Getting Ready for the Core Courses
You can take three 1 SCH courses.

Biotechnology is a new and growing field, with many possibilities for students with diverse backgrounds to enhance their careers. However, many of these students do not have the background in both biology and mathematics that is required for success in the four core courses. In order to help students get up to speed, four 1 SCH courses will be offered in Summer 2005. Most students will take only three of the four courses.

Students with a strong math background, who need access to modern biology, should take BIOL 5V00-06A (Biology Preparation – MS in Biotechnology I), BIOL 5V00-06M (Biology Preparation – MS in Biotechnology II), and MATH 5V06-06M (Mathematics Preparation – MS in Biotechnology II).

Students with a strong biology background, who need access to mathematics/statistics, should take MATH 5V06-06A (Mathematics Preparation – MS in Biotechnology I), BIOL 5V00-06M (Biology Preparation – MS in Biotechnology II), and MATH 5V06-06M (Mathematics Preparation – MS in Biotechnology II).

These courses may be counted as electives in the MS in Biotechnology degree program. Each of the four courses is 1 semester credit hour.

In a hurry? Go for non-degree (Biotech) admission! Bring a copy of your college transcript showing award of your undergraduate degree, pick up a paper application, get admitted, register, and pay your fees. We will be glad to have you on board. Regular Summer Admissions (online, see our web site) end approximately May 1, 2005
For students without biology-intensive backgrounds:
BIOL 5V00-06A Biology Preparation – MS in Biotechnology I
Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 – 5:50 pm (and Friday June 10); first class meeting May 31

- Amino Acids and Protein Primary Structure
- Protein Secondary and Tertiary Structure
- Protein Quaternary Structure & Modifications
- Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids
- Structure of Nucleic Acids/Sequencing

For students without math-intensive backgrounds:
MATH 5V06-06A Mathematics Preparation – MS in Biotechnology I
Monday & Wednesday 4:00 – 5:20 pm; first class meeting May 16

- Review of advanced algebra & analysis topics: logs and exponentials, sequences and sums, matrix algebra
- Differential calculus review
- Integral calculus review
- Vector calculus review, introduction to differential equations
- Discrete mathematics

For all students preparing for the core courses:
BIOL 5V00-06M Biology Preparation – MS in Biotechnology II
Thursdays 4:00 - 5:50 pm (and Wednesday July 13, 2005); first class meeting June 23

- Recombinant DNA/PCR/Cloning
- Bioinformatics
- Genomics
- Proteomics

MATH 5V06-06M Mathematics Preparation – MS in Biotechnology II
Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:50 pm (and two Wednesdays June 29, 2005 and July 6); first class meeting June 28

- Programming concepts and hidden Markov models
- Probability theory: discrete and continuous random variables, combinatorics, expectation & moments, density and distribution functions
- Statistics & data analysis I: linear and nonlinear regression, quality of fit, correlation
- Statistics & data analysis II: tests of significance, degrees of freedom, analysis of variance

Distribution of topics among the courses may vary.  

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