

Overview:	Genome editing technology has exploded since the recent discovery of bacterial CRISPR systems. Our goal is to present the material while new applications are emerging every day, and before a textbook is written! Cutting edge knowledge will enable you to shape the future.
Learning objectives:	Students who complete the course will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) understand CRISPR discovery;(b) use sequence search applications;(c) describe the basic mechanisms that underlie genome editing technology;(d) describe major ways in which the technology has been applied;(e) apply genome editing principles to new biomedical problems;(f) identify significant recent research reported in peer-reviewed literature.
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Instructor access:	Please email the instructors with questions or to request an appointment.
Principal course assignments:	(a) Written homework assignments to be submitted online (b) An oral presentation of a research article to be presented to the class as a term project
Specific course requirements for grading purposes:	Written homework assignments = 170 points Oral research article presentation = 30 points Total points = 200
Participation policy:	This course will be synchronous. Class is held in Biological Sciences Room 217. All classes will also be accessible by Zoom live for remote participants.
Required course material:	Reading material for the course will either be provided in eLC or available online. Students attending in-person classes are encouraged to bring their laptops to participate in computer labs and software demonstrations. Students will need a computer to participate in online sessions. Software that is required includes: A pdf reader for reading assignments; MS Office;

Zoom for participation in synchronous online sessions;
An internet browser for online assignments.

Exam and make-up policy:

Homework may be submitted late, but 3 points per 24 hour period will be deducted from the point value. No points will be deducted for 48 hours if you have a documented medical issue.

If a documented long-term medical issue prevents you from completing assignments, make-up assignments will be provided after November 1. It is your responsibility to request make-up assignments.

Class meetings:

Meetings will be held at locations indicated in the schedule below. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/97844729115>

Academic honesty:

All students are expected to follow the UGA Academic Honesty policy, which may be found here <https://honesty.uga.edu/Academic-Honesty-Policy/>

We fully support and applaud the UGA Student Honor Code:
"I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty of others."

A Culture of Honesty, the University's policy and procedures for handling cases of suspected dishonesty, can be found at www.uga.edu/ovpi

Coronavirus
information:

Face coverings:

Following guidance from the University System of Georgia, face coverings are recommended for all individuals while inside campus facilities.

How can I obtain the COVID-19 vaccine?

University Health Center is scheduling appointments for students through the UHC Patient Portal

(https://patientportal.uhs.uga.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx).

Learn more here – <https://www.uhs.uga.edu/healthtopics/covid-vaccine>.

The Georgia Department of Health, pharmacy chains and local providers also offer the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, please go to:

<https://georgia.gov/covid-vaccine>.

In addition, the University System of Georgia has made COVID-19 vaccines available at 15 campuses statewide and you can locate one here: <https://www.usg.edu/vaccination>

What do I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?

Students showing COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and schedule an appointment with the University Health Center by calling 706-542-1162 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5p.m.). Please

DONOT walk-in. For emergencies and after-hours care, see,

<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies>.

What do I do if I test positive for COVID-19?

If you test positive for COVID-19 at any time, you are **required to report it** through the [DawgCheck Test Reporting Survey](#). We encourage you to stay at home if you become ill or until you have excluded COVID-19 as the cause of your symptoms. UGA adheres to current Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) quarantine and isolation [guidance](#) and requires that it be followed. Follow the instructions provided to you when you report your positive test result in DawgCheck.

Guidelines for COVID-19 Quarantine Period (As of 8/1/21; follow DawgCheck or see DPH website for most up-to-date recommendations)

Students who are fully vaccinated **do not** need to quarantine upon exposure unless they have symptoms of COVID-19 themselves. All others should follow the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) recommendations:

Students who are not fully vaccinated and have been directly exposed to COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms **should self-quarantine for 10 days**. Those quarantining for 10 days must have been symptom-free throughout the monitoring period and continue self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for a total of 14 days. You should report the need to quarantine on [DawgCheck](#) (<https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/>), and communicate

directly with your faculty to coordinate your coursework while in quarantine. If you need additional help, reach out to Student Care and Outreach (sco@uga.edu) for assistance. Students, faculty and staff who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are no longer required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated against the disease and show no symptoms.

