



School of Life Sciences

Academic Counselling

for First Year Science Students

Date: 7 September 2017 (Thursday)

Time: 6:30 pm

Venue: LT1, Lady Shaw Building

Speaker: Professor K.M. Chan

Biochemistry

Environmental
Science

Biology

Cell &
Molecular
Biology

TOPICS:

- [1] how to choose your foundation courses?
- [2] how to choose your major programs?
- [3] how to get good grades for your study?

Food and
Nutritional
Sciences

Molecular
Biotechnology



School of Life Sciences
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

生命科學學院



Life Sciences

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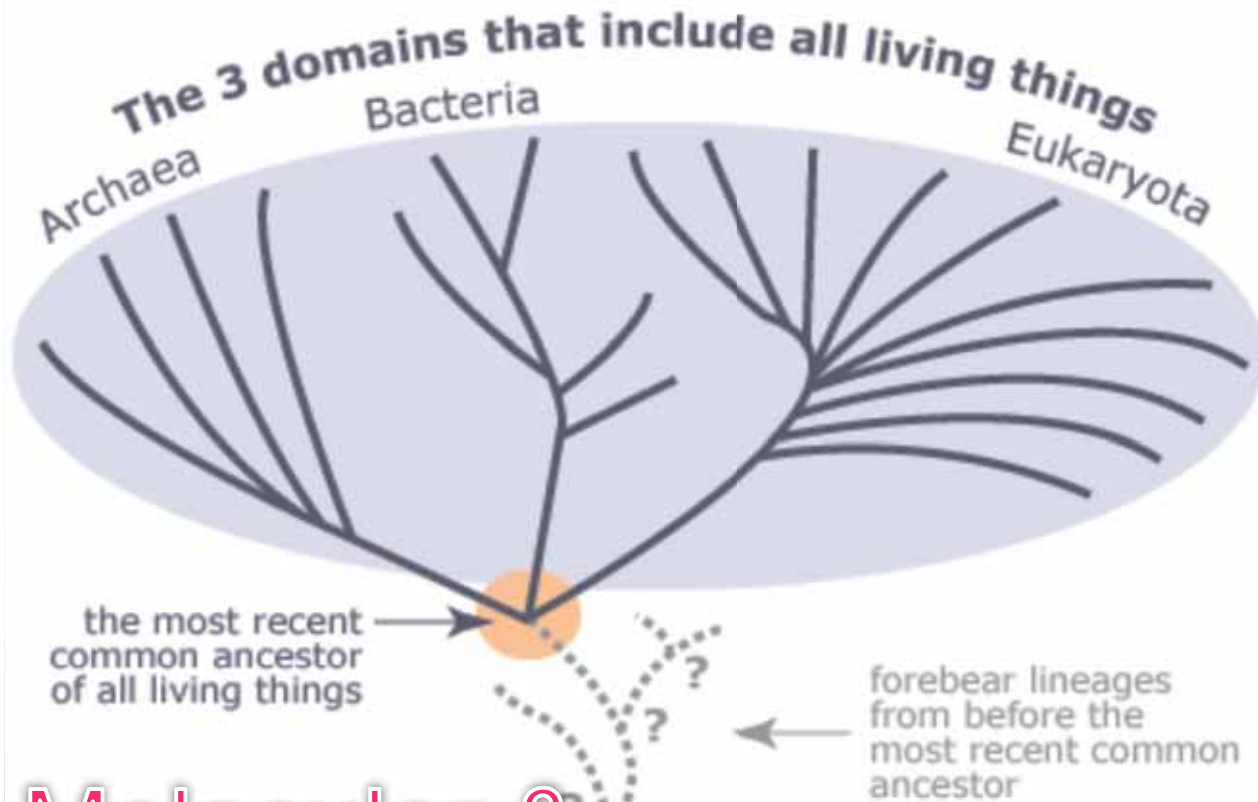
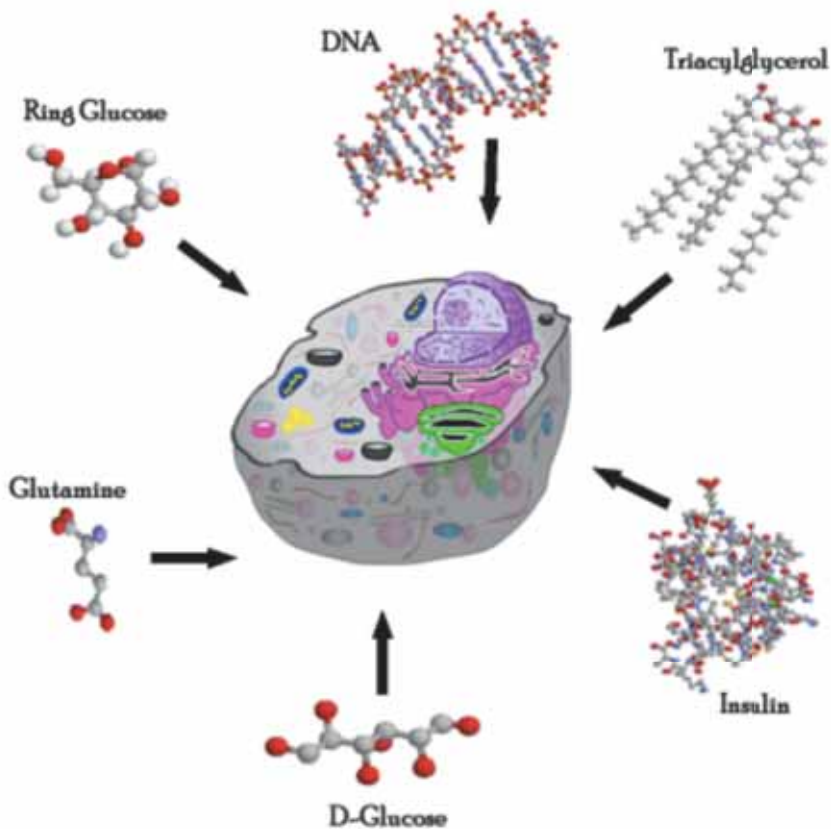
Food &
Nutritional
Sciences

Established in 1998

Molecular
Biotechnology

Established in 1994

Environmental
Science



Biochemistry

Established in 1971

Molecular &
Cell Biology

Established in 2008

Biology

Established in 1963

Foundation Courses (Faculty Package min 9 units)

