

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
FALL 2017**

**1. Course:** CHEM 599-659 Selected Topics in Chemistry: Medicinal Chemistry

LEC	DAYS	TIME	ROOM	PROFESSOR	OFFICE	EMAIL	OFFICE HOURS
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**2. Course Description:** An introduction to concepts in medicinal chemistry including synthesis, lead discovery, rational drug design, receptors and basics of metabolism.

**3. Reference Textbooks (Suggested, not required):**

"The Organic Chemistry of Drug Design and Drug Action," 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition by Silverman and Holladay, Academic Press.  
"Organic Chemistry" 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition by Clayden, Greeves, and Warren, Oxford University Press.

**4. Topics Covered and Suggested Readings:**

**Course Contents**

**1) Historical Overview of Drug Discovery and Introduction**

- Drugs discovered without rational design
- Overview of modern rational drug design
  - Stages of drug discovery
- ADME

**2) Lead Discovery and Lead Modification**

- Lead discovery
  - Endogenous ligands and natural products
  - Fragment-based lead discovery
- Lead modification
  - Solid phase peptide and organic synthesis
  - Structure-activity-relationship (SAR) studies
  - Isosteres
  - Conformational analysis and constraints
  - Peptidomimetics
  - Heterocycle synthesis

**Common reactions in medicinal chemistry**

- Cross coupling
- Amide bond forming methods
- pKa
- Synthetic design
- SciFinder and Reaxys

**3) Receptors**

- Drug-receptor interactions
- How interactions are determined
- Drug and receptor chirality

#### **4) Enzymes**

- Overview of enzymes as catalysts
- Inhibition and inactivation
- Irreversible enzyme inhibitors

#### **5) Drug metabolism**

- Pathways for drug deactivation and elimination
- Phase I transformations and mechanisms
- Phase II transformations and mechanisms

#### **6) Graduate student proposals/presentations**

#### **CUMULATIVE FINAL**

Department Approval: Approved by Acting Head, Dr. Farideh Jalilehvand      Date: August 4, 2017