

BIMM 120: Bacteriology, WINTER 2015 (SECTION ID 829845)

Tu & Th 5:00p - 6:20p; 110 Peterson Hall; INSTRUCTOR: DR. JAMES W. GOLDEN

BIMM 120. Bacteriology (4)

A discussion of the structure, growth, molecular genetics, and physiology of procaryotic (prokaryotic) microorganisms, with emphasis on the diverse activities of bacteria and on the interaction of various bacterial species with their environment. Three hours of lecture and one hour recitation. **Prerequisites:** Chem. 140A; Chem. 140B; BIBC 100 or BIBC 102 (may be taken concurrently).

Expanded Prerequisites: To do well in BIMM 120, students should have a strong background in general biology and organic chemistry. Two quarters/semesters of organic chemistry are important prerequisites. Students should know sophomore-level cell biology, molecular biology, genetics, and evolution. It is assumed that students know the basic structures and properties of the major types of molecules found in cells. Students may need to study and review information on organic chemistry and biochemistry in Appendix 1 - Biological Molecules, which will not be specifically covered in class because students should already know this information from their prerequisites. Students are individually responsible for any remedial learning required to understand the material presented in this course.

Class Schedule (approximate, topics will not exactly match class periods or weeks)

There are NO alternate exams. Put exams on your schedule. Drop conflicting courses.

WEEK OR DATE	LECTURE NUMBER & TOPIC	READINGS*
1	Microbial Life	Chapter 1
1-2	Microscopy	Chapter 2
2-3	Cell Structure & Function	Chapter 3
3-4	Growth & Development	Chapter 4
4-5	Environmental influences and control of Growth	Chapter 5
Th, Jan 29	Homework 1 due	
5	Bacterial viruses (phage)	Chapter 6, 11.1
Tu, Feb 10	MIDTERM EXAM	Weeks 1-5 (50 questions)
6	Genomes	Chapter 7
6-7	Gene expression	Chapter 8
7	Bacterial Genetics	Chapter 9
8	Regulation	Chapter 10
8	Synthetic Biology	Chapter 12
Th, Mar 5	Homework 2 due	
9	Energetics and Catabolism	Chapter 13
9	Organo-, Litho-, and Photo-trophy, and Biosynthesis	Chapter 14 and 15
10	Food and Industrial Microbiology	Chapter 16
10	Bacteria and Humans, Pathogenesis, and Antibiotics	Chapter 23, 25, & 27
Th, Mar 19	FINAL EXAM 7:00 PM-9:59 PM, 110 PETER??	WEEKS 6-10 (50 QUESTIONS) PLUS COMPREHENSIVE (25 QUESTIONS)

*Readings: including text, figures & figure legends, tables, and assigned Special Topics.

Lectures: The lectures contain additional material, usually current topics in the news, that is not in the lecture slides, and it is important to attend the lectures or listen to the podcasts. Because this is a very large lecture class, minimizing distractions is important. Please have respect for your classmates and the instructor by turning off or silencing cell phones and by not talking, and minimizing other distracting activities in class.

Class web site: Ted at <https://ted.ucsd.edu/>

The class web site contains links to the syllabus, lecture presentations, old exams, assigned research papers, and might be used for submitting homework assignments. The Discussions tool is monitored by TAs but not necessarily by the instructor unless a TA reports a problem that needs to be addressed.

Required textbook: Microbiology, 3rd ed., Slonczewski & Foster (ebook, paperback, or loose-leaf textbook). The 2nd ed. is okay, but students are responsible for correlating the info and figures between the two editions. The ebook access code is not essential, but I prefer reading the enhanced ebook. A few copies of the textbook will be available on reserve at the Biomedical Library. The ebook has various study tools, such as animations and quiz questions, and is a good learning resource that some students find useful.

Audio & Video of lectures: <http://podcast.ucsd.edu/>

Microbiology related websites:

ASM, American Society for Microbiology: <http://www.asm.org/>

Microbe wiki: <http://microbewiki.kenyon.edu/>

Instructor

Dr. James W. Golden

Email: jwgolden@ucsd.edu (For official correspondence. Course content questions should be asked in TA discussion sections or TA office hours, or at the Instructor's office hours.)