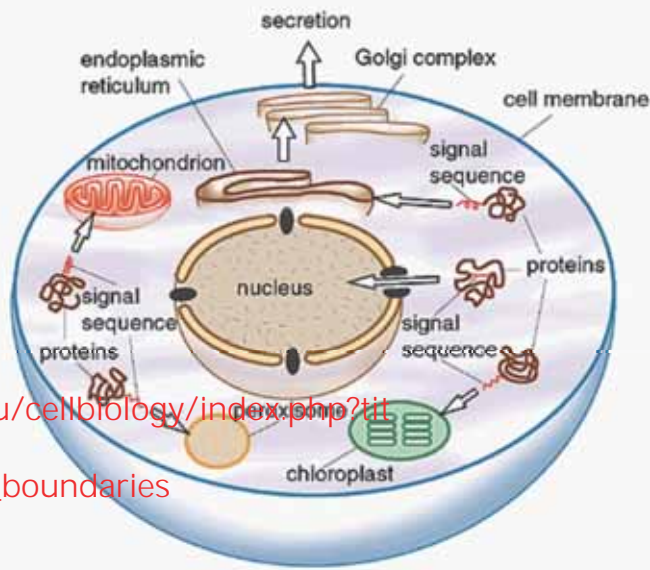
Biological Sciences

- LSCI 1000 Biochemistry of Health and Disease for Minor students (non-majors)
- *LSCI 1001 Basic Concepts in Biological Sciences*
Take before taking 1002, for those never did Biology in High School
- **LSCI 1002 Introduction to Biological Sciences**
ALL Major students must take, offered in both terms
- LSCI 1003 Life Sciences for Engineers (e.g. Biomedical Engineering students)

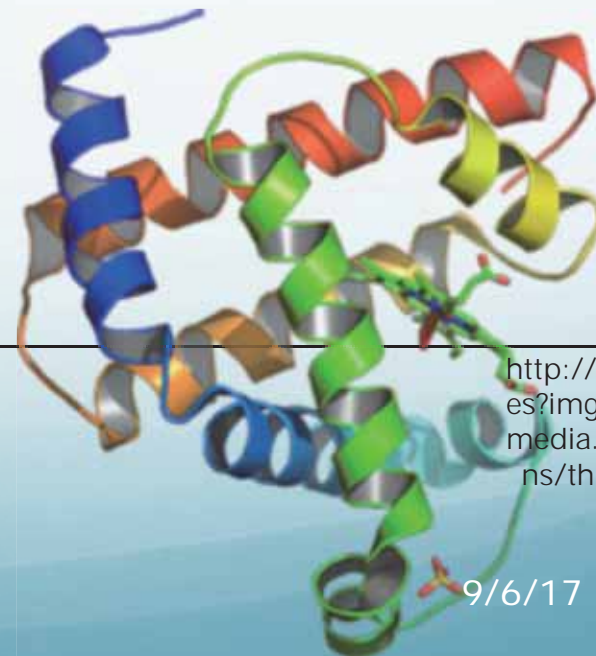
Foundation- 1st term Curriculum: Same for all six programs of LSCI students

First Term

BCHE2030	Fundamentals of Biochemistry (3 units)
BIOL2120	Cell Biology (3 units)
LSCI2002	Basic Laboratory Techniques in Life Sciences (2 units)
LSCI2003	Scientific Conducts and Ethics (2 units, elective course)



http://php.med.unsw.edu.au/cellbiology/index.php?title=2010_Foundations_-_Cells,_organelles_and_cell_boundaries



<http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/60/Myoglobin.png>

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Foundation Courses

Year 1 Faculty Package	Biology Biodiversity	Chemistry/Lab Organic Chemistry	Physics, Math, or Statistics	General Education Languages
Year 2 (Term 1)	Cell Biology	Biochemistry	Basic Lab Techniques	Scientific Conduct and Ethics (BCHE, ENSC required)
Year 2 (Term 2)	## Introductory Courses from Programs	Ecology/Lab	Genetics/Lab	"Minor Electives" Language
Year 3/4	Program Core Courses	Major Electives	Capstone Courses	Minor Courses

Students may like to take the introductory courses in Year 1.

Be prepared to take your minor courses

Course	Unit	BCHE	BIOL	CMBI	ENSC	FNSC	MBTE	
BIOL 2120 Cell Biology	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BCHE 2030 Fundamentals of Biochemistry	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BCHE 2000 Frontiers of Biochemistry	2	✓						
BIOL 2210 Ecology	3		✓		✓			
BIOL 2213 Ecology Lab	1		✓ #		✓			
BIOL 2410 General Genetics	2	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
BIOL 2313 Genetics Lab	1	✓	✓ #	✓			✓	
CMBI 2200 Literature Survey....	2			✓				
ENSC 2270 Intro. Environ. Sci.	3				✓			
FNSC 2001 Intro to Food Sci. and Technol.	2					✓		
FNSC 2002 Nutrition for Health	2					✓		
FNSC3180 Food Microbiology (5 U)								
MBTE2000 Intro. Mol. Biotech	2						✓	
MBTE 2010 Biodiversity of Life: Applications & Sustainability	2	Be prepared to take your minor courses						✓

Example of course selection:

Most likely **BCHE**, maybe **CMBI** or **FNSC**

Second Term	
<u>BCHE2000</u>	<u>Frontiers in Biochemistry (2)</u>
BIOL2210	Ecology (3)
BIOL2213	Ecology Lab (1)
<u>BIOL2410</u>	<u>General Genetics (2)</u>
<u>BIOL2313</u>	<u>Genetics Lab (1)</u>
<u>CMBI2200</u>	<u>Literature Survey in CMB & Scientific Communication (2)</u>
ENSC2270	Introduction to Environmental Science (3)
<u>FNSC2002</u>	<u>Nutrition for Health (2)</u>
<u>FNSC3180</u>	<u>Food Microbiology (3)</u>
MBTE2000	Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology (2)
MBTE2010	Diversity of Life: Applications and Sustainability (2)

5 Units + 2 Units + 5 Units = 12 Units

Students are advised to take < 12 units,
and explore your minor and elective courses

BAD IDEA NOT TO DECIDE YOUR MAJORS EARLY

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Professional training:

- ✓ *Concepts and mechanism of biochemical processes.*
- ✓ *Independent research and training on the latest biochemical technology.*

Personal development :

- ✓ *Ability of critical thinking, a proactive and responsible attitude and efficient communication skills.*



