

## **BIOM555 - REGULATION OF THE GENOME: SPRING 2022**

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### **COURSE INFORMATION**

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**Lectures:** Austrian Auditorium, CRB: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:30 am – 10:00 am; Tuesday, January 18 through Thursday, April 28

**Small group discussions:** January 27 through April 22. Students choose one discussion session and attend that session each week. Attendance and participation are required. Sign up using this link.

Session 1: Thursdays 10–11 am – 204 Stellar Chance (Andy)  
Session 2: Thursdays 10–11 am – 104 Stellar Chance (Jesse)  
Session 3: Thursdays 10–11 am – 301 Stellar Chance (Brittany)  
Session 4: Thursdays 3:30–4:30 pm – 204 Stellar Chance (Karen)  
Session 5: Thursdays 3:30–4:30 pm – 104 Stellar Chance (Brittney)  
Session 6: Fridays 11am–12 pm – 204 Stellar Chance (Sean)  
Session 7: Fridays 11am–12 pm – 104 Stellar Chance (Yee Hoon)

**Exams:** There will be three exams, which will be taken in the Smilow Auditorium (on February 22 and March 29) and in CRB Austrian (on April 28), in presence of the TA's, using Canvas. The exams will start at 8:00 am and end at 10:00 am.

**Final grade:** The final grade for the course is a composite of the three exam, each counting for 25%, and a grade given by the TA's for class participation during the small group discussions, which counts for the remaining 25%. Final scores  $\geq 90$  will be given an "A", between 80 and 89.9 a "B", and scores below 80 a B- or a C. In prior years, the mean final score was  $\sim 87$  and the median  $\sim 88$ . Should this year's mean and median be significantly lower, the course directors will consider adjustments to the grading scheme in favor of the class.

**Office hours:** There are no formal office hours. The course directors and TA's will answer questions and concerns about the course after the lectures or during the small group discussions.

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## LECTURE SCHEDULE

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### Section 1 – Genome maintenance

**Tuesday, January 18:** Course outline & introduction to next generation sequencing (Roberto Bonasio)

**Thursday, January 20:** DNA replication (Paul Lieberman)

**Tuesday, January 25:** Telomeres (Roger Greenberg)

**Thursday, January 27:** DNA repair and cell cycle checkpoints (Roger Greenberg)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 1: DNA replication and telomeres\)](#)

**Tuesday, February 1:** Genome Editing (Jorge Henao-Mejia)

### Section 2 – Transcription

**Thursday, February 3:** Nucleosome structure (Ben Black)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 2: DNA repair and Genome editing\)](#)

**Tuesday, February 8:** RNAseq, GROseq, and scRNAseq (Klaus Kaestner)

**Thursday, February 10:** Eukaryotic transcription I – (Ken Zaret)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 3: Nucleosome structure & RNA-seq\)](#)

**Tuesday, February 15:** Eukaryotic transcription II – (Ken Zaret)

**Thursday, February 17:** REVIEW SESSION (TAs)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 4: Regulation of transcription\)](#)

### Section 3 – Chromatin Modifications

**Tuesday, February 22:** **EXAM 1**; Smilow Auditorium

**Thursday, February 24:** Epigenomic methods: BS-seq, ChIP-seq, ATAC-seq (Klaus Kaestner)

**Tuesday, March 1:** Histone marks (Roberto Bonasio)

**Thursday, March 3:** Polycomb (Roberto Bonasio)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 4: Epigenomics and histone modifications\)](#)

**Tuesday, March 8:** Trithorax and chromatin remodeling (Roberto Bonasio)

### Section 4 – DNA modifications and 3D organization

**Thursday, March 10:** Spatial genomics methods: sequencing and imaging (Melike Lakadamyali)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 5: Polycomb, and trithorax\)](#)

**Tuesday, March 15:** Chromatin topology and nuclear organization (Melike Lakadamyali)

**Thursday, March 17:** DNA modifications (Marisa Bartolomei)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 6: Spatial genomics and chromatin organization\)](#)

**Tuesday, March 22:** Genomic imprinting and dosage compensation (Marisa Bartolomei)

**Thursday, March 24:** REVIEW SESSION FOR EXAM (TAs)

[Thursday/Friday \(Discussion of problem set 7: DNA modifications and imprinting\)](#)

### Section 5 – Coding and noncoding RNA regulation

**Tuesday, March 29:** **EXAM 2**; Smilow Auditorium

**Thursday, March 31:** Small RNAs and RNA interference (Colin Conine)

**Tuesday, April 5:** Long non-coding RNAs (Colin Conine)

**Thursday, April 7:** RNA processing (Kristen Lynch)

Thursday/Friday (Discussion of problem set 8: Noncoding RNAs)

**Tuesday, April 12:** RNA modifications (Kristen Lynch)

**Thursday, April 14:** RNA localization (Peter Klein)

Thursday/Friday (Discussion of problem set 9: RNA processing and modifications)

**Tuesday, April 19:** Translational control (Peter Klein)

**Thursday, April 21:** Transgenerational epigenetics & course conclusion (Roberto Bonasio)

Thursday/Friday (Discussion of problem set 10: (RNA localization and translational control)

**Tuesday, April 26:** REVIEW SESSION FOR EXAM (TAs)

**Thursday, April 28:** **EXAM 3**; Class of 62 and Reunion Auditorium

### **General references for review (library/web)**

Lewin's Genes XII (Krebs, Goldstein, Kilpatrick)

Epigenetics, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Allis, Jenuwein, Reinberg)

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