

| Project | | Week | Day | Date | Module | Topic | | |
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| Describe your previous research, areas of research interest in bioinformatics / computational-biology, type of project that best fits your interests. Post this description in a profile that lets your classmates know you. Project profile due Wed, Jan 15. | | Week 01 | Day 01 | Mon, Jan 06 | Introduction, Overview, and Refreshers | Course overview + Getting started in computational biology | | |
| | | | Day 02 | Wed, Jan 08 | | Refresher 1: Concepts in statistics & probability | | |
| | | | Day 03 | Fri, Jan 10 | | Refresher 2: Concepts in computational science & applied math | | |
| Discuss with Arjun (and any other PI) and read recent papers. Briefly describe project ideas. Project topic due Fri, Jan 31. | Phase 1 | Week 02 | Day 04 | Mon, Jan 13 | Genome assembly & annotation | Assembly with de Bruijn graphs | | |
| | | | Day 05 | Wed, Jan 15 | | Gene prediction with Hidden Markov models | | |
| | | | Day 06 | Fri, Jan 17 | | Paper discussion; HMM continued | | |
| | | Week 03 | | Mon, Jan 20 | No Class; Need an extra hour (or two 30-minute slots) to compensate | | | |
| | | | Day 07 | Wed, Jan 22 | Sequence alignment & pattern finding | Dynamic programming; Substitution matrices | | |
| | | | Day 08 | Fri, Jan 24 | | BLAST; Paper discussion | | |
| | | Week 04 | Day 09 | Mon, Jan 27 | Comparative genomics; Phylogenomics | Whole genome alignment; Suffix trees | | |
| | | | Day 10 | Wed, Jan 29 | | Molecular evolution; Tree construction | | |
| | | | Day 11 | Fri, Jan 31 | | Paper discussion | | |
| | | Week 05 | Day 12 | Mon, Feb 03 | Genetic variation & quantitative genetics | GWAS, Regularized linear regression | | |
| | | | Day 13 | Wed, Feb 05 | | Polygenic risk score; Statistical inference, Multiple testing | | |
| | | | Day 14 | Fri, Feb 07 | | Paper discussion | | |
| | | Write 5-page proposal describing project goals, division of work, milestones, datasets, and challenges. Project proposal due Wed, Feb 19. | Week 06 | Day 15 | Mon, Feb 10 | Regulatory genomics | Gibbs sampling | |
| | | | | Day 16 | Wed, Feb 12 | | Expectation-Maximization | |
| | | | | Day 17 | Fri, Feb 14 | | Paper discussion | |
| Week 07 | Day 18 | | | Mon, Feb 17 | Functional genomics | Differential expression; Functional enrichment analysis | | |
| | Day 19 | | | Wed, Feb 19 | | Intro to unsupervised and supervised learning | | |
| | Day 20 | | | Fri, Feb 21 | | Paper discussion + Check-in | | |
| Review proposals. Reviews due Fri, Feb 28. | Week 08 | Day 21 | Mon, Feb 24 | Conducting a Bioinfo / CompBio Project: A Practical Primer in 3-parts | Organizing and managing a CompBio project | | | |
| | | Day 22 | Wed, Feb 26 | | Kickstarting and getting help in a CompBio project | | | |
| | | Day 23 | Fri, Feb 28 | | Presenting data and results in a CompBio project | | | |
| Address peer evaluations, revise aims, scope, and list of final goals & deliverables. Meet with Arjun about reviews, revised plan, and progress. | Phase 2 | | | Mon, Mar 02 | | | | |
| | | | | Wed, Mar 04 | | | | |
| | | | | Fri, Mar 06 | | | | |
| | | Week 09 | Day 24 | Mon, Mar 09 | Bioinformatics & Computational Biology Co-work Sessions | 10a–12:15p | | |
| | | | Day 25 | Wed, Mar 11 | | | | |
| | | | Day 26 | Fri, Mar 13 | | | | |
| Continue making substantial progress on proposed milestones. Write mid-course project report. Mid-course project report due Fri, Mar 27. | Week 10 | Day 27 | Mon, Mar 16 | Mid-course project presentations | Lightning talks | | | |
| | | Day 28 | Wed, Mar 18 | | | | | |
| | | Day 29 | Fri, Mar 20 | | | | | |
| Complete milestones, finalize results, figures, write-up in conference publication format. As part of the report, comment on your overall project experience. Final project report due Fri, Apr 26. | Phase 3 | Week 11 | Day 30 | Mon, Mar 23 | Single-cell genomics | Missing value imputation; Dimensionality reduction | | |
| | | | Day 31 | Wed, Mar 25 | | Trajectory inference; Spatial reconstruction | | |
| | | | Day 32 | Fri, Mar 27 | | Paper discussion | | |
| | | Week 12 | Day 33 | Mon, Mar 30 | Molecular dynamics; Structure prediction | Molecular simulation | | |
| | | | Day 34 | Wed, Apr 01 | | Maximum entropy modeling | | |
| | | | Day 35 | Fri, Apr 03 | | Paper discussion | | |
| | | Week 13 | Day 36 | Mon, Apr 06 | Modeling cellular pathways | Dynamical simulation, State Space, Bifurcation | | |
| | | | Day 37 | Wed, Apr 08 | | Discrete/Boolean modeling | | |
| | | | Day 38 | Fri, Apr 10 | | Paper discussion | | |
| | | Week 14 | Day 39 | Mon, Apr 13 | Whole-cell models; Digital evolution | Genome-scale metabolic models; Constraint-based modeling | | |
| | | | Day 40 | Wed, Apr 15 | | Artificial life and other whole-cell models | | |
| | | | Day 41 | Fri, Apr 17 | | Paper discussion | | |
| | | Week 15 | Day 42 | Mon, Apr 20 | Biological networks | Measuring associations; Network inference | | |
| | | | Day 43 | Wed, Apr 22 | | Graph theory, Label propagation | | |
| | | | Day 44 | Fri, Apr 24 | | Paper discussion | | |
| Final exams | | Week 16 | Day 45 | Thu, Apr 30 | Final project poster presentations | Poster presentations | | |