Biochemistry Program Requirements

- BCHE2000 Frontiers in Biochemistry (2U)
- BCHE2030 Fundamentals of Biochemistry (3U)
- BIOL2120 Cell Biology (3U)
- LSCI2002 Basic Laboratory Techniques in Life Sciences (2U)
- BIOL2410 General Genetics (2U) & BIOL2313 Lab (1U)
- BCHE3050 Molecular Biology (2U)
- BCHE3070 Recombinant DNA Techniques (1U)
- BCHE3650 Molecular Biology and Recombinant DNA Lab (2U)

Year 2 :
Fundamental Courses
(18 units)

- BCHE3030 Methods in Biochemistry/Lab (3+2U)
- BCHE3040 Proteins and Enzymes (3U)
- BCHE3080 Bioenergetics and Metabolism (3U)
- BCHE3090 Self-Study Modules in Biochemistry (2U)
- LSCI4000 Literature Research in Life Sciences (3U)
- or BCHE4901/2/3 Senior Experimental Project (2/2/2U)

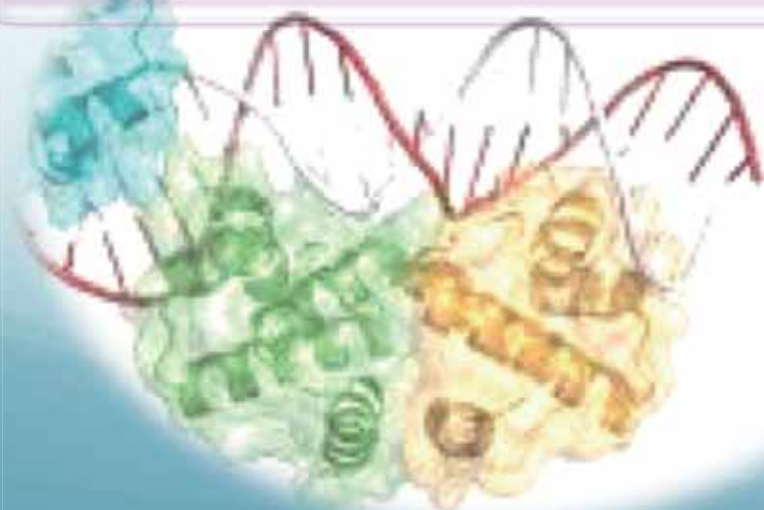
Year 3 - 4:
Fundamental and
Specialized Topics
(16 units)

+
Elective courses
(17 units)

Major Elective Courses (> 17 U) for Different Career Paths

List A: BCH Major Electives (> 9U with a lab course)

- Clinical Biochemistry
- Aspects of Neuroscience
- Molecular Endocrinology
- Medical Biochemistry Lab.
- Basic and Applied Immunology / Lab.
- Biochemistry for Sport and Exercise
- Biochemistry Forensic Sciences
- Management and Accreditation of Biochemical Lab.



Clinical / Biomedical Sciences

- Nutrition and Human Development
- Introduction to Medical Nutritional Therapy
- Human Genetics
- Statistical Techniques in Life Sciences



Research / Biomedical technology

- Protein Folding, Proteomics
- Animal / Microbial Biotechnology
- Biochemical Toxicology/Lab
- Statistical Techniques in Life Sciences
- Synthetic Biology Workshop



Biochemistry for Environmental Health

- Animal Biotechnology
- Environmental & Biochemical Toxicology/Lab
- Environmental Health
- Statistical Techniques in Life Sciences



BIOLOGY PROGRAM

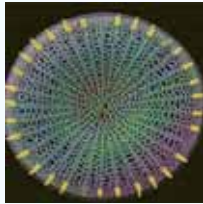
Our Missions

1. To provide our students with the core knowledge in biological sciences
2. To prepare our students with great competence in understanding biological issues and appreciation of biological knowledge, with awareness in biological conservation and other environmental issues
3. To develop students' generic skills in scientific thinking and communication, problem solving and IT

Study Packages

BIOLOGY

Organismic Biology



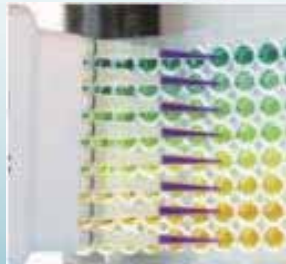
BIOL3530 Plant Physiology
BIOL3630 Animal Physiology
BIOL3710 Marine Biology*
BIOL4012 Field and Environmental Biology
BIOL4032 Physiological Investigation
BIOL4260 Conservation Biology
BIOL4510 Hong Kong Flora and Vegetation

Biology for Teaching Career

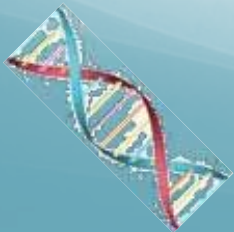


BCHE3050 Molecular Biology **or** MBTE4320 Genetic Engineering
BIOL3310 Human Biology
BIOL3530 Plant Physiology*
BIOL3630 Animal Physiology* **or** FNCS 4101 and FNCS4102
Human Physiology for Nutrition Studies I and II
BIOL3710 Marine Biology
BIOL4032 Physiological Investigation
BIOL4120 Developmental Biology
ENSC 3520 Environmental and Biochemical Toxicology

