**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

**Graduate Programs—NEW COURSE PROPOSAL**

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Basic Science  
**COLLEGE OF:** Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science

**RECOMMENDED COURSE IDENTIFICATION:**
- **PREFIX:** PCB  
- **COURSE NUMBER:** 6235  
- **LAB CODE (L or C):** (TO OBTAIN A COURSE NUMBER, CONTACT ERUDOLPH@FAU.EDU)

**COMPLETE COURSE TITLE:** Molecular Basis of Human Cancer

**CREDITS:** 3  

**TEXTBOOK INFORMATION:**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** (first term course will be offered) Summer 2011

**GRADING (SELECT ONLY ONE GRADING OPTION):** REGULAR _X_  

**COURSE DESCRIPTION, NO MORE THAN 3 LINES:**
Molecular Basis of Human Cancer covers current concepts and knowledge of cancer. This course will explore the molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying cancer progression with the aim to understand the processes of tumorigenesis.

**PREREQUISITES W/MINIMUM GRADE:**
- PCB 4023 Molecular and Cell Biology or BCH 3033
- Biochemistry or PCB 6207 Adv.
- Cell Physiology. Min grade: B-

**COREQUISITES:** N.A.

**OTHER REGISTRATION CONTROLS (MAJOR, COLLEGE, LEVEL):**
- Graduate Students Only

**PREREQUISITES, COREQUISITES & REGISTRATION CONTROLS SHOWN ABOVE WILL BE ENFORCED FOR ALL COURSE SECTIONS.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO TEACH THIS COURSE:**
- Ph.D.

Other departments, colleges that might be affected by the new course must be consulted. List entities that have been consulted and attach written comments from each. Department of Biology

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Faculty Contact, Email, Complete Phone Number

**SIGNATURES**

**Approved by:**  
Department Chair:  
College Curriculum Chair:  
College Dean:  
UGPC Chair:  
Dean of the Graduate College:  

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

**Syllabus**—must include all details as shown in the UGPC Guidelines.

**Written Consent**—required from all departments affected.

Go to [http://graduate.fau.edu/ugpc/](http://graduate.fau.edu/ugpc/) to download this form and guidelines to fill out the form.

Email this form and syllabus to diamond@fau.edu and euirjo@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website by committee members prior to the meeting.

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Molecular Basis of Human Cancer

Course Number: PCB 6235

Prerequisites: Advanced (upper division) Molecular and Cellular Biology, Biochemistry, Cell Physiology
Co-requisites: None

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Textbooks: No textbook required.

Bibliography:


Original research and review Journal articles:


Course description:
Molecular Basis of Human Cancer covers current concepts and knowledge of cancer. This course will explore the molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying cancer progression with the aim to understand the processes of tumorigenesis. Topics include: Overview of the Hallmarks of Cancer, Oncogenes, Tumor Suppressors, Genomic Integrity, Tumor Microenvironment, Epithelial Mesenchymal Transition, Angiogenesis, Inflammation and Current Cancer Treatment.

Instructional objectives:
The aim of the course is to educate the students on the current advances in the field of cancer biology. The goal is to promote students’ proficiency in knowledge of evolving concepts and changing dogmas of modern cancer research.
Course Schedule and Topics (tentative schedule not include tests):

Meet weekly on Tuesday/Thursday 10:30 am -12:00 noon

Week 1: Overview:
Membrane, cell organelles, cytoskeleton and cell junctions

Week 2: Signal transduction

Week 3: Oncogenes and Transformation
Oncogenes and Viral Oncogenesis

Week 4: Cell growth (de)regulation

Week 5: Tumor Suppressor
Cell cycle control, tumor suppressor genes

Week 6: Senescence and Cancer

Week 7: Genomic Integrity (Caretaker genes)
Genotoxicity, DNA damage repair

Week 8: DNA Damage Response

Week 9: Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition (EMT)
Invasion and metastasis

Week 10: Tumor Microenvironment
Cancer associated stromal cells

Week 11: Angiogenesis and Inflammation

Week 12: Current Cancer Treatment and Therapeutic Targets

Method of Instruction: The course is structured by partitioning classroom lectures with student participated discussions. The lectures will be delivered as listed topics each week. Each week there will be assignments of specific journal article(s), mostly reviews, related to the subject topic of the week for reading and discussion. The success of this class is dependent upon student participation in the discussions. To facilitate this participation, students are required to submit by email one question pertaining to each assigned paper as homework assignment. The questions are due by noon on the Monday before class. These questions may be about technical aspects or general concept discussed in the paper. We will use these questions to stimulate class discussions. The main goal of this exercise is to familiarize you with reading and analyzing scientific literature in the area of cancer biology. You will practice critical reading and discussion of scientific papers and learn to evaluate data and methodologies.
Assessment Procedures:
Students will be graded on attendance, homework assignment and participate in classroom discussions. In addition, there will be a written midterm and a final exam covering the lectures topics and reading assignments.

