





International Program Systems Biosciences

# **STUDENT HANDBOOK 2022**

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### Ph.D. degree in Systems Biosciences

The Systems Biosciences Program at the Mahidol University, Institute of Molecular Biosciences was established in 2015. The program is designed to prepare its graduates for career advancement in multidisciplinary research areas in biosciences, implemented on relevant ethical grounds, where they are equipped with the scientific and interpersonal skills required for the jobs of today. Faculty members on the program come from various fields including stem cell biology, thalassemia, cell and gene therapy, vaccine development, virology, structural bioinformatics, drug discovery. We offer remarkably diverse graduate research training, spanning the entire breadth of modern and integrative biology, from molecules and cells to complete systems and humans through multi-omics approaches. The program provides a unique opportunity for doing research with a combination of concepts and techniques from different areas of medical sciences.

"Acquiring knowledge and skills to systematically conduct bioscience research to analyze, synthesize, and apply multidisciplinary approaches for quality research production and innovation."

### Who We Are

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### What you learn



The program is composed of two study plans, 2.1 (for M.Sc. holder) & 2.2 (for B.Sc. holder)

	2.1	2.2
Required courses	9	14 credits
Elective courses (at least)	3	10 credits
Dissertation	36	48 credits
Total (at least)	48	72 credits

#### **CURRICULUM STRUCTURE**

#### Plan 2.1: For M.Sc. Holder

Year	Semester 1		Semester 2				
1	MBSB 501 Systems Biosciences	3(3-0-6)	MBSB 502 Applied Systems	3(3-0-6)			
			Biosciences				
	Elective courses	0-3 credits	MBSB 505 Molecular Diagnosis 3(3				
			and Therapy				
			Elective courses	0-3 credits			
	Total 3-6 credits		Total 6-9 credits				
		Sum	nmer				
		Qualifying E	Examination				
2	MBSB 699 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)	MBSB 699 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)			
	Elective courses	0-3 credits	Elective courses	0-3 credits			
	Total 9-12 credits		Total 9-12 credits				
3	MBSB 699 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)	MBSB 699 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)			
	Total 9 credits		Total 9 credits				

#### Plan 2.2: For B.Sc. Holder

Year	Semester 1		Semester 2	
1	MBSB 501 Systems Biosciences	3(3-0-6)	MBSB 502 Applied Systems	3(3-0-6)
			Biosciences	
	MBSB 504 Techniques in Systems	s 2(0-6-2)	MBSB 505 Molecular Diagnosis	3(3-0-6)
	Biosciences		and Therapy	
	Elective courses	0-3 credits	Elective courses	0-3 credits
	Total 5-8 credits		Total 6-9 credits	
		Sum	mer	
		Qualifying E	Examination	
2	MBSB 513 Topics of Current	1(1-0-2)	MBSB 514 Colloquia in Systems	2(2-0-4)
	Interest in Systems Bi	osciences	Biosciences	
	MBSB 799 Dissertation	6(0-18-0)	MBSB 799 Dissertation	6(0-18-0)
	Elective courses	0-3 credits	Elective courses	0-3 credits
	Total 7-10 credits		Total 8-11 credits	
3	MBSB 799 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)	MBSB 799 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)
	Elective courses	0-3 credits	Elective courses	0-3 credits
	Total 9-12 credits		Total 9-12 credits	
4	MBSB 799 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)	MBSB 799 Dissertation	9(0-27-0)
	Total 9 credits		Total 9 credits	

#### **LIST OF COURSES**

Required Courses	Credit (Lecture-Lab-Self Study)
MBSB 501 Systems Biosciences	3(3-0-6)
MBSB 502 Applied Systems Biosciences	3(3-0-6)
MBSB 504 Techniques in Systems Biosciences*	2(0-6-2)
MBSB 505 Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy	3(3-0-6)
MBSB 513 Topics of Current Interest in Systems Bi	osciences* 1(1-0-2)
MBSB 514 Colloquia in Systems Biosciences*	2(2-0-4)
* Required courses for Ph.DPlan 2.2 only	

#### Elective Courses

MBSB 601 Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology	3(3-0-6)
MBSB 602 Cellular and Molecular Biology of Thalassemia	3(3-0-6)
MBSB 604 Virus-Cell Interactions and Immunity	3(3-0-6)
MBMG 610 Innovation in Research	1(1-0-2)
EGBE 523 Advanced Biomedical Image Processing	3(3-0-6)
SCBC 617 Bioinformatics and Molecular Systems Biology	2(2-0-4)
SIBD 601 Integrated Biodesign in Medicine	3(3-0-6)
SIBD 602 Cutting-edge Technology for Biodesign Capstone	3(3-0-6)
SIBS 512 Precision Medicine	2(1-2-3)
SIIM 617 Advanced Flow Cytometry	2(1-2-3)
SIRE 503 Medical Bioinformatics	2(2-0-4)

