Courses

VIBS 204 Fundamentals of Food Toxicology and Safety
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Toxicity and safety of various foods and food additives, ingredients, and contaminants; occurrence, control and prevention of food transmitted diseases.
Prerequisite: Sophomore classification and CHEM 101.

VIBS 222 Great Poisonings of the World
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Exploration of the effect of intentional and accidental man-made and natural poisonings on humans and the environment and their impact on public policy.
Prerequisite: Freshman or sophomore classification.

VIBS 243 Introductory Mammalian Histology
Credits 2. 1 Lecture Hour. 2 Lab Hours.
Biological aspects of the human body by integrating histology and anatomy and physiology; emphasis on the transition of cell and tissue organization to organ systems that comprise mammalian organisms; builds upon concepts introduced in lower-level biology and builds a foundation to succeed in upper-level histology, anatomy and physiology.
Prerequisite: Freshman or sophomore classification.

VIBS 277/NRSC 277 Introduction to Neuroscience
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Neuroscience from the molecular to system levels; fundamental principles and knowledge of neuroscience; current research information on neuroscience.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of instructor.
Cross Listing: NRSC 277/VIBS 277.

VIBS 285 Directed Studies
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.
Directed studies in specific problem areas of veterinary anatomy and public health.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of department head.

VIBS 289 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours. 0 to 4 Lab Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of veterinary anatomy or topics not covered in other courses. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of instructor.

VIBS 305 Biomedical Anatomy
Credits 4. 2 Lecture Hours. 4 Lab Hours.
Comprehensive mammalian gross anatomy, using the dog as the model species; laboratory dissection, veterinary nomenclature with human correlates and the application of anatomy to clinical situations.
Prerequisites: BIOL 114 and BIOL 124; junior or senior classification; BIMS major with a minimum overall 2.5 Texas A&M GPA.

VIBS 310 Biomedical Writing
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Mechanisms by which knowledge is shared among researchers, clinicians and other science professionals, then disseminated to the general public; an assortment of written assignments to develop writing skills specific for communicating scientific concepts to a variety of audiences. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

VIBS 311 Biomedical Explorations through Narrative
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Familiarization with the writing style required for biomedical and health science; instruction in writing styles and appropriate techniques to increase and strengthen writing abilities. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.
Prerequisite: VIBS 310 or approval of instructor.

VIBS 343 Histology
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Normal tissues of vertebrates including histogenesis of some; histogenesis and organography of mammalian tissues.
Prerequisites: BIOL 114 and BIOL 124; CHEM 228; junior or senior classification; BIMS major with a minimum overall 2.5 Texas A&M GPA.

VIBS 401 Developmental Neurotoxicology
Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.
Effects of exposure to toxic substances on the developing nervous system; content to include mechanisms of toxicity of substances potentially devastating to the developing nervous system including lead, mercury and other heavy metals, alcohol, nicotine (smoking), pesticides, flame retardants, and others.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

VIBS 404 Food Toxicology and Safety
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Toxicity and safety of various foods and food additives, ingredients, and contaminants; occurrence, control and prevention of food transmitted diseases.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

VIBS 407/NRSC 407 Core Ideas in Neuroscience
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
General overview of selected core ideas across the full spectrum of neuroscience.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification; background in science courses recommended.

VIBS 408 Neuroscience and Religion
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Emphasis on the biology of the human mind in the context of religious implications.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification; concurrent enrollment in NRSC 407/VIBS 407 or VIBS 407/NRSC 407.

VIBS 411 Tumor Cell Biology and Carcinogenesis
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Principles of tumor biology; role of gene-environment interactions; molecular mechanisms regulating cancer initiation and progression; therapeutic treatment of cancer.
Prerequisites: BIMS 320/GENE 320 or equivalent; junior or senior classification.
VIBS 413 Introduction to Epidemiology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Study and measurement of disease and health in populations; examples from literature and current events; emphasizes concepts and appreciation for epidemiologic approaches and applications in life.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

VIBS 420 Computer Applications in Public Health Research
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Introduction to the use of computers for public health research applications, including word processing, spreadsheets, data base management and telecommunications.
Prerequisites: Senior classification or approval of instructor; BIMS major with a minimum overall 2.5 Texas A&M GPA.

VIBS 422 Endocrine Toxicology
Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.
Impacts of endocrine toxicology on endocrine system; prevalence, environmental and occupational use and disposal of environmental endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs); structure, toxicokinetics and mechanism of action of EDCs; effects of EDCs on the development and function, disorders and diseases of the endocrine and reproductive organs.
Prerequisites: Senior classification; approval of instructor.

VIBS 424/VTTP 424 Biomedical Neuroendocrinology and Endocrine Disorders
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Neuroendocrine (hypothalamus-pituitary) control of puberty, menstruation, ovulation, pregnancy, labor, lactation, female reproductive cycles, male reproductive functions, thyroid and parathyroid, adrenal and kidney, diabetes, obesity, sleep, memory, learning and aging and their endocrine disorders; overview on biosynthesis, transport and signaling of peptide and neuropeptide hormones, steroids and prostaglandins.
Prerequisites: Honors, junior or senior classification, or approval of instructor.
Cross Listing: VTPP 424/VIBS 424.

VIBS 425/ENTO 426 Methods in Vector-Borne Disease Ecology
Credits 3. 1 Lecture Hour. 5 Lab Hours.
Methodological understanding of how vector-borne diseases are studied in the field and laboratory; hands-on exploration of the ecology disease systems in a one health framework; concepts of design, execution and presentation of research projects; outdoor field work and bio-safety level 2 laboratory.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.
Cross Listing: VTPP 426/VIBS 425.

VIBS 432 Public Health Practices
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Study of various diseases, causes and methods of prevention; epidemiology of disease; social and behavioral sciences; health policy and management; environmental and occupational health.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification; BIMS major with a minimum overall 2.5 Texas A&M GPA.

VIBS 443 Biology of Mammalian Cells and Tissues
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Molecular phenomena placed in context with tissues, organs and organ systems; cell and tissue structures visualized by light microscopy and electron micrographs for functional relationships; clinical correlations reveal relevance of histology in specific disease states; conceptual thinking exercises facilitate problem solving skills.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification in life sciences and interest in health related careers.

VIBS 447 Neurophysiology of Music
Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.
Exploration of the heritability and genetics of musical talent, the physiology and physics of hearing, and the neurophysiology of processing sound using primarily German and Austrian compositions. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

VIBS 450/NRSC 450 Mammalian Functional Neuroanatomy
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Functional morphology of the domestic animal and human brain using gross specimens, microscopic sections, interactive computer-, DVD- and video-assisted instructional programs supplemented with clinical case studies.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification; BIMS, biology, biochemistry, or psychology majors, or neuroscience minors with overall 3.5 Texas A&M GPA; or approval of instructor.
Cross Listing: NRSC 450/VIBS 450.

VIBS 485 Directed Studies
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.
Directed individual study of a selected problem in veterinary anatomy (with emphasis on neuroscience, cell biology, reproduction, developmental biology, marine mammal anatomy) approved by instructor or selected problems in veterinary public health (with emphasis on food safety, toxicology, epidemiology, informatics, zoonoses).
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.

VIBS 489 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 0 to 4 Lecture Hours. 0 to 4 Lab Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of veterinary anatomy (with emphasis on neuroscience, cell biology, genetics, reproduction, developmental biology, marine mammal anatomy) or selected topics in veterinary public health, epidemiology, zoonoses, food hygiene, food toxicology and mycotoxicology. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor; BIMS major with a minimum overall 2.5 Texas A&M GPA.