



# GEM3

Genes by Environment  
Modeling · Mechanisms · Mapping

**Module Name:** Intake and absorption (protein, tannins, coumarins and phenolics)

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## Summary:

In this module, students will:

- Understand the relevancy of toxin and nutrient absorbance to understand the physiology of animals
- Use scientific practices to quantify and compare toxin absorbance by animals
- Understand how the environment and animal morphology influences the physiological process of absorption
- Archive digital data on toxin absorbance by your animal for future iteration, collaboration and discovery

*This module has been used in BSU's Animal Physiology & Nutrition (ZOOL 409) course.*

## Contents:

### Coumarins and Phenolics

- Lab 4: Absorption
- Lab 4 Supply List
- Guide: *Analyzing Standard Curve and Dilution Data*
- Guide: *Phenolics Plate Template*
- Image: Phenolic Plate Labeled Standards
- Spreadsheet: *Analyzing Standard Curve and Dilution Data*
- Spreadsheet: *Analyzing Standard Curve and Dilution Data* (Instructor's Key)

### Proteins

- Lab: Using a Standard Curve to Quantify Unknowns
- Lab Supply List

### Tannins

- Lab: Radial Diffusion Tannin Assay Protocol
- Protocol: Tannin Assay Agar Recipe (Radial Diffusion Assay)
- Spreadsheet: Tannins Data Analysis (Example)

## Notes:

- Coumarins and possibly tannins may be available via kit to make agar petri dishes.
- Graduate students are available to assist in teaching this lab remotely. Depending on travel and availability, they may be able to teach in person.

**Questions?** Contact the PI or the GEM3 PUI Liaison, Stephanie Sevigny, [stephanieseigny@boisestate.edu](mailto:stephanieseigny@boisestate.edu)

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