

# Tutorial Letter 201/3/2018

## MOLECULAR BIOLOGY BMI2604

**Semesters 1**

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This tutorial letter contains important information  
about your module.

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Dear Student,

## 1. INTRODUCTION

I trust that you have been studying hard and that you are feeling confident approaching the upcoming examination. This tutorial letter will provide some more information regarding the examination and is essentially the exam guidelines that are always provided to you. The exam guidelines are being sent out early to ensure that you have plenty of time to prepare for the upcoming exam. Once I am finished marking all the assignments I will determine if and answer guide or memo is something that needs to be sent to all students. For the memo or answer guide keep a look out on *myUnisa* and make sure you get your e-mail notifications via your mylife email when announcements are posted. I will post the memo or answer guide on *myUnisa* under the additional resources tab/announcements if I determine it is necessary to supply you with one.

Remember, your assignments count towards your final mark (30% of the final mark to be exact) so make sure you prepare the answers and take your time to really work hard on the assignments. Assignment 1 the same as assignment 2, so it is essential that you work hard at preparing the answers and ensuring they reach Unisa. I have designed the assignments in such a way that they help you prepare for the exam. Remember if you struggling to answer questions with your textbooks and study note in front of you it's going to be even harder to answer questions in the exam. Rather identify areas where you need to enhance your study notes while doing your assignment than in the exam because then it's too late!

If at any stage while you are studying you have any questions or require assistance with problems, I am available to assist you. My contact details are listed in TUT101 and my email address is [monyamc@unisa.ac.za](mailto:monyamc@unisa.ac.za). It is important to remember that Biomedical Science, although a subject with many facts also requires you, to understand what these facts mean. So don't learn sections off by heart like a parrot, learn the facts while understanding the process involved or steps in a protocol. This will allow you to answer any type of question with regard to the material.

## 2. ASSESSMENTS: GENERAL NOTES

In Tut101 I explained how each assessment (assignments and exams) contributes to your year mark, please revisit that section to refresh your memory. The important message is everything you do counts towards your final mark. So do please work hard and devote a good deal of time to all assignments and preparation for the exam. For **BMI2604** you will write an exam for your summative assessment, you are reminded to consult myUnisa to determine when, what time and where you are writing the examination to ensure that you allow yourself sufficient time to prepare for the assessment and that you arrive on time for the examination. Continuously check myUnisa to ensure that you have the correct dates, times and venues as these may change. If you cannot locate these details, please e-mail Exams@unisa.ac.za or send an SMS to 43584 and state your enquiry.

You will only be granted a supplementary examination if you achieved 40% or higher in the examination and have not passed the module when the year marks were factored into the final

mark. A final module mark below 50% means you have failed the module and a final module mark above 75% is a distinction mark.

Furthermore, take note that if you are writing a supplementary exam, your year mark is not factored in. Only the examination mark will be taken into consideration as your final mark.

## **COMPILATION AND TIME ALLOCATION OF THE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT**

Exam guidelines **BMI2604**

### **1. Introduction**

This Tutorial letter serves the purpose of providing you with useful Examination Guidelines to follow as you prepare for the upcoming examination. You are assured that the summative assessment (examination) you are preparing for, is not a deliberate attempt to fail you. It has been put in place for you to confirm your competence of the module and how well you have mastered the outcomes of the module. You are encouraged to prepare yourself for the upcoming assessment opportunity as this will be your key to successfully completing the module.

### **2. Outcomes of the module**

Please visit TUT letter 101 for the outcomes of this module.

### **3. Format of the summative assessment**

This is a formal sit-down examination.

### **4. Compilation of the summative assessment**

The question paper you will be writing during the MAY/JUNE 2018 examination period will consist of short and long questions. Short questions will range between 2 – 5 marks whereas long questions will be up to 10 marks each.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) in this assessment.**

### **5. Time allocation during the summative assessment**

The question paper must be completed within 2 hours. You will not be given extra time to complete the paper. You are advised to allocate enough time to each section in order to complete all the questions in the question paper. You will lose a lot of marks if your answers are not well thought through and motivated.

### **6. Use of previous examination papers**

It is advisable that you use previous examination papers for **BMI2604** to test yourself. Example questions such as those in previous examination papers may not necessarily be asked in the examination. These questions only serve as a guide to determine if you have prepared well enough to successfully complete the summative assessment. Previous examination papers will also assist you in testing your competence in answering different types of questions. Remember

that the type of questions may be applied to different aspects of the work you have studied and will not only be applied to the particular piece of work used in the example question.

### **7. Release of examination results**

You might be anxious to receive your marks after completing the first summative assessment opportunity in MAY/JUNE 2018. You are reminded that Unisa will officially release the examination marks in July 2018. Marks may be release earlier if the assessment and moderation process has been fully completed and signoff could be granted before the official Unisa release date. Marks may not be released telephonically or via any other method of communication without official signoff by the Executive Dean.

### **8. Closing remarks**

The examination guidelines for this module have been compiled to adequately assist you in preparing yourself for the coming summative assessment. You will successfully complete the assessment if you apply yourself and use the examination guidelines to assist in the preparation for the examination. Feel free to contact me if you are “struggling” to grasp certain concepts. I will need you to explain where you get lost or what specifically confuses you. Good luck for the exam preparation but please remember that luck does not replace effort and effort needs to be correctly channelled to yield meaningful results.

Kind regards

*Mr MC Monyama*