Office hours: after class; or Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM in 4832 AP&M (or 4882 AP&M conference room); or by appointment (just call or send email with a few suggested times to meet)

Office: 4832 AP&M (Applied Physics & Mathematics); Phone: (858) 246-0643

Teaching Assistants (TAs)

TA Name	Email	Office Hour	Location
Fijany, Layla Shadie	lfijany@ucsd.edu	F 11:00a-12:00p	Mandeville coffee cart
Ikrenyi, Pavel	pikrenyi@ucsd.edu	F 3:50p-4:50p	Mandeville coffee cart
Nguyen, Katrina Tram Anh	ktn024@ucsd.edu	M 8:30a-9:30a	NSB 4121
Shih, Victor Bing-Sheng	vbshih@ucsd.edu	Tu 3:30p-4:30p	Dlush, Price Center
Tieu, Brian Phung	bptieu@ucsd.edu	Th 11:00a-12:00p	HSS 1145A

Students must sign up for a Discussion Section at <http://sections.ucsd.edu/overview.shtml>

Discussion Section times and locations: (Sections start the second week of classes)

#	Day & Time	Location	TA Name
A01	M 8:00a - 8:50a	MANDE B-104	Cancelled
A02	M 9:00a - 9:50a	MANDE B-104	Shih, Victor Bing-Sheng
A03	M 10:00a - 10:50a	MANDE B-104	Nguyen, Katrina Tram Anh
A04	M 11:00p - 11:50p	MANDE B-104	Nguyen, Katrina Tram Anh
A05	M 12:00p - 12:50p	MANDE B-104	Tieu, Brian Phung
A08	Th 7:00p - 7:50p	CENTR 203	Ikrenyi, Pavel
A09	Th 8:00p - 8:50p	CENTR 203	Fijany, Layla Shadie

A10	F 4:00p - 4:50p	HSS 1315	Fijany, Layla Shadie
A11	F 5:00p - 5:50p	HSS 1315	Ikrenyi, Pavel
A13	Tu 12:00p - 12:50p	CENTR 205	Canceled
A14	Th 12:00p - 12:50p	CENTR 205	Canceled

TA discussion sections and office hours are provided to help you learn course material. Use TA sections and office hours for questions about course material, homework assignments, exam preparation and review, post-exam questions, etc. Attending a discussion section each week is *highly recommended*, but is not required. TA's will answer questions, review class material, review for exams, and discuss and answer questions about the homework assignments. Students must sign up for a discussion section online and should normally attend that section, but may attend any discussion section or TA office hour if space is available.

Exams and final course grade:

Each exam will consist of multiple-choice questions, and will include questions taken from the lecture, including presented current topics, AND the textbook or other assigned readings related to the lectures. There will be one midterm exam (50 questions, 100 points), one final exam (75 questions, 150 points), and two written homework assignments (10 points each). Exams will be multiple-choice. The total points possible is 270. Most exam questions will require an *integrated understanding* of the material, not just memorization of facts. Final grades will be based on the percentage of total points for the midterms, the final, and the homework assignments. There are no extra-credit assignments.

There are **NO** alternate exams for conflicts with other classes. Make sure your classes have NO exam conflicts, including the final exam!

There are **NO** scheduled make-up exams. Make-up exams are decided case-by-case and require a written university-authorized excuse signed by the student. Make-up exams may be an oral or essay exam administered by the Instructor or a TA. If you miss an exam, you **must contact the Instructor within 24 hours** of the missed exam to determine if you are eligible for scheduling a make-up exam. Missing the final exam will result in an incomplete grade.

The minimum grade earned for the course will be based on a straight scale of the percentage of total possible points (points earned / 270 x 100 rounded to nearest 0.01%) with cutoffs as shown below. For example, the computer will assign a B+ grade to a percentage of 89.99, and an A- grade for 90.00. Grades **cannot** be changed for individual students for any reason. To be fair to all, the instructor **cannot** deviate from the syllabus for an individual student. If you have what you consider extraordinary circumstances that deserve special consideration, then you should contact an academic advisor in your college.

