



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Lipid and nitrogen metabolism 261 (BCM 261)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Programmes</b>	BSc (Food Management) <i>Culinary Science</i> BSc (Food Management) <i>Nutrition</i> BSc <i>Biochemistry</i> BSc <i>Biotechnology</i> BSc <i>Chemistry</i> BSc <i>Entomology</i> BSc <i>Food Science</i> BSc <i>Genetics</i> BSc <i>Human Genetics</i> BSc <i>Human Physiology</i> BSc <i>Medical Sciences</i> BSc <i>Microbiology</i> BSc <i>Plant Science</i> BSc specialising in Chemistry 4-year programme BSc specialising in Human Physiology 4-year programme BSc <i>Zoology</i> BScAgric <i>Animal Science</i>
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Health Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	BCM 251 GS and BCM 257 GS.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2



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## Module content

Biochemistry of lipids, membrane structure, anabolism and catabolism of lipids. Total ATP yield from the complete catabolism of lipids. Electron transport chain and energy production through oxidative phosphorylation. Nitrogen metabolism, amino acid biosynthesis and catabolism. Biosynthesis of neurotransmitters, pigments, hormones and nucleotides from amino acids. Catabolism of purines and pyrimidines. Therapeutic agents directed against nucleotide metabolism. Examples of inborn errors of metabolism of nitrogen containing compounds. The urea cycle, nitrogen excretion. Online activities include training in scientific reading skills; evaluation of a scientific report; techniques for separation analysis and visualisation of biological molecules; hypothesis design and testing, method design and scientific controls.

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## General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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