

## **Master of Science (MSc) Program in Biotechnology**

### **Program Director:**

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The Master of Science (MSc) program in Biotechnology is a multidisciplinary program designed to provide rigorous training to students for professional careers in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Since its inception in 1993, the program has been widely recognized by professional practitioners in the relevant fields as a premier academic program.

Recently, the program has undergone a major revision to meet the growing and specialized demands of the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. The revised program is offered with enrichments in various basic and advanced biotechnological elements, including pharmaceutical, analytical, transgenic and recombinant technology, bioprocessing, business operations and management. All these elements are unique for preparing students to become scientific research leaders with entrepreneurship in emerging bio-industrial areas. With this training and exposure, graduates from the program will be able to initiate innovative solutions in biotechnology and rapidly advance their careers.

### ***Admission Requirements***

Applicants should normally possess a first degree in Biological Science or a related area. They should have a proven record of good performance, be proficient in English and must demonstrate basic knowledge in biotechnology concerns. Admission to the program is based on the recommendation by the Committee on MSc Program in Biotechnology.

### ***Program Duration***

The normal period for completing the program is one year in full-time mode and 18 months in part-time mode. The majority of the courses will be conducted on weekday evenings/Saturdays at HKUST.

### ***Program Fee***

The program fee is HK\$108,000 for full-time mode, and HK\$96,000 for part-time mode. New students admitted with credit transfer are also required to pay the full program fee.

### ***Curriculum***

The curriculum has three main components: required courses, elective courses and projects. Students are required to complete a minimum of 26 credits by taking four required courses, three elective courses, and one project. Full-time students are provided with an option to take one extra project course to make up the total credits maximally to 31.

a) Required courses (14 credits)

BTEC 5210	Principles and Applications in Biotechnology
BTEC 5220	Business Operations of Biotechnology
BTEC 5260	Bioanalytical Technology
BTEC 5760	Concepts in Bioprocessing

b) Elective courses (at least 9 credits)

Students are required to take at least two BTEC or LIFS courses from the following list:

BTEC 5340	Biomarker and Medical Devices
BTEC 5360*	Biopharmaceutical Workshop
BTEC 5380	Drug Discovery and Development
BTEC 5550	Nutraceuticals and Transgenic Products
BTEC 5630	Recombinant DNA Technology and Bioproducts
EEMT 5100	Principles and Techniques for Technical Management
EEMT 5260	Product Development Management
EEMT 5510	Engineering Economics and Cost Management
LIFS 4380*	Pharmacology and Toxicology
LIFS 5260*	Biochemical and Molecular Basis of Diseases
LIFS 5710*	Cellular Regulation

c) Project courses (at least 3 credits)

Full-time students are required to take one of the following project courses, with an option to take up to two project courses:

BTEC 6900	Case Investigation in Biotechnology
BTEC 6930 <sup>#</sup>	Directed Biotechnological Research
BTEC 6940 <sup>#</sup>	Advanced Biotechnological Research

Part-time students are required to take either one of the following project courses:

BTEC 6900	Case Investigation in Biotechnology
BTEC 6930 <sup>#</sup>	Directed Biotechnological Research

### ***Graduation Requirements***

To graduate from the program, a student must complete the program with a graduation grade average (GGA) of 2.850 or above as required of all postgraduate students at the University.

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\* *Only for students who can attend day-time courses on weekdays.*

# *Research projects in the area of biotechnology under the supervision of a faculty member. Students enrolled in these courses are required to participate in day-time laboratory work.*