Seminar in Molecular Medicine
MMED 6091

FALL 2019

CLASS DAYS and TIME:  Wednesdays, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CLASSROOM:  TBD

COURSE FACULTY:  Course Director:  Zhijie “Jason” Liu, Ph.D.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course includes presentations from nationally and internationally renowned speakers in Molecular Medicine. This course will share with students the most up-to-date research discoveries in Molecular Medicine. Additionally, this course will include the Molecular Medicine Departmental Retreat in which students will have the opportunity to present their work.

Pre-requisites – None

Semester credit hours – 1.5

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Discuss current topics in Molecular Medicine.
- Interpret the current literature pertaining to current topics in Molecular Medicine.
- Write a written summary of the seminar.
- Formulate and ask questions directed at the seminar speaker following presentation of the seminar.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

The main teaching modalities used in this course include:

1) Didactic seminars and lectures on specific topics with the purpose of conveying important concepts.

2) Team based learning with students researching topics and reading the scientific literature.

3) Written short summaries of the seminars.

Materials – Laptop for viewing the lecture notes and for reading scientific papers.

Reading Assignments – Course materials will be distributed to students via e-mail prior to class periods.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and participation are mandatory. One large component of the grading is class participation so if a student misses a class due to sickness, the student needs to inform the instructors and course directors as soon as possible since
this may result in an incomplete for the student. Any scheduled absences must be approved by the course director prior to the absence.

TEXTBOOKS
No required textbooks.

GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES
Grades will be based on attendance, class participation (asking questions following the seminar presentation), and evaluation of the short written summaries (one short paragraph) of the seminars.

Grading System
A = 90-100%  B = 80-89%  C = 70-79%  F = < 69%

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EMAIL POLICY
Course information and instructions will be e-mailed to students. Additionally, students should communicate with the course director via e-mail.
USE OF RECORDING DEVICES

Recording devices during the lectures are allowed with the permission of each instructor.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices such as cell phones, computers, tablets, etc. are permitted in class, but we ask that you silence your cell phones during class.
Class Schedule To Be Determined