Fall 2012  -  Bio Sci 93: DNA to Organisms Discussion A1, A2 and A3

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Discussion Sections: A1-05201 A2-05202 A3-05203
Course times: 2:00 (A1), 3:00 (A2), 4:00 (A3)
Class Location: 237 Steinhaus Hall
Class Website: http://eee.uci.edu/12f/05201

Course Goals: The purpose of this discussion is to supplement the course materials. Attending this course will increase your understanding of course material in addition to teaching you valuable studying and test taking techniques which will benefit your further education.

Enrollment: Students must attend the lecture and discussion for which they are enrolled. Adding and dropping courses must be completed through WebReg. If you wish to trade sections with another student please contact me. **If you drop the course through WebReg without checking with me first your spot will likely be lost.** This is because there is a waiting list that automatically fills available spots.

What to Bring: Please bring your textbook, class notes, and required materials posted on the discussion website. All required materials will be posted by 8pm the Sunday before discussion.

Discussion Assignments and Grading: There are 20 points associated with the discussion section (10% of your final course grade). Points will be allocated as follows:

- **18 points:** Students will be given 7 graded assignments. I will drop the lowest score out of the 7. Each assignment is worth 3 points (1.5% of your final grade). All assignments with a score of 50% or higher will receive full credit. Graded assignments may occur on any discussion day. Assignments may be quizzes, group activities, worksheets or web-based EEE activities. Attendance is required to receive assignment credit.
- **2 points:** Students will receive 1 point each (0.5% of your final grade) for completing a mid-quarter and final teaching evaluation.

**Make-up assignments will NOT be available.** The first missed assignment will count as your ‘dropped’ score. Further missed assignments will count against your final grade (1.5% lost per assignment missed). To benefit from and receive a good grade in discussion and discussion assignments you must be up-to-date on your reading and review of lecture materials.

Attendance: Attending the discussion is to your benefit. I am here to help you understand the course material and assist in building your learning and studying techniques. If you do not attend class you may not be able to earn points associated with discussion assignments.

Classroom Etiquette: Please arrive to class on time. Be respectful to myself and other students. This includes silencing and putting away cell phones and other electronic devices. Discussion is interactive and there will often be small group work. Laptops will not be necessary.

Office Hours and Meetings: Students should make use of office hours to get additional clarification on course material from both lecture and discussion sections. Students may attend office hours of any Bio93 TA from lectures A and B. If problems arise with office hour scheduling please contact me.

How to contact me: Email is the best means to contact me. I will respond to your email within 24 hours. If you do not receive a response after 24 hours please email me again. When writing to me please use your UCI e-mail address (this assures you won’t be marked as spam) and include “Bio93 (A1, A2 or A3)” in the subject line (this assures I notice it’s course-related). Please sign with your full name. I will occasionally email the entire class. It will be sent to the address on file with the registrar. It is your responsibility to check your email often and ensure the accuracy of your address on file.

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