Welcome to microbiology laboratory. Here we’ll be using techniques in microbial physiology, microbial genomics, microbial evolution, and microbial ecology to explore the role of microbes in health, industry, and the environment. Inquiry-based experiments will cover the fundamentals of both working with live microscopic organisms at the bench and bioinformatically analyzing their genomes at the computer.

What this course will enable you to do:

Learning outcomes aka LO’s
By the end of the course you’ll be able to:

1. Appreciate the structure, physiology, and diversity of microorganisms.
2. Appreciate interactions of microbes with other organisms.
3. Appreciate interactions of microbes with their environment.
4. Detect and interpret evidence of microbial evolution.
5. Isolate, identify, grow, and quantitate microorganisms.
6. Execute laboratory tasks using aseptic technique.
7. Plan an experiment from a general outline of research objectives.
8. Analyze and interpret experimental data to draw accurate and statistically sound conclusions.
10. Recognize unknowns in microbiology.
11. Value the relevance of microbiology today.

Goals for bio majors
- Understand biotic and physical interactions
- Understand evolution and diversity
- Use contemporary biological research techniques and quantitative approaches to analyze results
- Construct reasonable hypotheses to explain biological phenomena
- Written + oral communication
- Recognize the interactions between biology and society

Goals for all students
- Critical thinking
- Quantitative reasoning
- Information literacy
- Core skills for all students to master

Did you know UCSD has core skills for all students to master? Here are some of them.
Assessments and Basis for Final Grade:

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No Bell Curve: You won't be competing against each other!

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Materials Needed to Succeed:

A Clicker: For lecture, you are required to have and bring an i>clicker that is registered via Triton ED.

Packback Access Code: We'll be using this AI-moderated forum to dive deeper into the topics we cover in class. You'll need to purchase an access code, ($28), available from the bookstore website (look up BIMM 121 under ‘Textbooks’).

Triton ED: Lab protocols, grades, and other course information will be posted on Triton ED, so make sure you can access it.

PPE: A lab coat that you only use for this class that extends to your knees, safety glasses (regular prescription glasses aren’t sufficient).

Lab Notebook: Bound style.

Something to Take Notes With During Lecture: Lectures will be podcast, but research shows that pen & paper note-taking where you organize, summarize and rephrase key ideas is one of the best strategies to help you learn new information. Even if you choose not to take notes in class; think about doing it from the podcasts while studying.
How to succeed in this class:

Daily Clicker Questions (6% of grade)
In every lecture, clicker questions will challenge you to apply what you’ve just learned. Every day you will have the opportunity to earn:

2 Participation Points (Submit answer to 75% of all questions for 2 pts, else get 0)
3 Performance Points (Get 1 pt for every correctly answered question)

There are usually more than 3 performance questions per class, so even if you get some wrong you may still get full points, and...

...you can make up one point by submitting a ‘muddiest point’ on triton ed before the next class (limit = 1 per day). Check often to make sure your clickers are being recorded.

If you miss lecture....
If you miss lecture, or if your clicker is having technical difficulties, you may not make up the questions. However we’ll drop your lowest 3 clicker days.

If you miss the midterm, your final will be worth a bigger % of your grade to compensate. If you miss the final, you may be eligible for an incomplete.

Use these drops wisely: It’s better to save them for the unexpected.

Packback (10% of grade)
This AI-moderated discussion forum is a key learning tool for the class. It is driven by your curiosity and will help you make connections between what we learn in class and the real world.

Every week, you are required to:
Post 1 question +
Respond to 2 questions

To earn credit, your posts must meet certain guidelines. Packback will coach you on how to do this, and will assign a curiosity score to each post based on its depth, credibility, and presentation. Consistently high curiosity scores are an opportunity to earn extra credit - details coming soon.

If you miss lab...
You must let Dr. Petrie, your IA, + your group know ahead of time. You will still be responsible for understanding the material you missed and submitting assignments on time. In the case of repeated absences, you may be asked to provide documentation of your excuse. Absences due to scheduling conflicts (other coursework, vacations, Beyonce concerts, etc) will not be excused and each will result in a grade penalty (1% off overall grade).

