

Course Information

Classroom

Life Sciences Computing Facility classroom
(Room 1805, Psychology-East)
Classes will meet here.

Time

AM Section: T, TH 9am-11:50am

PM Section: T, TH 1pm-3:50pm

In addition, ***several experiments require work in the lab during other days/times.***

Laboratory

2239 Biological Sciences
Instructional Facility (BSIF)

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Text book: *Molecular Biology of the Cell* by Bruce Alberts et al., 5th Edition, Garland Press

Grading

- Grade Breakdown:

Laboratory Performance/Preparation/Proficiency_____ **20%**

(inc. pre-lab write-up done BEFORE lab; assigned readings done BEFORE lab; alertness; getting along with the faculty, TAs, and lab partners; general skillfulness in lab)

Laboratory Notebook_____ **20%**

Quizzes_____ **25%**

Short Scientific Paper Assignment_____ **5%**

Scientific Research Papers_____ **30%**

- Policies:

Late assignments: 10% deduction/day past due date

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory to all classroom seminars and the scheduled times in the lab. Absences for important reasons must be cleared with the instructor prior to class meeting. Uncleared absences will result in grade deductions.

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MCDB 103L- Winter 2013 - Tentative Schedule

Date	Day	Laboratory Exercise	
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1/15	T	Lab 3. Isolation of Plasmid DNA	
1/17	Th	Lab 4. RE Digestion and Agarose Gel Start Mammalian Cell Culture/COS Cells	
1/22	T	Lab 5. Transfection of GFP Tubulin into COS Cells	
1/24	Th	Lab 5. Fluorescence Microscopy and "How to read a Scientific Paper"	
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3/12	T	Paper/Notebook/Questions	
3/14	Th	Paper/Notebook/Questions	
3/19	T	Notebook and last Module Report due: 5pm LSB 2113	

Notebook checks and quizzes conducted throughout