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M6049 Master of Bioinformatics

Semester 1 intake, Clayton – Full-time

Year 1 Semester 1	EPM5033 Programming Principles for Health Data Analytics using Python (6 credit points)* OR MCB2011 Molecular Biology and the Cell (6 credit points) + Electives (6 credit points)**	MPH5041 Introductory Biostatistics (6 credit points)	GNA5022 Sequencing Technologies (6 credit points)	GNA5040 Genomics and its Applications (6 credit points)
Year 1 Semester 2	FIT9136 Introduction to Python Programming (6 credit points)	BIO2010 Data Science for biologists* (6 credit points)*	BMS5309 Advanced Transcriptomics: Bulk, Single-Cell, and Spatial Analysis (12 credit points)	
Year 2 Semester 1	BMS5304 Bioinformatics Research Proposal (for students undertaking the research pathway) (6 credit points) OR BMS5305 High Performance Computing for Bioinformatics (for students undertaking the coursework pathway) (6 credit points)	BMS5001 Research training: Critical Thinking and Communication Skills (6 credit points)	BMS5302 Machine Learning: AI for Bioinformatics (6 credit points)	BMS5303 Research Case studies in Bioinformatics (6 credit points)
Winter semester	MGF5910 Project management fundamentals (for students undertaking the coursework pathway) (6 credit points)			
Year 2 Semester 2	BMS5306 Bioinformatics Research Project (for research pathway students) (24 credit points)			
	OR			
	BMS5307 Research Advanced Case Studies in Bioinformatics (for coursework pathway students) (12 credit points)	BMS5308 Integrative Bioinformatics and Multi-Omic Bioinformatics Research (for coursework pathway students) (6 credit points)		
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Part B: Core studies (54cp)				
Part C: Application studies (30cp)				

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Year 3 Semester 2	BMS5306 Bioinformatics Research Project (for research pathway students) (24 credit points)	
	OR	
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Year 4 Semester 1	BMS5302 Machine Learning: AI for Bioinformatics (6 credit points)	BMS5303 Research Case studies in Bioinformatics (6 credit points)
Winter semester	MGF5910 Project management fundamentals (for students undertaking the coursework pathway) (6 credit points)	
Year 4 Semester 2	BMS5306 Bioinformatics Research Project (for research pathway students) (24 credit points)	
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	BMS5308 Integrative Bioinformatics and Multi-Omic Bioinformatics Research (for coursework pathway students) (6 credit points)	

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