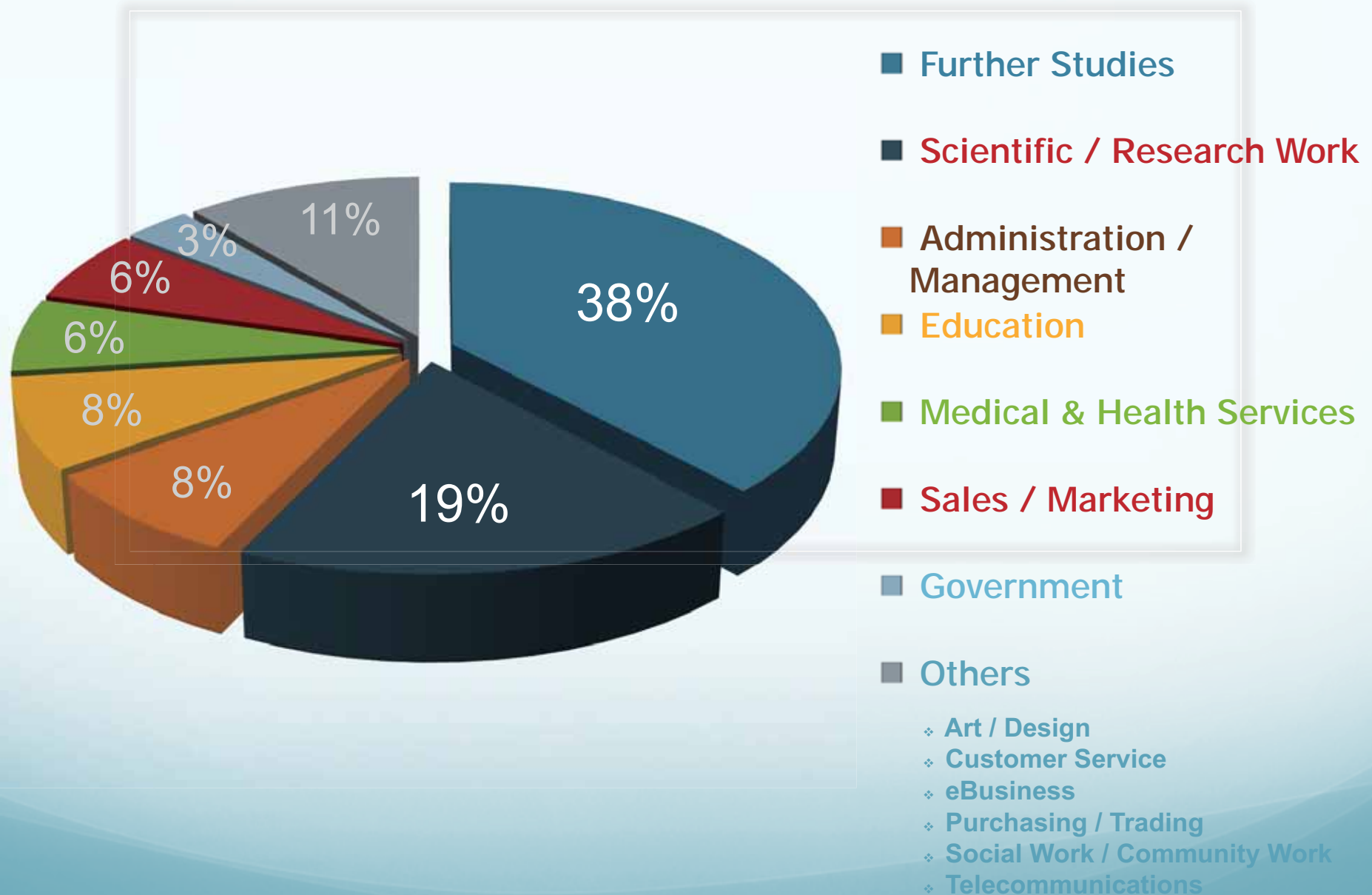
Human Biology



BIOL3310 Human Biology*
BIOL4120 Developmental Biology
BIOL4310 Human Genetics*
BCHE4040 Aspects of Neuroscience
BCHE4060 Basic and Applied Immunology
BCHE4090 Biochemistry for Sport and Exercise
CMBI4101 Cancer Cell Biology
CMBI4102 Stem Cell Biology
FNCS3010 Nutrition and Human Development
or FNCS 4101 and FNCS4102 Human Physiology for Nutrition
Studies I and II



Career Prospects of Biology Graduates 2012-14



Cell and Molecular biology (CMB) Curriculum

YEARS 1 & 2

General Science Courses (Faculty Package)

Fundamental courses in Life Sciences
Introduction to Scientific Writing & Communication

YEARS 3 & 4

STudent-Oriented Teaching (STOT)

1-on-1 meetings with professors to learn a CMB-related topic in 1 year

Diversity in Core Courses

Organelle Structure & Function
Genomics & Transcriptomics
Cancer Cell Biology
Neuronal Cell Biology
Stem Cell Biology

Laboratory Training

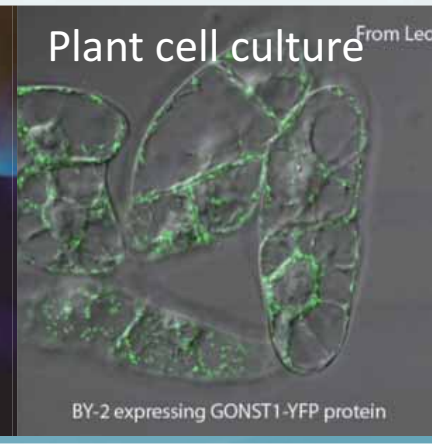
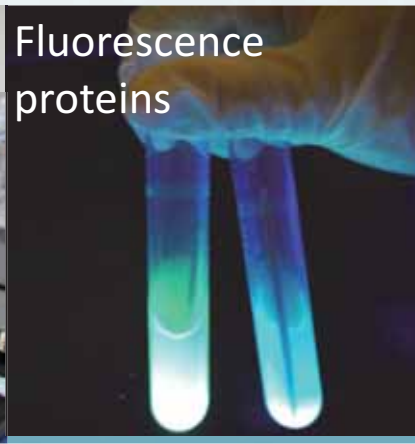
Project-based lab courses span the entire year 3

