

Biol 4011 FA – Fundamentals of Immunology (2020FS)

Time and Place: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays online via zoom; 1st class will be held on 8 September 2020.

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Textbook: Janeway, Immunobiology (9th edition, 2016, Garland Science); please make sure to get the correct edition. Any edition prior to the 9th one is not adequate!

Date & Time	Lecturer / Presenter	Topic
Sept. 8/10	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe & Ashley Faulkner	Course Introduction: marking scheme, assignments & Overview of immunology [Ch.1]
Sept. 15/17	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe	The innate immune system: First lines of defense [Ch. 2, 3 (parts)]
Sept. 22/24	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe	Induction of innate immunity [Ch. 3]
Sept. 29/Oct. 1	Drs Ingeborg Zehbe and Guillem Dayer & Ashley Faulkner	<u>Assignment 1</u> : Journal Club based on Immunology Methods A: Pre-seminar & Journal Article Discussion
Oct. 6/8	Drs Guillem Dayer & Ingeborg Zehbe	Global immune globulin structure and antibodies & Evolution of immunology
Oct. 13/15	Reading week	N/A
Oct. 20/22	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe & Ashley Faulkner Question time for Mid-term Exam (optional)	Mid-term Exam: Material from first half of the course (exclusive of what was covered by assignment 1)
Oct. 27/29	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe	Human leukocyte antigen (HLA): B and T lymphocyte development & receptors [Chs 6, 8]
Nov. 3/5	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe	T cell-mediated immunity & the humoral immune response [Chs 9, 10]
Nov. 10/12	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe	Integrated dynamics of innate and adaptive immunity & the mucosal immune system [Chs 11, 12]
Nov. 17/19	Drs Ingeborg Zehbe & Guillem Dayer & Ashley Faulkner	<u>Assignment 2</u> : Journal Club based on Immunology Methods B: Pre-seminar & Journal Article Discussion
Nov. 24/26	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe & Ashley Faulkner	Immune tolerance, immune deficiency and autoimmunity & Debate (vaccination)

Dec. 1	Dr. Ingeborg Zehbe & Ashley Faulkner	Question time for Final Exam (optional)
TBD	Final Exam	Material from second half of the course (exclusive of what was covered by assignment 2)

Course rationale

Focus on fundamental principles of basic immunology from first engagement of innate immunity to the generation of the adaptive immune response with strong focus on vertebrates (humans). No previous knowledge in immunology is necessary. Some insight in basic genetics and signalling pathways with their receptors is necessary.

Course objective

Obtain knowledge of immunological principles related to:

- Cell surface molecules and receptors on cells of the immune system
- How immune cells develop and acquire the ability to recognize antigens
- How they interact to defend the organism against microbes
- How they malfunction in autoimmunity & immunodeficiency

Lecture Structure

During the semester, lectures will be structured as formal lectures, preparatory seminars and group discussions.

Mark Breakdown

Mid-term exam	25%
Assignments (2)	30% (2 x 15%)
Final exam	35%
Quizzes & Debate	10%

Assignments (A1 and A2)

Students will be given two assignments during the course. A1 – Immunology Methods, which will include a preparatory/introductory seminar (Tuesday) followed by a quiz the same week (Thursday). A2 – Journal Club, which will include a preparatory seminar followed by moderated small-group journal article discussions.

Mid-term Exam

To be written in class and will be based off the material covered in the first half of the course.

Final Exam

To be written during the examination period and will be based off the material covered in the second half of the course.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- It is essential to attend each lecture to get most out of this course and it is estimated to work at least 6 hours weekly.
- Check your Desire2Learn/MyCourseLink page on a regular basis to obtain posted information, documents and journal articles.
- Study regularly by reading the suggested chapters in your text book.
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(a) Unless otherwise allowed by the course instructor, they must complete the assignments in this course without the assistance of anyone else.

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