Bio93: DNA to Organisms Syllabus
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Course Information
Sections: 05221, 05222, 05223
Class Website: https://eee.uci.edu/12f/05221
Location and hours: 237 Steinhaus Hall, 9AM, 10AM, 11AM

Course Description: The purpose of this discussion section is to supplement the material presented in lecture. The format of this class is meant to be interactive and mostly student driven. With this in mind, expect to be an active participant in discussions and to engage in activities designed to enhance your learning experience.

Enrollment: Students must attend the lecture and discussion section in which they are enrolled. Any alterations in scheduling must be done through WebReg. BioSci Student Affairs (http://students.bio.uci.edu/) is available to you to help with course enrollment.

Class Materials: In addition to the textbook and class notes, every week I will post on the class website under “Assignments” the materials I expect you to bring to class. This information will be posted by Sunday night at 10PM. The date corresponds to the items needed for that day, not the next class.

Discussion Assignments and Grading:
20 points total (10% of your final Bio93 grade).
18 points: There will be 7, three-point assignments, given with only the highest 6 scores counting towards your final grade (6 highest assignments x 3=18 points). Answering at least 50% of the questions correctly will be counted as full credit (e.g., a 5/10 score on a quiz will count as a 10/10 towards your grade). Assignments are scheduled randomly throughout the quarter and vary in format.

2 points are given as one point each in the form of a mid-quarter and final teaching evaluation.

Late assignment policy and attendance: While attendance to discussion is not mandatory, any missed assignments cannot be made up and no extra time will be given to students who arrive late to class to complete graded assignments. Your first missed assignment will count as your “dropped” assignment and will not count against your final grade.

Classroom Etiquette: Promptness is a must as discussed above-no extra time will be given to tardy students. Please refrain from using cell phones (and set them to silent) or other electronic devices that are not necessary for discussion purposes. Non-disruptive food and drink is permitted (i.e. no loud chip bags or overly aromatic/messy/etc. food items).

Office Hours and Meetings: Office hours are a great resource to receive further clarification on topics covered in Bio93. Students are free to visit any TA’s office hours, regardless of the course section they are enrolled in. If you cannot make it to my office hours, but would like to speak with me about course material, please contact me to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Contact: I may be reached via email at CarrieN1@uci.edu. In the subject heading include: Bio93 and your discussion section. I will try my best to respond to your emails within 24 hours. Please re-send me the email if you do not hear a response from me within that time frame.

Academic Honesty: Refer to the campus wide policy http://www.editor.uci.edu/11-12/appx/appx.2.htm regarding UCI’s official stance on academic dishonesty. Please note that ignorance is not an acceptable excuse and that we follow a zero tolerance policy against cheating and other forms of academic misconduct.