### **CURRICULUM MAPPING**

Course	Course title		Program Learning Outcomes							
code		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Required c	ourses	<u> </u>		<u> </u>				<u> </u>		
MBSB 501	Systems Biosciences	R	R	R	Ι	Ι	R	R	R	
MBSB 502	Applied Systems Biosciences	Р	Р	R	R	R	Р	R	Р	
MBSB 504	Techniques in Systems Biosciences*	Р	R	Ι	Ι	Ι	R	R	R	
MBSB 505	Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy	Р	R	Р	R	Р	Р	R	Р	
MBSB 513	Topics of Current Interest in Systems Biosciences*	Р	Р	R	R	R	R	R	Р	
MBSB 514	Colloquia in Systems Biosciences*	М	М	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	М	
Elective co	urses	I		I				<b></b>		
MBSB 601	Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology	R	R	R	Ι	Ι	R	R	R	
MBSB 602	Cellular and Molecular Biology of Thalassemia	R	R	R	Ι	Ι	R	R	R	
MBSB 604	Virus - Cell Interactions and Immunity	R	R	R	Ι	Ι	R	R	R	
MBMG 610	Innovation in Research	R	R	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	М	
EGBE 523	Advanced Biomedical Image Processing			R		R	R	R	R	
SCBC 617	Bioinformatics and Molecular Systems Biology	Ι	R	R	R	Ι	R	Р	R	
SIBD 601	Integrated Biodesign in Medicine	R	R	R	Ι	R	R	R	R	
SIBD 602	Cutting-edge Technology for Biodesign Capstone	R	Ι	R	Ι	R	R	R	R	
SIBS 512	Precision Medicine	Ι	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
SIIM 617	Advanced Flow Cytometry	R		R		R	R	R	R	
SIRE 503	Medical Bioinformatics	Ι	R	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	R	Ι	
Dissertatio	n									
MBSB 699	Dissertation (Plan 2.1)	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	
MBSB 799	Dissertation (Plan 2.2)	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	

\* Required courses for Ph.D. – Plan 2.2 only

I = ELO is introduced & assessed; R = ELO is reinforced & assessed; P = ELO is practiced & assessed;

M = Level of Mastery is assessed

#### YEAR PLAN 2022

Year	Courses	Aug	Sep 1 Aug 8	Oct <sup>st</sup> semeste 3 - Dec 2,	Nov er 2022	Dec	Jan	Feb 2 <sup>n</sup> Jan 9	Mar <sup>Id</sup> semest - May 5,	Apr er 2023	May	June Sur May 22	July mmer July 14, 2023
	MBSB501 Systems Biosciences Dr.Natee	Aug Mon, We	15 - Oct d,Fri   9.	10 00-12.00									
	MBSB502 Applied Systems Biosciences Dr.Duangnapa							Feb Tue, We	o 07 - Apr d ,Fri   10	05 0.00-12.0	0		
1st	MBSB504 Techniques in Systems Biosciences Dr.Kittiphong/Dr.Phatchariya/ Dr.Alita/Dr.Alisa											To be a Mon - Fri	announced   9.00-12.00
	MBSB505 Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy Dr.Alisa		Aug Mon, T	3 18 - Nov hu   13.0	v 17 0-16.00								
Summer	Qualifying Exam											<b>~····</b>	•••••
	MBSB513 Topics of Current Interest in Systems Biosciences Dr.Sorava/ Dr.Duangrudee				To be an	nounced							
2nd	MBSB514 Colloquia in Systems Biosciences Dr.Chutima/ Dr.Phatchariya							To t	oe annoui	nced	Þ		
	Thesis Proposal MBSB699/MBSB799 Dissertation												
3rd - graduation	Thesis Proposal MBSB699/MBSB799 Dissertation												

# Professional & Personal Skills Development

Presently, it is widely acknowledged that successful students in both their professional and personal lives acquire knowledge outside of the classroom. Since professional and personal skills development or soft skills are as important as academic knowledge, the dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, with the approval of the Faculty of Graduate Studies policy committee, considered it advantageous to provide soft skills development to students in the graduate programs in order to comply with the Faculty of Graduate Studies' strategies that develop the qualities of graduates to meet international standards. Under the project - Professional and Personal Skills Development, the Deputy Dean for Student Affairs formed a student affairs committee comprised of representatives from all sections. This committee was tasked with establishing Soft Skills development guidelines. The standard professional and personal skills required of Mahidol University graduate students are as follows:

- 1. Health Literacy Skills (for students from code 62 onwards)
- 2. Entrepreneurial Literacy Skills (for students from code 62 onwards)
- 3. Communication and Language Skills
- 4. Creative and Innovative Skills (for students from code 61 onwards)
- 5. Digital Literacy Skills
- 6. Leaderships and Management Skills



Click the list of activities provided by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and submit an application at <u>https://graduate.mahidol.ac.th/softskills/</u>

### **Student Activities**









The Institute of Molecular Biosciences and the program students encourage to participate in cultural and academic activities in order to develop students both professional skills. Some activities meet the qualification of the Faculty of Graduate Studies' soft skills requirements.