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
97	93	90	87	83	80	77	73	70	60	<60

The class average for this course is typically a B-/C+, and the final grades will be assigned with an appropriate adjustment or "curve" if necessary. It is expected that there will be at least 20% A grades. The grade scale adjustment is not made until after the final exam scores and all other scores are available, and cannot be predicted before then. In the past, the "curve", if any, has been very small, especially for the A & B grades.

The instructor must be completely fair to ALL students in the class and **cannot** under any circumstance give special consideration to an individual student. You will receive the grade that you have earned with no exceptions. There are always students who just miss a higher grade at each cutoff score. In this very competitive course, you can be sure that no student above the cutoff wants me to lower the cutoff to allow more students to get a higher grade--students have told me that very clearly.

Exam procedures:

Enter the classroom and FILL IN **ALL** SEATS FROM THE FRONT OF THE ROOM. You must bring your **student ID** and a **#2 pencil** and **eraser**. Scantron exam forms will be provided. **No** calculators, phones, or other electronic devices are required or allowed, and **no** hats or hoods (we want to see where you are looking). **ALL** personal items must be **CLOSED** and placed on the floor **UNDER** your seat. Make sure your phone is turned **OFF** and put away. Once you leave the room, you may **NOT** return to the room until the exam is over.

Always choose the *BEST* answer even though it might not be perfect. There should be *one best* answer for each question. For the midterm exams only, the exam key will be posted on Ted, usually within 24 hours after the exam.

Do not cheat! *Disciplinary steps will be taken when cheating is discovered. These steps will include failing the exam, and therefore the course, and being reported to the appropriate university authorities.*

During the exam: If you are sure that a question is written ambiguously or feel that more than one answer is correct, raise your hand and ask for clarification. Most ambiguities and problem questions should be identified this way, so that clarifications can be made to the entire class and so that the grading key can be modified before the exams are graded. The TAs cannot define words or help you understand a question.

Turning in the exam: When finished with the exam, show your student ID at the front of the room, initial next to your name on the class list, turn in the completed and signed scantron form in the correct pile, and then leave quietly. *For the midterm, you should take the exam question pages with you.*

Exam concerns or problems: If you are sure that there is a problem with a question or that the exam key is clearly wrong, then post your concern within **24 hours** after the key is posted. You should prepare a written explanation, with documentation (e.g., reference the textbook page and section), and post to a Ted Discussion Forum on exams, or send the query to your TA via email. All valid inquiries and concerns will be carefully considered and forwarded to the course Instructor. The exam key will be modified if required. Discussion of inquiries about exam questions is done only at office hours and not by email.

If we find that a question has more than one answer or should be discarded after the exams have been graded, then all of the exams will be re-graded using the corrected answer key. The scantron scanning service itself has never made an error, but scantrons occasionally are graded with the wrong key. If you are sure that something must be wrong with your score, then discuss your concern with the Instructor.

How to study and prepare for the exams:

1. Attend lectures or listen to the podcasts! Most exam questions will be on topics and information presented in lecture; however, related textbook readings are required to fully understand the material. A few questions will come from the assigned textbook readings and homework assignments, even if the material was not covered in lecture.
2. Read the related material in the textbook. These readings will reinforce the lectures and provide information that is necessary to understand and integrate the information provided in lecture.
3. As necessary, review textbook sections or other sources that provide review/remedial material that you were expected to have learned in prerequisite courses.
4. Attend discussion section regularly, as you will be able to ask questions about the lectures and readings.
5. Study the assigned textbook readings.
6. Use the internet to look up different presentations of the covered topics to better understand the material.
7. After exams, review the questions that you missed, and if you still don't understand, then go to a TA office hour to get help.

In past years, the students who do best regularly attended lectures and discussion sections, read the textbook, and reviewed their class notes each week.

Homework (HW) written assignments (Posted on Ted, 10 points each):

Scientific research articles, also called "papers", are the basis for scientific progress and information exchange, and for the information in textbooks and science classes. Scientists use scientific methods and logic to obtain data that are presented in these papers. These published ideas, methods, data, and conclusions can be critically analyzed by other scientists who can then repeat and extend the original results. For students, reading scientific articles is important to understand the scientific method and the source of the information you are learning.