Notebook Checks (6% of grade)
There will be periodic in-lab checks of your laboratory notebook. The guidelines and rubrics for protocols and notebooks will be posted on triton ed. One thing that will help you ensure you get full credit is to answer all questions listed in the lab manual.

If health or family emergencies result in having to miss more than the allowed drops, see Dr. Petrie to discuss the possibility of an “Incomplete”. Per UCSD policy, you must be in good standing before class is missed to be eligible.
INCLUSIVITY:

Everyone will come to this course with different backgrounds, knowledge, and perspectives. We want to create a classroom culture that respects and revels in this human diversity. If you have any concerns related to inclusivity or feel your identities (race, gender, sexuality, religion, ability, etc) are not being honored, please let us know! Accommodations can be made for students with a letter from the OSD. For more information on campus & community resources, check Triton ED.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

An inclusive environment is one where everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed. Academic dishonesty (including, but not limited to: cheating, plagiarizing, answering with someone else’s clicker) fractures the playing field, by giving some students an unfair advantage. Assignments will be monitored via Turn-it-in, and students found to have committed academic dishonesty will be referred to the UCSD academic integrity office and may receive a failing grade for the course.

REGRADE REQUESTS:

We all make mistakes. If you think your homework, worksheet, report, or exam was graded in error, submit a request by email to Dr. Petrie within 7 days of receiving your grade. Include a written description of the error, including which question you are concerned about and why you think the grade is mistaken. No in-person requests will be considered. The regrade option is to safeguard you from genuine mistakes in grading; there is no guarantee you score will go up.

WE’RE WORKING TO IMPROVE YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Did you know that you can be part of a research study in this class? No! Not like that! Instead, during this class, I’ll be working to figure out the most effective teaching methods for your learning. This means you might do surveys and provide feedback. For more information, please read the pages at the end of this syllabus.
**Microbiology Laboratory Course Schedule (Tentative):**

**Microbes and Health**

**WEEK 1.**
- **T LECT. (4/2): Intro to course**
- **T LAB. (4/2): Lab basics/microbes all around us**
- **H LECT. (4/4): Biofilms & Health, model microbial organisms**
- **H LAB. (4/4): Start microcosms for biofilm evolution/intro to microscopy**

**WEEK 2.**
- **T LECT. (4/9): Dilutions and biofilm assays**
- **T LAB. (4/9): Observe, dilute, and plate microcosms**
- **H LECT. (4/11): Microscopy**
- **H LAB. (4/11): Count morphotypes, examine cell appearance, select isolate**

**WEEK 3.**
- **T LECT. (4/16): Microbial diversity + microbial genomes**
- **T LAB. (4/16): Inoculate isolates, lab practical!!!**
- **H LECT. (4/18): No lecture today**
- **H LAB. (4/18): Freezer stocks, extract genomic DNA from evolved strains**

**Microbes and Industry**

**Microbes and the Environment**

- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR WORK IN LECTURE (CLICKERS) WILL BE GRADED, SO BE SURE TO SHOW UP!**

**PARAPHRASING HW DUE 4/9!**

**THE LAB PRACTICAL IS A GRADED OBSERVATION OF YOUR LAB SKILLS. MAKE SURE YOU GET IN LOTS OF PRACTICE BY SHARING THE WORK WITH YOUR PARTNER IN WEEKS 1 + 2. WHILE YOU'RE WAITING YOUR TURN, YOU CAN WORK ON YOUR MICROBIAL ZOO.**

**PARAPHRASING HW REVISIONS DUE 4/18!**
**Microbiology Laboratory Course Schedule (Tentative):**

**Microbes and Health**
- **Week 4:**
  - T LECT. (4/23): ILLUMINA SEQUENCING
  - T LAB. (4/23): QUANT DNA, START ILLUMINA LIBRARY PREP
  - H LECT. (4/25): MIDTERM!!!!
  - H LAB. (4/25): FINISH ILLUMINA LIBRARY PREP, QUANT LIBRARY, SUBMIT TAPE STATION SAMPLES

