

BIOCHEMISTRY 98-I

Course Description and Enrollment Procedures

What it is

The course is a one unit seminar of academic credit graded as Satisfactory/No Credit (S/NC) and it serves as the academic component to accompany your 30 hour (minimum) clinical/humanitarian volunteer/internship experience that is required of all Biochemistry students in the Medical Science emphasis.

Purpose

1. To broaden your exposure to discussions of health care issues nationally and world-wide
2. To strengthen connections between your clinical/volunteer experience and your academic endeavors
3. To critical analyze the link between your current internship experience with your proposed future career

When to take it

Early in your clinical/volunteer experience, but *not* before you start your clinical/volunteer work

1. For current freshmen, sometime during your sophomore year, but before your senior year.
2. For others, it must be done before you begin your senior year.

How do I find a volunteer/internship opportunity?

The Biochemistry Department does not keep a list of sponsoring organizations. If you don't know how to get started in finding a volunteer opportunity, consult the UCR Health Professions Advising Center (https://se.ucr.edu/hpac/cocurricular_involvement) and/or the UCR Career Center (<https://careers.ucr.edu/>).

How do I enroll?

Students cannot enroll in BCH 98-I on their own via R'Web. Instead, to be enrolled, students must complete the [BCH 98-I Enrollment Request Form](#) and submit it to their Biochemistry Academic Advisor via email before the end of the 2nd week of the quarter. Your advisor will forward your request form to the Biochemistry faculty member overseeing this course for approval. Once approved, you will be notified via email of the approval and your enrollment will be processed by the CNAS Enrollment Management Center.

Please remember, you **must** complete the 30 hours of clinical/volunteer work by the end of the quarter you are registered for BCH 98-I.

You may contact or see your advisor during regular advising hours, which can be viewed at myadvising.ucr.edu, if you have any questions about this requirement.

What happens during the course?

1. You will be notified via email about an informational meeting to be held after the 2nd week of the quarter. At this meeting, the following issues will be covered: the nature of the academic component (term paper), expectations for your clinical/volunteer works, and the deadline for submitting your term paper. You may meet with instructor for the course during the quarter, if you wish, but it is not required.
2. By the end of the course, you **must** have completed the minimum 30 hours of clinical/volunteer work.
3. A written essay (4-5 pages, as described at the informational meeting) and the [BCH 98-I Internship Completion Form](#) documenting the completion of your clinical/volunteer work and **signed by your internship supervisor**, must be turned in to the Biochemistry faculty member overseeing the course by the date specified in the syllabus.