

**Course Number and Title**

ISC2401L X-LAB 2

**Catalog Description**

Cross-Disciplinary Laboratory 2 is the second course in a two-semester, inquiry-based laboratory curriculum focusing on major themes and concepts in biology, chemistry and physics with an emphasis on their integrated applications in modern, quantitative research. Satisfies course requirements for BSC 2011L, CHM 2046L and PHY 2054L or PHY 2049L.

**Credit Hours**

3 CR

**Prerequisites**

ISC2400L (X-Lab 1) and MAC1147

**Co-requisites**

[CHM2045 or CHM2047 or CHM2095] and [BSC2010 or equivalent]

**Course Fee (Materials, Supplies, and Equipment Fees)**

\$140

**Instructor Information**

Section 02A4: TBA

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**Course Coordinator**

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**Course Meeting Times and Locations**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Periods 6-8 in SIS213

**Student Responsibilities**

Students will be responsible for a significant amount of work outside the laboratory. There will be a pre-lab assignment due before each lab period. In addition, students are expected to arrive on time and stay until dismissed. You will be expected to work independently on some assignments and collaboratively on other assignments.

Collaboration is encouraged through most of the laboratory period. All lab experiments are performed in small groups, and the lab manuals are written to promote discussion between groups. Each lab will end with submitting a mini-report, in the form of an abstract, poster, or presentation. Students are expected to keep a detailed and up to date laboratory notebook.

**e-Learning Course Website**

All course materials, including detailed policies and procedures related to the course, announcements, exercises, assignments, and grades will be available through the Canvas class website on [e-Learning](#). Registration for this website is automatic with your course registration. Login authentication is through your 'gatorlink' username and password. All changes to course schedule or operating procedure will be announced and documented on this website. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the contents of the website and monitor it for changes. Substantive changes will be

accompanied by an announcement. Configure your messaging preferences to forward announcements to your most active email account for best results.

### Required Materials

1. **Safety Glasses.** Any UF approved safety eyewear. Examples are available at the UF bookstore. Failure to bring safety eyewear will be an automatic ten percent deduction for the lab activity for that day.
2. **Lab Notebook.** Quad-ruled, 80-sheet or greater, with non-removable pages is required. If the notebook does not come with pages already numbered, you may use a pen to number them.
3. **Lab Coat.** A knee-length lab coat is required for laboratory work. Refer to the course website for details on purchasing a lab coat.
4. **Proper Attire.** Beginning with the first lab, you are required to wear loose-fitting long pants and closed-toed shoes in addition to your lab coat. You will not be allowed to participate in that day's laboratory activity if your instructor determines that your attire is unsafe.

### Course Textbook

There is no textbook. All reading material will be provided via the e-Learning website.

### Attendance Policy

Attendance during every lab session is required for the full duration of the session or until dismissed. Students must be present in the lab at the beginning of the lab session; late arrivals may be counted as an absence, at the instructor's discretion.

The first lab session of the term is mandatory. If you miss this lab session, you will be dropped from the course unless you contact the course coordinator before the last day of add/drop.

An unexcused absence from any lab session will result in the loss of all the points/credit available for that session. A second unexcused absence will result in an automatic and non-negotiable reduction of one letter grade for the course. More than two unexcused absences will result in a failing course grade.

The policies for allowable absences follow the university policies:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>. Except in the case of emergencies, excused absences must be negotiated in advance with the instructor and will follow UF attendance policy. In the case of an excused absence the student is responsible for contacting the instructor, who will determine an appropriate make-up activity.

### Learning Outcomes Assessment

A typical laboratory exercise will consist of foundational reading and exercises, the experiment itself with data collection, analysis, and reporting components. From these activities each student's percentages will be averaged to obtain a course percentage; the course grade will be computed from the percentage using the grading scale shown below.

Assessment	% of Final Grade
Pre-Experiment Quiz	10%
Lab Experiment Participation	35%
Lab Notebook	10%
Experiment Report	30%
In-class Quiz	10%
Final Presentation	5%
Total	100%

We encourage collaboration between groups and, of course, lab partners are supposed to help each other as much as possible during the lab session. The pre-experiment quizzes, experiment

participation, lab notebooks and weekly quiz will be completed and assessed individually. The experiment report will be completed and graded as a group activity.

