**Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**DESCRIPTION**

The Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences can be completed with an emphasis in environmental toxicology, medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutics, pharmacology, pharmacognosy, or pharmacy administration.

**MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 54**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for each emphasis area are given in the respective program description sections.

**Emphasis - Medicinal Chemistry**

**DESCRIPTION**

A Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences with emphasis in medicinal chemistry prepares a graduate to perform basic and applied interdisciplinary research in drug discovery and development using the tools of computational chemistry, synthetic chemistry, and biological evaluation. Current faculty research programs are focused in cancer, infectious disease, cardiometabolic disorders and neuroscience/drugs of abuse.

Note: For more information, refer to the student handbook

<http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/biomolecularsciences/gradprogram/bms-graduate-student-handbook/>

**GOALS/MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Department of BioMolecular Sciences, Division of Medicinal Chemistry is to apply chemistry and the chemically related sciences to the teaching of professional pharmacy students and graduate students. The research mission of the department is the discovery, design, analysis, and further development of potential drugs and the discovery of potential drug design targets.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The course requirements for the Ph.D. with emphasis in medicinal chemistry consist of:

6 graduate core hours in medicinal chemistry (Advanced Medicinal Chemistry I, II (MEDC 501 and MEDC 502);

2 common core hours (BMS 601: Graduate Student Survival Strategies);

12 hours of Drug Action and Design (DAD) (minimum four out of seven DAD courses);

6 hours of Chemistry courses 500/600/700 level;

6 hours of Graduate-level electives (contingent upon Division of Medicinal Chemistry faculty approval);

1 hour Original Research Proposal (BMS 605).

2 hours Seminar (BMS 641, repeated for credit, graded)

Seminar Requirement - Students are required to register for BMS 643 (Z-grade) every semester, with the exception of those semesters in which the student presents a seminar and instead registers for BMS 641 (graded). No more than 8 seminar hours can be used toward the 54 minimum total credit hours.

A minimum of 18 hours of dissertation research must also be taken to meet degree requirements.

**OTHER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

Original Research Proposal - A student must prepare, submit, and successfully (orally) defend an original research proposal (ORP). Procedures for this requirement will be provided by the department. Students will register for BMS 605 (Original Research Proposal BioMolecular Sciences) in the semester they anticipate defending their ORP.

MALTO Presentation: All graduate students in the Ph.D. program will be required to present their original research in the form of a podium presentation at one of the Annual MALTO Medicinal Chemistry Meetings-in-Miniature.

Dissertation - A student must prepare and orally defend a dissertation based on original, independent research in partial fulfillment of their Ph.D. degree.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

Medicinal Chemistry graduate students must meet a high level of academic achievement to maintain eligibility. Students are expected to maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 (B).