

BIOC10H3S: Cell Biology: Proteins from birth to death

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Course Syllabus
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Course description:

This course builds on fundamental cell biological concepts using primary literature. This course will examine specific organelles and their functions in protein biogenesis, modification, trafficking and quality control within eukaryotic cells. The experimental basis of knowledge will be emphasized and students will be introduced to hypothesis-driven research in cell biology.

Pre-requisites: *BIOB10 & BIOB11 (or BIOB10Y)*

Recommended Preparation: *BIOC12H*

Enrollment limit: 50

Time and Location:

Lectures: WEDNESDAYS, 2PM -4PM, BV260

Tutorial sessions: MONDAYS, 3-4PM, MW170

Course staff:

Instructor: Dr. Aarthi Ashok

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Online course resources:

Login and access the BLACKBOARD SITE FOR BIOC10H for Winter 2014. Contains:

-The course syllabus – including a course description & schedule.

-Contact information and office hours for the instructor & TA

-Important announcement regarding lectures, tutorials or course content – **please check this site regularly for any such announcements.**

-Lecture outlines (Powerpoint slides as PDFs) will be posted AFTER each class and will provide only an overview of what was discussed in each class. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING YOUR OWN NOTES DURING THE CLASS.**

-Primary literature assigned will be posted prior to each week of discussions.

Evaluation:

1. **Pop-quizzes** that are all multiple-choice/short-answer format worth 2% - 4% each – at any time in the course = **total value of 10%**
2. **In-class (Lec 2) peer-review process assignment = 2%**
3. **Contribution to tutorials = 7%**
4. **Questions and In-class participation = 12%**
Breakdown is as follows:
 - A. 4% = questions asked/turned in following each group's presentation in Weeks 9 & 10 (quality is important)
 - B. 3% = Participation; this entails answering questions voluntarily or when called upon to interact in the class.
 - C. 5% = Group debate in Week 12 (due in class – Week 12)
5. **Midterm exam = 22%**
-short answer or data interpretation style questions on papers covered in Weeks 2-6. Exam will be in class in Week 7.
6. **Student (group) presentations** on 3 consecutive papers on a topic of relevance to cell biology- Weeks 7 &8 = **12%**
7. **Final exam = 35%**
Could include any or all of the following:
 - answer 1 question out of 3 choices – essay style
 - answer questions on a recent paper of relevance to the course
 - short answer questions on papers covered in the course

Special Notes:

If you miss a class, tutorial or exam due to illness, you will need to provide a UTSC medical certificate to Dr. Ashok (ASAP) in order to not be penalized for any course evaluation components that may have occurred in your absence.

Course Schedule:

Week	Lec/Tut #	Date	Topic	Details/ papers
1	Tut 1	Jan 6	Introduction to tutorial expectations	Assignment of groups & reading in "sections" with model paper
1	Lec 1	Jan 8	Course introduction	Syllabus & schedule
			Reading Scientific Literature	Types of scientific literature; how to dissect a paper; Active learning with model paper
2	Tut 2	Jan 13	Introduction to tutorial expectations - repeat (10 mins)	Jigsaw model & confirmation of groups
			Introduction to student presentations in weeks 7 & 8 (20 mins)	Guidelines on choosing papers; deadlines for approval of paper choices & plan for presentation
			Midterm exam expectations (20 mins)	Guidelines on what to expect on the exam
2	Lec 2	Jan 15	Scientific publishing: the peer-review process	In-class peer-review activity of analyzing papers
			Introduction to Lec 3	Secretory pathway & signal sequences
3	Tut 3	Jan 20	Student group learning	Levine et. al., 2005
3	Lec 3	Jan 22	Protein import into the early secretory pathway: co-translational	Levine et. al., 2005
			Introduction to Lec 4	Protein quality control (ERAD) & proteasomal degradation
4	Tut 4	Jan 27	Student group learning	Mangeat et. al., 2009
4	Lec 4	Jan 29	Understanding the components of the ubiquitin-proteasome system	Mangeat et. al., 2009
			Introduction to Lec 5	The ER membrane
5	Tut 5	Feb 3	Student group learning	Inoue et. al., 2011
5	Lec 5	Feb 5	Modes of entry into the ER	Inoue et. al., 2011
			Introduction to Lec 6	Unfolded protein response
6	Tut 6	Feb 10	Student group learning	Lin et. al., 2007
6	Lec 6	Feb 12	UPR & cell fate decisions	Lin et. al., 2007
			Reading Week	
7	Tut 7	Feb 24	Extra time for questions; Pick out group presentation days	Questions about midterm exam or presentations
7	Lec 7	Feb 26	Midterm test	Content of weeks 2-6 will be tested
8	Tut 8	Mar 3	Student Group learning	Hume et. al., 2001 & Bahadoran et. al., 2001
8	Lec 8	Mar 5	Vesicular trafficking in melanocytes	Hume et. al., 2001 & Bahadoran et. al., 2001

9	Tut 9	Mar 10	Presentations: Group 1	25 min pres + 5 min Qs= 30mins; Only groups 1-5 attend
9	Lec 9	Mar 12	Presentations: Groups 2, 3, 4 & 5	Only groups 1-5 attend
10	Tut 10	Mar 17	Presentations: Group 6	Only groups 6- 10 attend
10	Lec 10	Mar 19	Presentations: Groups 7, 8, 9 & 10	Only groups 6- 10 attend
11	Tut 11	Mar 24	Student group learning	Wang et. al., 2003
11	Lec 11	Mar 26	Organelle Identity –the role of phosphoinositides	Wang et. al., 2003
			Introduction to Lec 12	Stem cells; Exosomes
12	Tut 12	Mar 31	Student group learning	Lai et. al., 2011
12	Lec 12	Apr 2	Exosomes and therapy (DEBATE)	Lai et. al., 2011
			Course summary	Final exam expectations

Accessibility Needs:

(text provided by Centre for Teaching and Learning, UTSC)

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the *AccessAbility* Services Office as soon as possible. I will work with you and *AccessAbility* Services to ensure you can achieve your learning goals in this course. Enquiries are confidential. The UTSC *AccessAbility* Services staff (located in S302) are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations (416) 287-7560 or ability@utsc.utoronto.ca.

Academic Integrity:

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Please consult: <http://www.utoronto.ca/academicintegrity/resourcesforstudents.html>.

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