CLASS DAYS and TIME: Monday 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CLASSROOM: 309L MED

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES
This is a CGM discipline requires this course of all students starting the Fall of the second year through the semester preceding the student’s dissertation defense. The student may attend the CGM journal club or can attend any other regularly meeting journal clubs including, but not limited to:
- Cancer Biology Journal Club
- Aging Journal Club
- M&I Journal Club
- Cancer Immunology Journal Club
- Brain Health Journal Club
- Neuro Science Journal Club

Alternatively, CGM provides a journal club opportunity for students who do not wish to participate in these other journal clubs. **Attendance at sixteen** journal club or student presentations are required per semester for this course. The student must keep a record of presentations attended and submit this information to the course director at the end of the semester. The presentation summary should include date, time, location, speaker, topic and a 2 to 4 sentence summary of the presentation. Students are **required** to present at journal club or give a student presentation each semester.

Pre-requisites – No prerequisites

Semester credit hours – 1 SCH

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:
- Present papers and moderate discussion
- Critically analyze presented papers and research updates
- Actively participate in discussion by asking questions

COURSE ORGANIZATION
The main teaching modalities used in this course include:
1) Reading of assigned journal club papers
2) Oral presentation of papers and research using power point slides
3) Group discussions of papers and research

Materials – Reading of assigned journal articles.

Computer Access – Classroom will have a computer and projector. However, students can bring their own computer for presentation.
**Reading Assignments** – One article per week. Articles are posted on canvas prior to the presentation.

**ATTENDANCE**

Students must attend a total of 16 presentations per semester. These presentations can be at any of the approved journal clubs listed above, including CGM, as well as the student presentations. Canvas provides schedules for both CGM journal club as well as the student presentations.

**TEXTBOOKS**

Required: No textbook

**GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES**

Students are required to give one journal club presentation per semester or one research update per year. Grading policy: Based on attendance and participation in discussion.

**REQUESTS FOR ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES**

In accordance with policy 4.2.3, Request for Accommodation Under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), any student requesting accommodation must submit the appropriate request for accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, form 100) to his/her appropriate Associate Dean of their School and a copy to the ADA Coordinator. Additional information may be obtained at http://uthscsa.edu/eeo/request.asp.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM**

Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline as prescribed by the UT System Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an exam for another person, signing attendance sheets for another student, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act.

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University of Texas Health San Antonio is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. As required by Title IX, UTHSCSA does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, and it encourages any student, faculty, or staff member who thinks that he or she has been subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment (including sexual violence) or sexual misconduct to immediately report the incident to the Title IX Director.

In an emergency, victims of sexual abuse should call 911. For non-emergencies, they may contact UPD at 210-567-2800. Additional information may be obtained at http://students.uthscsa.edu/titleix/

**EMAIL POLICY**

Every student is issued a University e-mail address and account at the time of enrollment. As a matter of University Policy, communications between students and faculty that occur using the student’s University e-mail address is considered official business. Therefore, students are expected to check their university email inboxes on a regular basis so that any announcements, instructions, or information regarding this course will be received in a timely way.
Missed communications due to inadequate monitoring of incoming emails on the University’s email server will never be a valid excuse for unsatisfactory academic progress.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Computers, tablets use is allowed only for participating in classroom activities (e.g., viewing slides presented in lecture, reading assignments or articles, data analysis, etc.). Activities unrelated to course objectives such as using phone or texting are not allowed.