Mental health and wellness resources:

- If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care and Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at 706-542-7774 or visit <https://sco.uga.edu>. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services.
- UGA has several resources for a student seeking mental health services (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) or crisis support (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies>).
- If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) for a list of FREE workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center.
- Additional resources can be accessed through the UGA App.

Please note that the course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Date	Day	Lecturer	Topic	Meeting structure	HW points	Assignment number due
18-Aug	W	Mitchell	Syllabus/Introduction	Lecture/Discussion		
20-Aug	F	Mitchell	Genome editing - societal impact	Discussion	10	1
23-Aug	M	Mitchell	CRISPR moving parts, mechanisms	Lecture/Discussion		
25-Aug	W	Mrazek	CRISPR Discovery	Lecture/Discussion		
27-Aug	F	Mrazek	CRISPR Discovery	Discussion		
30-Aug	M	Mrazek	CRISPR Discovery	Discussion & Computer lab		
1-Sep	W	Mrazek	CRISPR Discovery	Computer lab		
3-Sep	F	Mrazek	CRISPR Discovery	Computer lab		
6-Sep	M	<i>No class - Labor Day</i>				
8-Sep	W	Mitchell	How to read a scientific research paper	Lecture/Discussion		
10-Sep	F	Mitchell	CRISPR spacer function	Paper discussion	10	2
13-Sep	M	Mitchell	What happens at a DS break (1)?	Lecture/Discussion		
15-Sep	W	Mitchell	Library assignment	No class meeting	5	3
17-Sep	F	Mitchell	Discussion of library assignment	Discussion		
20-Sep	M	Mitchell	Genome editing concept	Paper discussion	10, 20	4, 5
22-Sep	W	Mitchell	What happens at a DS break (2)?	Lecture/Discussion		
24-Sep	F	Mitchell	Specificity	Lecture/Discussion		
27-Sep	M	Mitchell	Specificity	Lecture/Discussion		
29-Sep	W	Mitchell	Specificity Q&A	Q&A/Discussion		
1-Oct	F	Mitchell	Specificity	Paper discussion	20	6
4-Oct	M	Mitchell	Specificity	Paper discussion	10	7
6-Oct	W	Mitchell	Gene regulator CRISPRs	Lecture/Discussion		
8-Oct	F	Mitchell	Gene regulator CRISPRs Q&A	Q&A/Discussion		
11-Oct	M	Mitchell	Gene regulator CRISPRs	Paper discussion	15	8
13-Oct	W	Mitchell	Work on presentation selection	No class meeting		
15-Oct	F	Mitchell	Alternate technologies	Lecture/Discussion		
18-Oct	M	Mitchell	Alternate technologies Q&A	Q&A/Discussion		
20-Oct	W	Mitchell	Alternate technologies	Paper discussion	20	9

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22-Oct	F	Mitchell	Applications - cell screening	Lecture/Discussion		
25-Oct	M	Mitchell	Applications - cell screening	Lecture/Discussion		
27-Oct	W	Mitchell	Applications - cell screening Q&A	Q&A/Discussion		
29-Oct	F	<i>No class - October break</i>				
1-Nov	M	Mitchell	Applications - cell screening	Paper discussion	15	10
3-Nov	W	Mitchell	Paper selection discussion	Discussion		
5-Nov	F	Mitchell	Applications - organism engineering	Lecture/Discussion		
8-Nov	M	Mrazek	Guide RNA Design	Lecture/Discussion		
10-Nov	W	Mrazek	Guide RNA Design	Discussion		
12-Nov	F	Mrazek	Guide RNA Design	Computer lab		
15-Nov	M	Mitchell	Genome editing Nobel Prize	Discussion	15	11
17-Nov	W	Mitchell	Preparation time for term project	No class meeting		
19-Nov	F	Mitchell	Student presentations 2.5 per day	Presentation/Discussion	30	12
22-Nov	M	Mitchell	Student presentations 2.5 per day	Presentation/Discussion		
24-Nov	W	<i>No class - Thanksgiving</i>				
26-Nov	F	<i>No class - Thanksgiving</i>				
29-Nov	M	Mitchell	Student presentations 2.5 per day	Presentation/Discussion	20	13
1-Dec	W	Mitchell	Student presentations 2.5 per day	Presentation/Discussion		
3-Dec	F	Mitchell	Student presentations 2.5 per day	Presentation/Discussion		
6-Dec	M	Mitchell	Student presentations 2.5 per day	Presentation/Discussion		