### Grading Scale

Point Range (%)	Letter Grade	GPA equivalent
≥ 93.3	A	4.00
90.0 – 93.2	A-	3.67
86.7 – 89.9	B+	3.33
83.3 – 86.6	B	3.00
80.0 – 83.2	B-	2.67
76.7 – 79.9	C+	2.33
73.3 – 76.6	C	2.00
70.0 – 73.2	C-	1.67
66.7 – 69.9	D+	1.33
63.3 – 66.6	D	1.00
60.0 – 63.2	D-	0.67
< 60.0	E	0

Note that a “C-minus” grade will not be a qualifying grade for critical tracking courses. In order to graduate, students must have an overall GPA and an upper-division GPA of 2.0 or better (C or better). Note: a C- average is equivalent to a GPA of 1.67, and therefore, it does not satisfy this graduation requirement. For more information on grades and grading policies, please visit: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>

### Lab Computer use

Much of our data acquisition and reporting will be performed through the use of laboratory computers that will be available for you to use under the UF [acceptable use policy](#). While data acquisition computers will be provided, you are encouraged to bring your own laptop to facilitate post-lab assignments.

### Software Use

All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

You will use the software applications listed below, all of which will be provided to you. It will not be necessary for you to purchase any software.

- The Microsoft Office products Excel, Word and PowerPoint will be used to graph and analyze data, and create reports and presentations. All UF students have free access to these applications and you should become familiar with the basic use of these applications.
- National Instruments LabVIEW will be used for data acquisition and instrument control.
- NIH ImageJ will be used for image acquisition and analysis.
- R and RStudio will be used for graphical analysis and mathematical modeling.

### Health and Wellness Resources

- U Matter, We Care: If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or (352) 392-1575 so a team member can reach out to the student
- UF Counseling & Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 3190 Radio Rd, 392-1575,

- Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS): Student Health Care Center, (352) 392-1161

#### **Academic Resources**

- e-Learning technical support: (352) 392-4357 (select option 2) or email to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu). <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>
- Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, (352) 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <http://www.crc.ufl.edu>
- Library Support: <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask> Get help using the libraries.
- Teaching Center: Broward Hall, (352) 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu>
- Writing Studio: 302 Tigert Hall, (352) 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio>
- Student Complaints Campus: [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\\_Complaints\\_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf)

#### **Honesty Policy**

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

*"On my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructors in this class.

#### **Accommodation for Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodations. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

#### **Instructor and Course Evaluation**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. A link to instructor evaluations will be available on the course Canvas site. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>."

**Tentative X-Lab 2 Course Schedule**

Week	Date	Laboratory Activity
1	8/22/17	Taste Chemistry
1	8/24/17	Absorbance Spectrometry
2	8/29/17	Extraction and Chromatography
2	8/31/17	Absorbance and Color
3	9/5/17	Colorimetric Kinetics
3	9/7/17	Lenses and Optics 1
4	9/12/17	Lenses and Optics 2
4	9/14/17	Microscopy
5	9/19/17	Cell Culture 1
5	9/21/17	Cell Culture 2
6	9/26/17	Cell Culture 3
6	9/28/17	Cell Culture 4
7	10/3/17	Chirality and Optical Activity
7	10/5/17	Optical Rotation and Polarimetry
8	10/10/17	Density and Buoyancy
8	10/12/17	Measuring Motion
9	10/17/17	Bacterial Culture: Preparing Plates + Journal Club 1
9	10/19/17	Bacterial Culture + Scientific Literature Search
10	10/24/17	Bacterial Transformation 1 + Sweet Taste + Journal Club 2
10	10/26/17	Transformation 2 + Begin Gene Expression Experiment
11	10/31/17	Fluorimetry of cultures
11	11/2/17	RNA
12	11/7/17	PCR 1
12	11/9/17	PCR 2
13	11/14/17	AGE
13	11/16/17	Centripetal Force/Centrifugation
14	11/21/17	Presentation Tutorial
14	11/23/17	HOLIDAY
15	11/28/17	Centrifugal Separation
15	11/30/17	Chloroplast Function
16	12/5/17	Final Presentations