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**BIOT 5310      FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH      Credit Hours: 3**

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**Semester:** Fall**Year:** 2020**Class Day/Time:** Mondays 9 am – 12 pm      **Class Location:** Rm 116.1 or MS TEAMS**Instructor of Record:** Dr. Amy Tvinnereim and Dr. Anna Kurdowska

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**Course Description:** Designed for students desiring research projects directed by UTHSCT faculty, to provide an orientation into the research laboratory workplace, to develop skills in planning a laboratory project, and to present their work in both an oral and written context.

**Prerequisite:** As per program entry**Co-requisite:** None**Goals of Course & Course Objectives:***Objectives (Learning Outcomes):*

1. To develop an understanding of basic laboratory workings, rules and expectations.
2. To prepare the student to enter the laboratory with a level of independence.
3. To expose the student to both student and faculty research seminars so as to enhance their own professional presentation ability.

**Student Learning Outcomes (Course Competencies):***Knowledge and Understanding:*

Students' understanding will be evaluated with both oral and written components. Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate:

- A thorough understanding of laboratory concepts and practices.
- The ability to think independently and defend and discuss their ideas.

**Course Assessment/Methods of Evaluation:***Assignments:* Consists of in class and homework assignments (20%).*Participation:* Consists of attendance and participation in discussions (10%).

*Laboratory Rotations:* Students are required to rotate through three research labs for two weeks in each lab. During rotations students are required to shadow researchers and perform experiments under the guidance of the Principle Investigator of the lab. After each rotation, the student will submit a written report of the studies performed (30%).

*Final Exam:* Cumulative exam covers any and all materials covered in this course (40%).**Linked Program Learning Outcomes:**

The student learning outcomes listed above address the following Biotechnology Program PLOs:

- PLO-1. The student will demonstrate English communication skills in both oral and written forms.
- PLO-4. The student will demonstrate independent and critical thinking skills integrated with the ability to utilize multiple informational resources.

**Textbook:**

*At the Bench – A laboratory Navigator* by Kathy Barker; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (ISBN 0-87969-708-3)

**Course Content:**

1. Introduction
2. Scientific Writing
3. Radiation and Chemical Safety
4. Biomedical Literature Search
5. Animal Experimentation
6. Experiments Involving Human Samples
7. Recombinant DNA Research
8. Scientific Integrity
9. Compliance
10. Statistical Analysis

*Reading Assignments:*

Chapters 1 – 6, *At the Bench – A Laboratory Navigator* by Kathy Barker; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (ISBN 0-87969-708-3).

*Laboratory Rotations:*

Three rotations. Each rotation is for two weeks.

**Other Class Policies:****Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend all classes. Students will be allowed to miss **1 class** without penalty. Additional absences will be handled as follows:

2 absences	Lose 10% of overall grade in class
3 absences	Lose 15% of overall grade in class
4 absences	Lose 20% of overall grade in class
5+ absences	Student will have to remediate the course

Students will be considered absent if they arrive more than **15 minutes** after the start of class.

**Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency or sickness, the student **MUST** contact their PI and/or the Program Coordinator (Kim Tutt) by phone or email **THE DAY OF** the expected absence. Failure to do so will result in the absence being counted as 2 absences, resulting in a 10% decrease in the class grade.

**Assignments**

Students are expected to turn in assignments on time. Late assignments will be handled as follows:

1 day late	5% deducted from overall assignment grade
2 – 3 days late	10% deducted from overall assignment grade
4 – 7 days late	20% deducted from overall assignment grade
7+ days late	30% deducted from overall assignment grade

**Participation:**

Student participation is required for the successful completion of this course. If a student decides not to participate in class, the professor may reserve the right to give an F in the course.

**Academic Honesty:**

Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic 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 examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

**Cheating**

Dishonesty of any kind involving examinations, assignments, alteration of records, wrongful possession of examinations, and unpermitted submission of duplicate papers for multiple classes or unauthorized use of keys to examinations is considered cheating. Cheating includes but is not limited to:

- Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class.
- Falsifying or inventing any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise.
- Helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Materials, even ideas, borrowed from others necessitate full and complete acknowledgment of the original authors. Offering the work of another as one's own is plagiarism and is unacceptable in the academic community. A lack of adequate recognition constitutes plagiarism, whether it utilizes a few sentences, whole paragraphs, articles, books, audio-visual materials, or even the writing of a fellow student. In addition, the presentation of material gathered, assembled or formatted by others as one's own is also plagiarism. Because the university takes such misconduct very seriously, the student is urged to carefully read university policy on Misconduct in Research and Other Scholarly Activity. Examples of plagiarism are:

- Submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another.
- Submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source.
- Incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

**Adding/Dropping:**

The official deadline for adding and dropping courses is as published in the academic calendar and Graduate Bulletin (typically the day before Census Day). However, students are strongly encouraged to meet with their graduate advisor or the Program Coordinator prior to adding/dropping courses. Movement into and out of classes after the 4th class day requires approval of the Program Director. Students can drop until mid-semester without a WP or WF. Drops after mid-semester require approval of the Dean. Each student is responsible for their own enrollment status with the university.

**Disability Accommodations:**

UTHSCT abides by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, which mandate reasonable accommodations be provided for students with documented disabilities. If you have a disability and may require some type of instructional and/or examination accommodations, please contact me early in the semester so that I can provide or facilitate provision of accommodations you may need. If you have not already done so, you will need to register with the Student Services Office (located on the UT Tyler Campus). You may call 903-566-7079 for more information.