Final Year Project lets you work in a real research lab

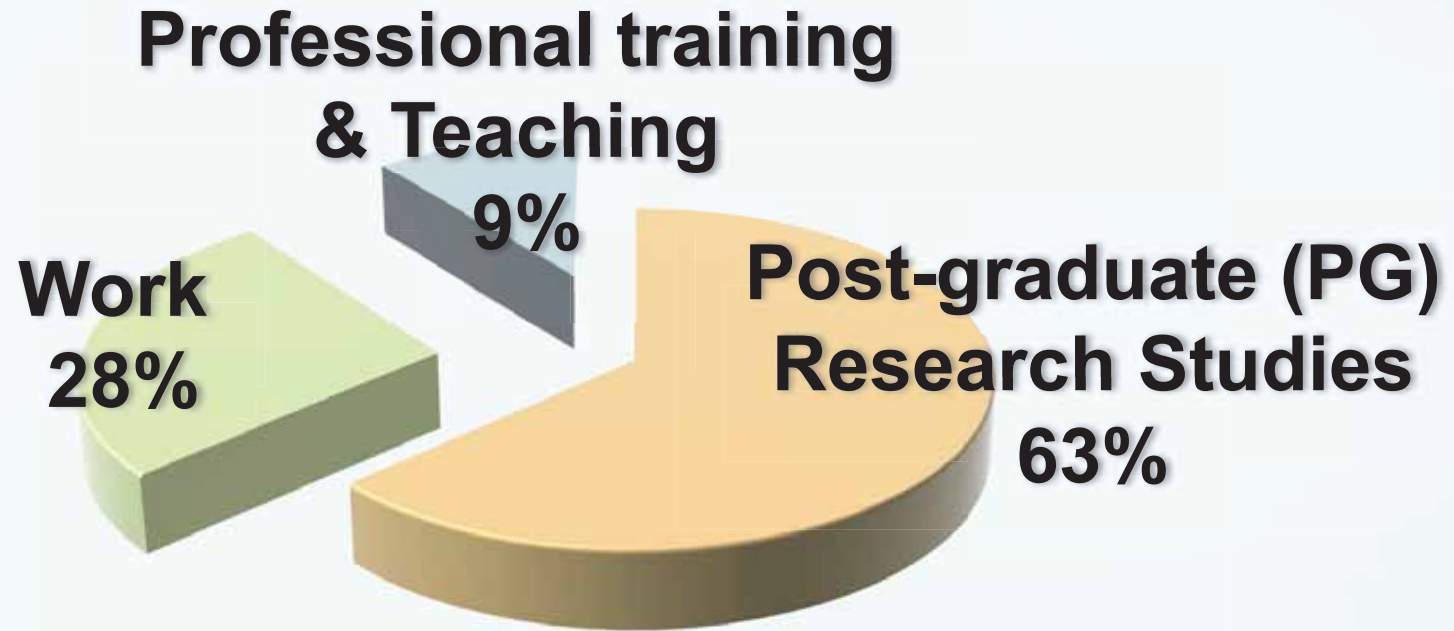
CMB FEATURES

細胞及分子生物學課程特色

- Small class size (小班教學)
- Scientific writing, thinking and self-motivated learning (訓練寫作, 思考, 自發學習)
- Lots of student-teacher interactions (師生充分交流)
- Extensive supervision by a professor to learn a CMB-related topic (教授一對一指導)
- Comprehensive laboratory training with project-based experiments (全面實驗課程)



Career Paths of CMB Graduates



Year	Total # of graduates	% students entering PG studies	Examples of Study Program
2013 to 2015	30	63%	6 PhD (CUHK, CMB); 3 PhD (CUHK, Other Programs); 1 PhD (Stanford, USA); 1 PhD (UC Riverside, USA); 1 PhD (Karolinska Institute, Sweden) 1 PhD (Johns Hopkins, USA) 2 MPhil (CUHK, CMB); 1 MPhil (HKU, BCH)

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM



OUR MISSIONS

1. To provide students with a wide *multidisciplinary* background of Environmental Science.
2. To prepare students with a high level of competence in *scientific understanding* of various environmental issues.
3. Two concentrations: Environmental **Management** and Environmental **Technology**.

Selected Job Profiles:

Mr. Chickee Chow

Consultant, Environmental Resources Management (ERM)

Ms. Anna Chung

Sustainability Development Manager, Mass Transit Railways Corporation

Miss Carol Kwok

Assistant Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Swire Resources

Dr. Eric Sze

Assistant Professor, Open University of Hong Kong

Mr. Alfred Tang

Senior Compliance Engineer, Avery Dennison

Ms. Felice Wong

Senior Environmental Engineer, Mass Transit Railways Corporation

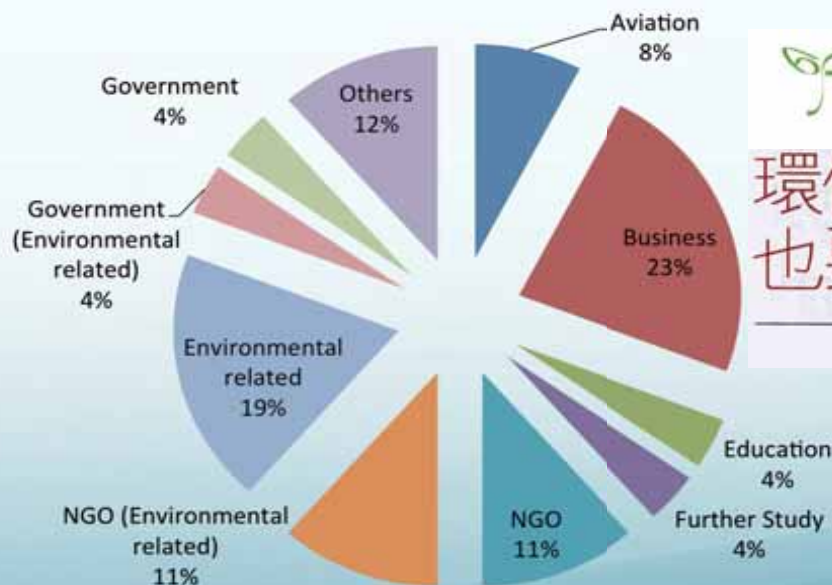
Mr. F F Yeung

Country Parks Officer, AFCD, HKSAR Government

Miss WY Yiu

Environmental Protection Officer, EPD, HKSAR Government

Career Field of 2013 Full-Time First Degree in Environmental Science Programme



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也要做
——譚凱邦



Core courses

2/4 (Basic Courses)

- BIOL2120 Cell Biology
- LSCI2002 Basic Laboratory Techniques in Life Sciences
- BCHE2030 Fundamentals of Biochemistry
- ENSC2270 Introduction to Environmental Science
- BIOL2210/2213 Ecology/Lab
- LSCI2003 Scientific Conduct and Ethics



3/4 (Fundamental & Specialized Courses)

- ENSC2515/2517 Environmental Chemistry/Lab
- ENSC3415/3417 Environmental Instrumentation Techniques/Lab
- ENSC3520/3820 Environmental & Biochemical Toxicology/Lab

4/4 (Research/Guided Study) > 4 Units

- ENSC4901/4902/4903 Senior Experimental Project I, II, III/(2-6 units)
- Or LSCI4000 Senior Literature Research 3 units
- Internship (ENSC4906) 2 Units or
- Field Study(ENSC4907) 2 units



Major Elective Courses (> 23 units)

- ENSC3230 Principles of Environmental Protection & Pollution Control (3 U)(or GRMD3230)**
- ENSC4240/4242 Environmental Impact Assessment/Lab (3 + 2 U)**
- ENSC4250/4252 Environmental Health (3 U)**
- ENSC4310/4510 Methods in Toxicological Research/ Lab (3 + 2 U)**
- ENSC4525 Advanced Environmental Chemistry (3 U)**
- ENSC4535 Chemical Treatment Processes (3 U)**