Final grades will be assigned based on the following criteria:
30% attendance and participation
30% Homework assignment
20% Midterm written test
20% Final topic oral presentation

Grading criteria:
90 - 100% = A
80 - 89% = B
70 - 79% = C
60 - 69% = D
0 - 59% = F

Academic Honor Code:
Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility.

The FAU Honor Code requires a faculty member, student, or staff member to notify an instructor when there is reason to believe an academic irregularity is occurring in a course. The instructor must pursue any reasonable allegation, taking action where appropriate. The following constitute academic irregularities:

1. The use of notes, books or assistance from or to other students while taking an examination or working on other assignments, unless specifically authorized by the instructor, are defined as acts of cheating.
2. The presentation of words or ideas from any other source as one's own is an act defined as plagiarism.
3. Other activities that interfere with the educational mission of the University.

For full details of the FAU Honor Code, see University Regulation 4.001 at www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Honor_Code.pdf.

Students With Disabilities
In compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the
Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) – in Boca Raton, SU 133 (561-297-3880); in Davie, MOD 1 (954-236-1222); in Jupiter, SR 117 (561-799-8585); or at the Treasure Coast, CO 128 (772-873-3305) – and follow all OSD procedures.
Good morning,

I circulated the syllabi for the new courses listed in your e-mail (see below) to the faculty who could make comments. I did not receive any responses that raised questions or noted a significant overlap with any of our graduate courses. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I hope this is helpful and good luck with the remainder of the process toward approval of the courses.

Regards,
David

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Julie Sivigny <jsivigny@fau.edu>
Date: March 15, 2010 1:38:27 PM EDT
To: 'David Binninger' <binninge@fau.edu>
Subject: Biomedical Science New Course Proposals

Dear Dr. Binninger,
Thank you for your assistance with this process. We are submitting a total of 10 new course proposals and 2 changes. All syllabi were forwarded to Dr. Murphey but in multiple batches so if you are missing any please let me know and I'll send to you immediately.

Biomedical Science New Course Proposals:
Host Defense & Inflammation – Dr. Yoshimi Shibata
Molecular Neuropsychopharmacology – Drs. Isgor and Tao
Macromolecules and Human Disease – Drs. Brew and Li
Adult Neurogenesis – Dr. Jianning Wei
Molecular Basis of Disease & Therapy – Dr. Caputi
Tumor Immunology – Dr. Vijaya Iragavarapu
Molecular Genetics of the Cell – Dr. Kantorow
Molecular Basis of Human Cancer – Dr. Lu
Problem-based Immunology – Dr. Nouri-Shirazi
Fundamentals of General Pathology – Dr. Levitt

The integrated morphology courses will be processed as changes. We previously offered two 3-
credit courses: Human Gross Anatomy – Trunk and Human Gross Anatomy – Extremities. We are
changing these to 4-credit courses with the titles Integrated Morphology I and II taught by Drs. Willis
Paul, Rainald Shmidt-Kastner and Deborah Cunningham.

The graduate college submission deadline is Wednesday March 17th at noon. I apologize for the
lateness of some of these requests and appreciate your effort to assist us.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.
Thank you.
Julie

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From: David Binninger [mailto:binninge@fau.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 11:16 AM
To: Julie Sivigny
Cc: Rodney Murphey; Jay Lyons
Subject: Fwd: Biomedical Science New Course Proposal - Macromolecules & Human Disease

Good morning Julie,

I forwarded the syllabi for the new courses to the appropriate faculty last week. It’s my
opinion that there will not be any issues or conflicts. So far, I have had only one response
and that was that there were no concerns. Please confirm the full list of new courses and
when you need a statement from me.

I hope this is helpful and please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
David

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