, and tumor immunology). Prerequisites: consent of instructor, courses in General Biology and Genetics recommended.

**MICR 5090. Acquiring Presentation Skills. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course is designed to prepare the student for giving a scientific lecture or seminar. Students present at least one lecture per academic year. Each student is coached and evaluated by faculty members in terms of both effective public speaking and critically analyzing scientific data. In addition, the seminars are videotaped. Students are required to attend all seminars.

**MICR 5091. Current Topics In Microbiology And Immunology. 0.5-3 Credit Hours.**

Students will be given an opportunity to gain in-depth understanding of selected topics in microbiology and immunology through a combination of library research and discussion with faculty. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

**MICR 5092. Special Problems. 1-9 Credit Hours.**

The course provides an opportunity for the student to engage in a special research project or to develop proficiency in the use of certain laboratory methods. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

**MICR 5095. Current Topics in Immunobiology and Host-microbe Interactions. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course is designed to enhance and expand on the existing Acquiring Presentation Skills (APS) course (MICR 5090) that is required of all graduate students in the Infection, Inflammation, & Immunity discipline of the IBMS Graduate Program, and the Ph.D. students of the Microbiology & Immunology Graduate Program. Although the APS course allows students to gain experience with regard to making formal lecture presentations of their research, it is limited in that students present their work only once a year, the opportunity for full discussion is limited by the time available after presentations, and being a course in which participants are exclusively students, there are no opportunities to observe examples of how skilled seasoned investigators (i.e., faculty and postdoctoral fellows) present their work. In the currently proposed course, graduate students will not only have more frequent opportunities to present their own research and receive vital feedback and critiques, but will also hear and critique presentations by more senior investigators regarding projects performed in labs throughout the Department of Microbiology & Immunology.

**MICR 6022. Advanced Microbial Physiology. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course consists of readings and conferences. The course includes current concepts and experimental studies in microbial structure-function relationships and regulatory mechanisms. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

**MICR 6024. Advanced Microbial Genetics. 1-4 Credit Hours.**

This course consists of lectures and conferences. This course is an in-depth study of selected areas of microbial genetics, and presentation and discussion of current literature in these areas. Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.

**MICR 6026. Advanced Molecular Genetics Of Eukaryotic Pathogens. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course will cover the major research methods and techniques used to study human fungal pathogens.

**MICR 6043. Advanced Topics In Virology. 2 Credit Hours.**

This course is an in-depth study of selected topics in animal virology at the molecular level. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

**MICR 6050. Advanced Topics In Tumor Immunology. 1 Credit Hour.**

This course provides an opportunity for students to gain a solid foundation in modern tumor immunology. Topics include tumor antigens, autoimmunity, mechanisms of killing, dysregulation of inflammation, and counter measures mediated by tumor to thwart or subvert host immunity.

**MICR 6052. Advanced Immunobiology. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course consists of lectures only. This course is an in-depth study of the immune system and how it is regulated, including presentation and discussion of current literature in these areas. Prerequisites: MICR 5051 or consent of instructor.

**MICR 6071. Supervised Teaching. 1-9 Credit Hours.**

This course consists of teaching under the close supervision of instructors as laboratory assistants and as leaders in tutorial or review sessions. The more advanced students may present formal lectures in the classroom or lead discussions in the laboratory. Prerequisites: consent of chair or department.

**MICR 6091. Seminars In Microbiology & Immunology. 1 Credit Hour.**

Presentations and discussions of recent advances in various areas of Microbiology & Immunology. Invited speakers may be from inside or outside the HSC. Each graduate student in the M&I Track is expected to register for this course each fall and each spring semester for as long as the student is enrolled in graduate school.

**MICR 6097. Research. 1-12 Credit Hours.**

This course consists of independent, original research under the direction of faculty advisor. May be conducted in bacteriology, virology, mycology, parasitology, and immunology.

**MICR 6098. Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.**

Registration for at least one term is required of M.S. candidates. Admission to candidacy for the Master of Science degree is required.

**MICR 7099. Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.**

Registration for at least two terms is required of Ph.D. candidates. In addition, Ph.D. candidates may be required to complete a course in Biostatistics. Prerequisites: Admission to candidacy for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.