At least 11 units from above



Course Code	Course Title	Unit
BIOL3012	Biodiversity Laboratory I	2
BIOL3022	Biodiversity Laboratory II	2
BIOL3410	General Microbiology	3
BIOL3550	Plant Biology	4
BIOL3560	Biology of Fungi and Non-Vascular Plants	2
BIOL3570	Biology of Vascular Plants	2
BIOL3610	Invertebrate Form and Function	2
BIOL3620	Vertebrate Life	2
BIOL3630	Animal Physiology	3
BIOL3710	Marine Biology	3
BIOL4012	Field and Environmental Biology	2
BIOL4260	Conservation Biology	3
BIOL4220	Environmental Biotechnology	3
BIOL4510	Hong Kong Flora & Vegetation	3
CHEM4400	Advanced Analytical Chemistry	2
CHEM4430	Practices in Testing Laboratory	2
CHEM4280	Chemistry in Biofuel	2
CHEM4440	Food Testing and Environmental Analysis	2
ENER3020	Energy Utilization and Human Behaviour	3
ESSC3200	Atmospheric Science	3
ESSC3300	Introduction to Physical Oceanography	3
ESSC3600	Understanding Our Biosphere	3
ESSC4400	Hydrology	3
GRMD3202	Environmental Management	3
GRMD3203	Urban Environmental Problems	3
GRMD3323	Urban and Regional Planning	3
GRMD4203	Ecosystem Restoration and Management	3
LAWS4310	The Environment and the Laws	3
MBTE2010	Diversity of Life: Applications & Sustainability	3
PHPC2009	Environment and Work	3
PHPC2015	Biostatistics	3
PHPC2017	Epidemiology	3
PHPC3016	Environment and Health	3
STAT3210	Statistical Techniques in Life Sciences	3

Food & Nutritional Sciences



Programme Objectives

1. To equip students with in-depth, up-to-date and practical knowledge in Nutrition, Food Science and Technology
2. To devise and implement strategies independently to solve problems related to food and nutrition in technological contexts
3. To prepare students to further their studies and lifelong learning in food and nutrition

Integration of Food and Nutrition

Nutritional Science



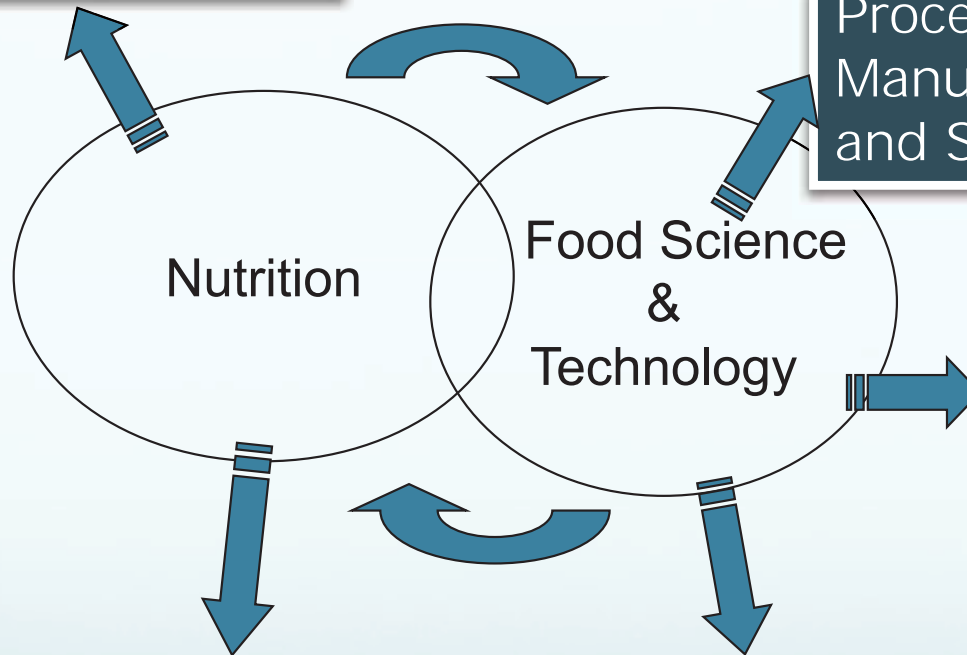
Food Science



Individual and Family Health

Topics

- Nutrition requirement
- Non-communicable Disease
- Diet Therapy
- Weight Management
- Immunity
- Functional Food
- Traditional Chinese Medicine



Food Processing, Manufacturing and Storage

Topics

- Food characteristics
- Food analysis
- Food spoilage
- Food preservation

Food Quality Control & Safety

Topics

- Food Safety
- HACCP,
- ISO9000, 22000
- Food Legislation
- Quality Management

Topics

- Creation & Development of New Products
- Sensory Evaluation
- Food Biotech: Molecular Biology, Bioprocess Engineering, Microbial Biotechnology

Topics

- Public Health
- Nutrition Education
- Nutrition Policy

Community Health

Product Development and Production

Molecular Biotechnology

Applications in Medicine, Agriculture, Energy, and Environment



November 9, 2008
Purple Rain: Tomatoes Get New Color Scheme



Tissue Engineering Revenues Rise



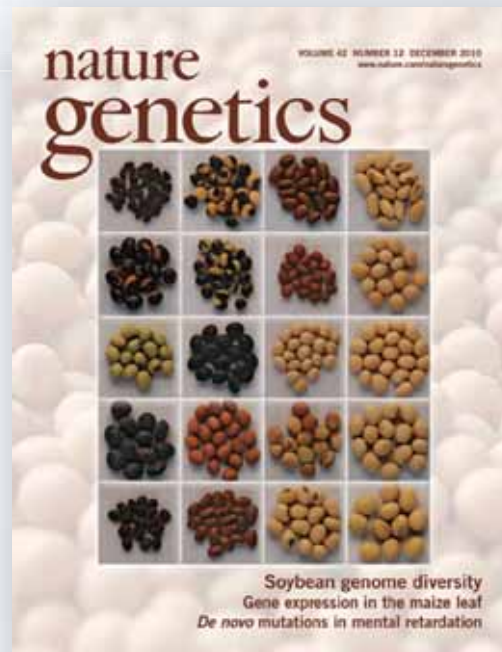
More than half (52%) of the companies comprising the tissue engineering (TE) and stem cell industries are revenue generating, compared to about 21% four years ago, according to an analysis published in *Tissue Engineering Part B*.