**Microbes and Industry**
- **Week 4:**
  - T LECT. (4/30): FERMENTATION
  - T LAB. (4/30): MAKE YOGURT
  - H LECT. (5/2): NATURAL CRISPR
  - H LAB. (5/2): COMPARE LAB + COMMERCIAL YOGURT, MAKE T-STREAKS

**Microbes and the Environment**
- **Week 5:**
  - H LECT. (5/2): DISCUSS TAPE STATION RESULTS, PLAN POOL

**Week 6:**
- T LECT. (5/7): DIFFERENTIAL IDENTIFICATION
- T LAB. (5/7): SCREEN COLONIES, MAKE SLANTS
- H LECT. (5/9): PCR, KNOWN CRISPER LOCI IN LAB
- F LAB. (5/9): SET UP FERMENTATION TESTS

**Midterm:**
- Mon 4/29 11:59 PM

See Triton Ed for Lab Report Guidelines!
**Week 7**

**Microbes and Health**
- **T Lect. (5/14):** Sanger Sequencing
- **T Lab. (5/14):** PCR 1
- **H Lect. (5/16):** BLAST
- **H Lab. (5/16):** Gel PCR 1, PCR 2

**Microbes and Industry**

**Yogurt Lab Report Due Wed 5/29 11:59 PM**

**Week 8**

**Microbes and Health**
- **T Lect. (5/21):**
- **T Lab. (5/21):**
- **H Lect. (5/23):** Field Trip to IGM
- **H Lab. (5/23):**

**Microbes and Industry**
- **T Lect. (5/21):** Photosynthesis and Tolerance to Change
- **T Lab. (5/21):** Set up Tolerance Tests for Photosynthetic Microbes
- **H Lect. (5/23):** Check Photosynthetic Microbes
- **H Lab. (5/23):** Analyze Sanger Sequencing Data

**Week 9**

**Microbes and Health**
- **T Lect. (5/28):** Analyzing Illumina Data
- **T Lab. (5/28):** Analyze Illumina Sequence Data
- **H Lect. (5/30):**
- **H Lab. (5/30):** Analyze Illumina Sequence Data

**Microbes and Industry**
- **T Lect. (5/28):** Analyzing Illumina Data
- **T Lab. (5/28):** Check Photosynthetic Microbes
- **H Lect. (5/30):** Growth Curves
- **H Lab. (5/30):** Check Photosynthetic Microbes

**Microbial Zoo Due Fri 5/17 11:59 PM**
**UCSD MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY COURSE SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE):**

**MICROBES AND HEALTH**
- **T LECT. (6/4):**
- **T LAB. (6/4):** Analyze Illumina sequence data, clean up
- **H LECT. (6/6):** No lecture
- **H LAB. (6/6):** Final!!!!

**MICROBES AND INDUSTRY**
- **T LECT. (6/4):**
- **T LAB. (6/4):**
- **H LECT. (6/6):** No lecture
- **H LAB. (6/6):** Final!!!!

**MICROBES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
- **T LECT. (6/4): Review**
- **T LAB. (6/4): Presentations**
- **H LECT. (6/6): No lecture**
- **H LAB. (6/6): Final!!!!**

**WEEK 10**

**MINI REPORT DUE MON, 6/3 11:59 PM**

**BIOFILM LAB PART 2 DUE WED 6/12 11:59 PM**

**THAT'S DURING FINAL WEEK!**
University of California, San Diego  
Consent to Act as a Research Subject

Investigating the Impact of Pedagogical Choices on University Student Learning and Engagement

Who is conducting the study, why you have been asked to participate, how you were selected, and what is the approximate number of participants in the study?
Gabriele Wienhausen, Director of the Teaching and Learning Commons, together with her education research colleagues is conducting a research study to find out more about how pedagogical choices affect student learning and experience in the classroom. You have been asked to participate in this study because you are a student in a class that is being studied or used as a control. There will be approximately 500,000 participants in this study.

