

# **BMS 665: CANCER BIOLOGY JOURNAL CLUB Fall 2009**

**Tuesdays 3:00-4:00**

**Cancer Research Center, Massry Auditorium**

## **Coordinator**

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## **Format and Scope**

- This class will focus on the molecular and cellular biology of cancer through review of current 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, which will be chosen by the students.
- Each student will be responsible for at least one assigned presentation during the semester. Students should email a PDF copy of their chosen paper to Dr. Welsh one week before the scheduled presentation date. These will then be distributed to the entire class by Dr. Welsh
- All students are expected to read all assigned papers prior to class each week and be prepared to contribute to class discussions.
- 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, participation in class discussions, completion of evaluation forms and research paper presentations.
- To pass this course, active participation (in addition to any assigned presentations) is necessary.