Of these companies, 37% bring commercial products and 21% are revenue breakeven, another 30% have products in clinical trials.

"Today, the industry has begun to understand how to commercialize and market TE and stem cell products, increasing both cell and cell growing," concludes a recent analysis led by Robert Langer, M.D., David H. Koch Professor in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The data collected by US Surge and colleagues between 2007 and 2010 "suggests the TE and stem cell industry has matured and is on a path toward overall sustained success," says the authors in the article entitled *Progress in the Stem Cell Industry and State of Affairs* in *Stem Cells* 18(1).

They expect that the industry is just entering profitability, with sales revenue reaching \$1.7 billion and industry spending, at roughly \$1.2 billion, and "appears to be on a growth trajectory" although their analysis "has some way to go to pinpoint the industry's success."



GEN Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News

Feature Article | May 1, 2011 (Vol. 21, No. 5)

Cancer Detection Improved with Noninvasive Testing

Search for Novel Biomarkers Detectable in Accessible Bodily Fluids Proves Promising

Mark Gleason

Published online 27 January 2010 | *Nature* 463, 409 (2010) | doi:10.1038/463409a

Altered microbe makes biofuel

Bacterium could work directly on grass or crop waste.

Jeff Tollefson

In a bid to overcome the drawbacks of existing biofuels, researchers have engineered a bacterium that can convert a form of raw plant biomass directly into clear, road-ready diesel.

So far, biofuels have largely been limited to ethanol, which is harder to transport than petrol and is made



Switch grass could be made into diesel cleanly and quickly. PHOTO: COM/ALAMY



Molecular BioTechnology Program

Our missions

High quality education in preparing for R & D in biotechnology

Training in scientific way of knowing and problem solving

MBTE2000 Intro to Molecular Biotech

MBTE2010 Diversity of Life

MBTE3000 Business and Social
Aspects of Biotechnology

MBTE4320 Molecular Biotechnology

MBTE4033/4034 Methods in MBT Lab I/II

BIOL2120 Cell biology

BIOL2410 Genetics / BCHE3050
Molecular Biology

BCHE2030 Fundamentals of
Biochemistry



MBTE4510 Plant
Biotechnology



MBTE4520 Animal
Biotechnology



MBTE4530 Microbial
Biotechnology

Outside of the classroom experiences and research opportunity in the School

BBSA (Berkeley Biosciences Study Abroad)

DREAM Program

iGEM Competition

Internship Program

SMART Program

USSP (University Sponsorship Program)

B B S A



生命科學學院

Berkeley Biosciences Study Abroad (BBSA) Programme 2017-18

University of California, Berkeley
(Department of Integrative Biology and
Department of Molecular & Cell Biology)

AND
The Chinese University of
Hong Kong,
School of Life Sciences

WHAT TO EXPECT IN UC BERKELEY –

- take 12 units of upper level Integrative Biology and Molecular & Cell Biology courses (credits can be transferred back to CUHK to fulfill the graduation requirements);
- gain opportunities in getting internships at the research labs of the 2 departments;
- enrich your studies, broaden your cultural horizons, perfect your academic English and connect with peers from across the globe in one amazing academic experience;

ELIGIBILITY –

- Students (preferably year 2 or above) major in one of the six programmes in School of Life Sciences (BCH, BIO, CMB, ENS, FNS & MBT) with excellent academic standing and proficiency in English
- IETLS ≥ 7.0 ; TOEFL ≥ 90 (attained by Jul/Aug 2017)

PERIOD OF EXCHANGE

- 1 semester, usually at Term 2

SUBSIDIES –

- A maximum of 5 students will be awarded subsidies for tuition fee in UC Berkeley (Students will need to pay for their air-tickets and living expenses during their study in UC Berkeley)

APPLICATION:

1st Round (Initial) Application Deadline : **26 May 2017 (Friday)**

A Briefing will be given on **19 April 2017 (Wed) 12:30 pm** in L3 , Science Centre

Application form and cv should be sent to School of Life Sciences, Room 132, Science Centre or email to lifesciences@cuhk.edu.hk by 26 May 2017 (Fri).

Application form can be downloaded from : www.sls.cuhk.edu.hk

MORE INFORMATION

WEBSITE: <http://ib.berkeley.edu/bbsa>

EMAIL: lifesciences@cuhk.edu.hk

CONTACT: Tel: (852)39436793 School of Life Sciences, CUHK

Dedicated Research Exchange And Mentorship



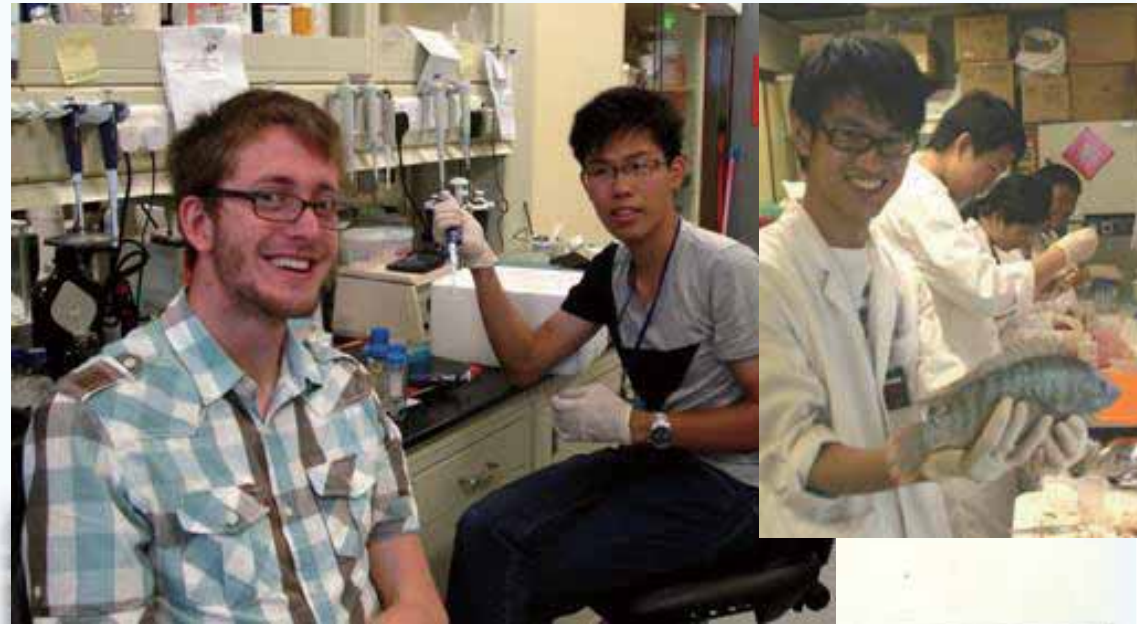
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It's FUN &
Rewarding