Why is this study being done?
The purpose of this study is to create knowledge that has the potential to improve the learning and educational experience of students at UC San Diego and beyond.

What will happen to you in this study and which procedures are standard of care and which are experimental?
If you agree to be in this study, the following will happen:

- Your data from this class including grades, homework and exam submissions, and survey responses will be included in the analysis to determine the effectiveness of the pedagogical techniques used in this course compared to other similar courses.

How much time will each study procedure take, what is your total time commitment, and how long will the study last?
Your participation involves only agreeing to let us use your data in our analysis. It will require no time on your part above the time you put into this course without agreeing to the study.

What risks are associated with this study?
Participation in this study may involve some added risks or discomforts. These include the following:
1. A potential for the loss of confidentiality. We will not share your personally identifying data with people outside our research team. Data will only be kept in anonymized form for research purposes. Course data will not be used for this research study until after final grades have been posted and will be rendered confidential by removing any identifiers before analysis. Your instructor will not know whether or not you are participating in this study until after final grades have been posted. Data from students who opt out of the study will be removed prior to data analysis. Research records will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. Research records may be reviewed by the UCSD Institutional Review Board.
Since this is an investigational study, there may be some unknown risks that are currently unforeseeable. You will be informed of any significant new findings.

**What are the alternatives to participating in this study?**
The alternatives to participation in this study are not to participate. If you choose to opt-out of participating in this research study, we will exclude your data from analysis. Whether you participate will have no impact on your experience or grade in the associated class as the professor will not know who is or is not participating in the study until after final grades are assigned.

**What benefits can be reasonably expected?**
There is no direct benefit to you for participating in the study. The investigator, however, may learn more about how to improve student learning, and society may benefit from this knowledge.

**Can you choose to not participate or withdraw from the study without penalty or loss of benefits?**
Participation in research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw or refuse to answer specific questions in an interview or on a questionnaire at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled. If you decide that you no longer wish to continue in this study before the end of the quarter, simply respond to the online opt-out form here: [https://goo.gl/forms/JSBRjEmkES6W6xYe2](https://goo.gl/forms/JSBRjEmkES6W6xYe2). If you decide to opt out after the quarter has ended, you must contact Ying Xiong ([vix184@ucsd.edu](mailto:vix184@ucsd.edu)) and give the quarter and the course from which you would like your data withdrawn.

You will be told if any important new information is found during the course of this study that may affect your wanting to continue.

**Can you be withdrawn from the study without your consent?**
The PI may remove you from the study without your consent if the PI feels it is in your best interest or the best interest of the study. You may also be withdrawn from the study if you do not follow the instructions given you by the study personnel.

**Will you be compensated for participating in this study?**
You will not be compensated for participating in this study.

**Are there any costs associated with participating in this study?**
There will be no cost to you for participating in this study.
Who can you call if you have questions?
Gabriele Wienhausen and/or her colleague has explained this study to you and answered your questions. If you have other questions or research-related problems, you may reach Gabriele Wienhausen at gwienhausen@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-3958.

You may call the Human Research Protections Program Office at 858-246-HRPP (858-246-4777) to inquire about your rights as a research subject or to report research-related problems.

Your Consent
If you consent to participate in this study, no action is needed. If you DO NOT consent to participate in this study, or you choose to opt-out at any time during the quarter, please submit this form online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs0Cznypp4SxQJOSFMgP9nFDjJ0zzYPlSBWsiP3_wiWkdjaA/viewform. Your instructor will not have access to the list of students who opted out until after grades are posted. Note that you must separately opt-out of the study for each course involved in this study.

[ ] I am not 18 years or older or I do not consent to anonymized research use of my data from the course specified below.

Course name: ____________

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