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### Students' Thesis Process



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Number of committee members is at least 4 members. The chair of the committee must be a thesis proposal advisor, and the member must be a regular instructor or external examiner.

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Program Director approves the name list of the Thesis Advisory Committee<sup>2</sup> and the thesis title to FGS (Form GR 1).

Student must report his/her progress and research performance to the Thesis Advisory Committee to assess the progress in research performance and give the result P/S/U to Program Director and Dean of FGS every semester until the thesis is completed (Form GR 42).

Changes in the thesis title and the advisory committee can be done by submitting the request to the major advisor, Program Director and Dean of FGS (Form AS-3-10 General Request).

Student who is qualified to take the thesis defense examination must submit the thesis manuscript and abstract, written in the approved language, to the Thesis Defense Committee for reading at least 15 working days before the examination date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Thesis Committee consists of at least 4 committee members

major advisor (2) at least three co-advisors who are regular instructor or external person with Ph.D degree or have at least an academic title of no less than an associate professor.

Program Director will approve the examination date and the name list of the Thesis Defense Committee<sup>3</sup> for appointment (Form GR 2).

- The Chair of the Defense Committee must finalize the exam result of the thesis.
- The defense committee must inform the student of the result of the thesis defense exam, in written form within 5 working days after examination date and submit that result to the Dean of FGS via the Program Director within 15 working days after examination date (Form GR.3).

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Program Director must submit the request for student's graduation to FGS (Form GR 5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Thesis Defense Examination Committee consists of at least 5 committee members (1) major advisor (2) at least one external examiner as the chair and (3) co-advisors or program instructors.

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Guidelines for Thesis Examination and Graduation Institute of Molecular Biosciences Mahidol University

This announcement is to ensure that the post-graduate programs of the Institute of Molecular Biosciences are moving in the same direction and conform to the standard criteria for graduate studies of the Office of the Higher Education Commission. By the virtue of section 37 of Mahidol University Act B.E. 2550 and with the resolution of the Institute of Molecular Biosciences Administrative Committee in the meeting no. 46–9/2563 on 3<sup>rd</sup> September B.E. 2563, and the Institute of Molecular Biosciences Committee in the meeting no. 53–4/2564 on 19<sup>th</sup> April B.E. 2564, the Director of the Institute of Molecular Biosciences stipulated the following guidelines

 Guidelines for getting students to publish research articles within a time frame after their thesis defense

1.1 Master program:

Student must have presented at least a peer-reviewed proceeding at an academic conference before s/he can schedule for a thesis defense examination.

1.2 Doctoral programs:

Plan 1 and plan 2.1 and 2.2 that require 2 papers for graduation (e.g. RGJ

students)

Student must have submitted the first manuscript ("under review" status), and the draft of the second manuscript must be submitted to the Curriculum Executive Committee for approval before appointing the thesis defense committee. Both manuscripts must be accepted for publication within 1 year of the passing date of the defense examination. The progress of the manuscripts shall be reported to the Program Executive Committee every 3 months.

/Plan 2.1...

#### Plan 2.1 and 2.2

Student must have submitted a manuscript ("under review" status) before setting up his/her thesis defense examination. The manuscript must be accepted for publication within 1 year of the passing date of the examination. The progress of the manuscript shall be reported to the Program Executive Committee every 3 months.

\*The manuscript must be submitted to a journal approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and in the case whereby the student receives a scholarship, the funding agency's as well.

The above guideline shall apply to all students enrolled in the revised curriculum

 Guidelines for getting students to complete their studies according to the structure of the programs.

In order to standardize and monitor the progress of students' thesis, the Program Director/Program Secretary or a person assigned by the Curriculum Executive Committee will attend and observe the assessment of the student's thesis progress and research performance, but will not be involved in the thesis evaluation. However, he or she can give feedbacks to the Program Director in cases whereby the students are unlikely or unable to graduate according to the time frame of the program structure.

3. The responsibility of major advisor

Any major advisor who has Ph.D. students or M.Sc. students under the extension of their study period according to the program structure will not be allowed to accept any more students in that program.

Any exception to the above requirements shall be under the discretion of the Program Executive Committee.

This announcement shall be effective from now onwards

Announced on May, 12 B.E. 2564

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### **Appeal Procedure**

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