If you are interested in joining the iGEM2019 team of Hong Kong_CUHK, please register to this site by sending us your information first to this site by January 20: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfg8c44rNBJ_5ZE4AOgMsgPjR6iTvT5xv-DNh2gT3osKz5HaQ/viewform



Scientist Mentorship And Research Training



Our students have plenty of Internship and Exchange opportunities



UC DAVIS
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



香港特別行政區政府
漁農自然護理署



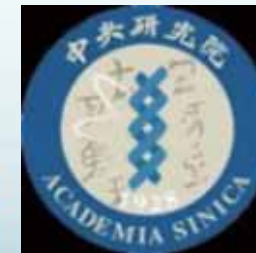
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U S S P



Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong
**University Student Sponsorship Programme
 in Wildlife Conservation 2016 - 2017**

- IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS AN USSPER, YOU WILL BE:
- Joining a research team in one Asian country for 2 weeks and contribute to their conservation work
 - Encountering some of the world's most endangered animals
 - Creating your own conservation project in Hong Kong

**Application
 now opens
 till Oct 7!**

**PROJECTS
 OF
 THE YEAR**



*Different projects will be allocated to different universities. Pictures shown here are for reference only.



**For application details, please consult your own Department in University.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Hong Kong Baptist University (Department of Biology)
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong (School of Life Sciences)
- City University of Hong Kong (Department of Biology and Chemistry)
- The Education University of Hong Kong (Department of Science and Environmental Studies)
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (School of Science)
- The Open University of Hong Kong (School of Science & Technology)
- The University of Hong Kong (The Swire Institute of Marine Science)



Life as a Life Science undergraduate



Active learning



Research Opportunity



Exchange with prominent scientists



Summer Internship



Extracurricular activities organized by Student Organizations and Staff

Good Teacher-Student Relationship



UNDERGRADUATES, 2016-17

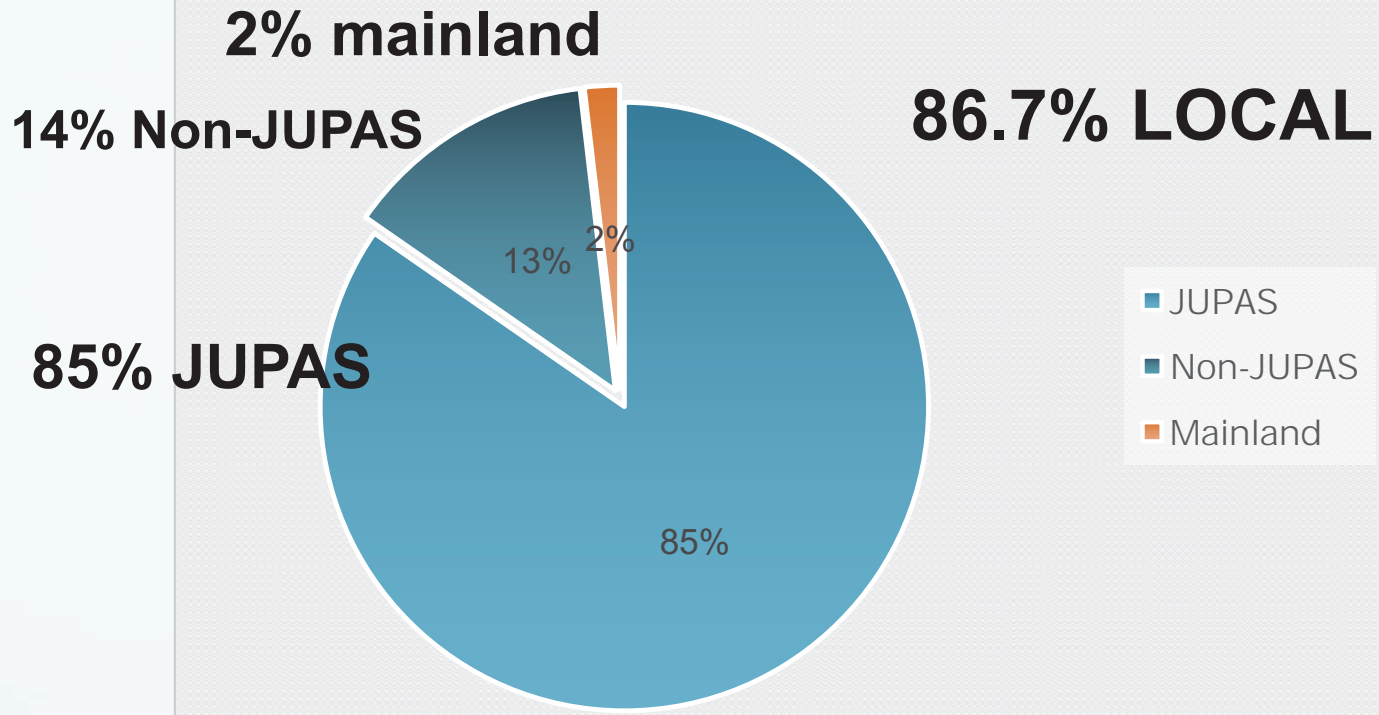
Figures as at 24 May 2017

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 & above	Total
BCHE	9 (63)	54 (3)	54 (1)	54	238
BIOL	4 (22)	29 (3)	33	44	135
CMBI	3 (24)	18 (2)	15	10	72
ENSC	16 (13)	24 (5)	34	22	114
FNSC	22 (84)	60	55	74	295
MBTE	19	17	19	22	77
Total	279	215	211	226	931

() potential major

Declare majors and potential majors in May, 2018

Student Sources



2015	JUPAS	non-JUPAS	Mainland JEE	Local	non-Local
BCHE	49	8	0	57	0
BIOL	32	0	0	32	0
CMBI	11	4	4	12	7
ENSC	24	1	0	25	0
FNCS	52	13	0	62	3
MBTE	14	3	0	14	3
Total	182	29	4	202	13

Thank You for Your Attention



Q & A