Bioinformatics

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering with Specialization in Bioinformatics
- M.Sc. Biology with Specialization in Bioinformatics
- M.Sc. Mathematics and Statistics with Specialization in Bioinformatics
- M.C.S. Computer Science with Specialization in Bioinformatics

Program Requirements

The student is responsible for fulfilling both the participating unit requirements for the Master's degree, and the requirements of the Collaborative Program. The minimum requirements of the collaborative program include successful completion of two required courses, and a master's thesis on an approved bioinformatics topic.

Required courses:

- 0.5 credit in BIOL 5515 Bioinformatics
- 0.5 credit in BIOL 5517 Bioinformatics Seminar
- Thesis - candidates must successfully complete a research thesis on a topic in bioinformatics supervised by a faculty member of the Collaborative Program in Bioinformatics.

Notes:

1. Students in programs in Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics & Statistics may use BIOL 5515 Bioinformatics to count towards degree requirements; BIOL 5517 Bioinformatics Seminar must be taken in addition to the regular seminar course.
2. Students in Biomedical Engineering may use both BIOL 5515 Bioinformatics and BIOL 5517 Bioinformatics Seminar to count towards degree requirements.
3. In addition, the student's thesis committee or advisory committee may direct the student to take or audit further courses to complement the student's background and research program.

M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering with Specialization in Bioinformatics (5.0 credits)

Consult the Bioinformatics section for details regarding admission requirements to this program.

Requirements - by thesis (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in: 
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
2. 1.0 credit in:
   - BIOL 5515 [0.5] Bioinformatics
   - BIOL 5517 [0.5] Bioinformatics Seminar
3. 1.0 credit in BIOM (BMG) courses
4. 2.5 credits in:
5. 0.0 credit in: 

M.Sc. Biology with Specialization in Bioinformatics (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - BIOL 5515 [0.5] Bioinformatics
   - BIOL 5517 [0.5] Bioinformatics Seminar
2. 4.0 credits in:

M.Sc. Mathematics and Statistics with Specialization in Bioinformatics (4.5 credits)

Requirements:

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - BIOL 5515 [0.5] Bioinformatics
   - BIOL 5517 [0.5] Bioinformatics Seminar
2. 1.5 credits in coursework
3. 2.0 credits in:

M.C.S. Computer Science with Specialization in Bioinformatics (5.5 credits)

Requirements - Thesis Option (5.5 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - BIOL 5515 [0.5] Bioinformatics
   - BIOL 5517 [0.5] Bioinformatics Seminar
2. 2.0 credits in additional course work. Course work must include a minimum of 1.5 credits of OCICS courses in three different research areas (see OCICS course listing by research areas).
3. 2.5 credits in:
   - COMP 5905 [2.5] M.C.S. Thesis (Each candidate submitting a thesis will be required to undertake an oral defence of the thesis.)

Bioinformatics-Related Courses

Biology

- BIOL 5105 (BIO 5302) Methods in Molecular Genetics
- BIOL 5201 (BIO 8301) Evolutionary Bioinformatics
- BIOL 5409 (BIO 5306) Modelling for Biologists
- BIOL 5501 (BIO 8100) Directed Studies in Biology
- BIOL 5502 (BIO 8102) Selected Topics in Biology
- BIOL 5516 (BNF 5107) Applied Bioinformatics
Requirements
The requirements for admission to the master's in the Collaborative Program in Bioinformatics are as follows:

- prior admission to the master's program in one of the supporting units participating in the program.
- a letter of recommendation from the participating faculty member of the Collaborative Program, which both recommends admission and indicates the willingness of the faculty member to supervise the candidate's research program in Bioinformatics.

Admission
Application to the Program
Applications should be directed to the primary participating unit which is the most appropriate to the student's research interests. Once accepted into one of the participating graduate programs, students must then be sponsored into the collaborative program in Bioinformatics by a faculty member. This is normally the student's supervisor. This faculty member must be appointed, cross-appointed or stand as an adjunct at one or more of the participating units.

Application forms and further information can be obtained by writing directly to any of the participating institutes or departments, or the program coordinator.