



BMS 655: Spring 2009

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30

Massry Conference Room

First floor

Cancer Research Center

East Campus

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Format and Scope

- This class focuses on cutting edge approaches to cancer biology through review of the current scientific literature.
- This is a graduate level course, and basic knowledge of cancer biology (etiology, pathology, terminology, research models, techniques, etc) is assumed. Although no textbook will be used for this class, general texts in Cancer Biology will be made available to students with limited prior coursework in this area.
- The basic class format will be presentation and discussion of original research papers chosen by students in consultation with the coordinator. Companion review articles will also be assigned for some sessions.
- Each student will be responsible for at least one assigned presentation during the semester. Papers will be distributed to students via email prior to the presentation date. Students are encouraged to meet with the course coordinator to discuss their assigned papers during preparation for their presentations.
- Students are expected to read all assigned papers (including reviews) prior to class each week.
- All students will be required to complete an evaluation/comment form for every presentation, which will provide anonymous feedback to the speaker.

Grading

- This course is graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis.
- Evaluation will be based on attendance and preparation (20%), participation in class discussions (20%), completion of evaluation forms (20%) and research paper presentations (40%).
- To pass this course, active participation (in addition to any assigned presentations) is necessary.