For the homework assignments, you will turn in your answers as a 1-page printout AND upload the file to Ted. A scientific paper and a few questions directly related to the paper will be posted on Ted. You should read the whole paper. (At least one question on the Final Exam will be related to each of the homework papers.) Your answer(s) to the question(s) should occupy no more than **1 side of 1 page**, total. The format should be single-spaced, 1 inch margins, 11 pt Arial or equivalent. The answer page must have your **name**, **PID**, and **signature**. You should use a spelling and grammar checker. The TAs can help you understand the papers at discussion sections and office hours, but they **CANNOT** pre-grade answers or help you with your specific answers. On or before the due date, a signed printout of your homework answers (1 side of 1 page, total) should be turned in at lecture or at your TA discussion section or office hour, and your answer file should be uploaded to Ted. The printed answer page will be graded by the TAs and must have your name, PID, and signature, which is your assurance that your answers are your own work.

Although the research articles may be discussed in TA discussion sections and with your classmates, you must write your own homework answers independently. It is expected that you may need to look up additional information in textbooks or on the web to understand the research articles, but all answers must be in your own words. Do not copy or plagiarize the article or any other source in your answers. By submitting a homework assignment, you are certifying that it is exclusively your own work. Homework answers may be checked by Turnitin.com.

HW grading will be done with a rubric/key developed by the Instructor and TAs, and by comparison to the best student homework answers to achieve consistent and fair scores for all students. All aspects of the answers, including logical presentation and spelling/grammar will be considered for your score. Your answers may require a brief explanation of how or why the answer addresses the question. Points may be deducted for including information that is not related to the correct answer because this indicates a lack of understanding. Homework assignments will not be returned or re-graded. The TAs carefully assign scores for the homework answers, but are not asked to mark corrections or make annotations.

General guidelines for reading the papers:

Research papers are written for people who already know something about the subject matter. Read the related material in the textbook or other sources to familiarize yourself with the subject matter.

Read the paper before attending a TA discussion section to hear your TA's summary of the paper and to ask questions about the paper. You are not expected to understand everything in these primary research articles, but you should pay attention to the following as you read the papers (again, the specific homework assignment will be posted on Ted):

1. Identify the questions being asked in the paper.

Frequently the introduction or the first few paragraphs will present background information and raise the questions that will be addressed in the paper.

2. Identify the main conclusions in the paper.

The main conclusions will be summarized in the abstract, and further presented in the discussion/conclusion section. Determine why the conclusions are important.

3. Examine the experiments that were performed to answer the questions.

The experiments and data will be briefly summarized in the abstract and will be presented in the Methods and Results sections of the paper.

4. For each experiment:

Determine how the experiment was done. (But you are not expected to understand all of the details in the methods.) Examine the data. Consider the author's conclusion about the experiments and decide if the conclusions are valid. Decide if proper controls samples or conditions were included. Consider any caveats or concerns raised by the authors about their data. Think about alternative conclusions or explanations for the data—maybe the authors are wrong!

Statement on Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD):

To receive accommodation, students must present their "Authorization for Accommodation" (AFA) form provided by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) to the instructor. **One** alternate exam time will be scheduled for OSD students, which will overlap with the regular exams and usually start at the same time as the regular exams. If **any** of the OSD exam times for this course conflict with another class, then you cannot take this course because no additional alternate exams will be given. It is the students responsibility to make sure class and exam schedules for all of their classes do not have **any** conflicts.

Statement on Academic Integrity:

Integrity of scholarship is essential for an academic community. The University expects that both faculty and students will honor this principle and in so doing protect the validity of University intellectual work. For students, this means that all academic work will be done by the individual to whom it is assigned, without unauthorized aid of any kind. The consequences of being caught cheating can be severe.

Information can be found here:

<http://www.ucsd.edu/current-students/academics/academic-integrity/index.html>

Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship:

<http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/policy.html>

Academic misconduct will NOT be tolerated. Any student who engages in suspicious conduct will be confronted and subjected to the disciplinary process. Cheaters will receive a failing grade on the exam or assignment, and/or in the course. They may also be suspended from UCSD pursuant to University guidelines. (Translation: just don't do it!)

Academic misconduct includes but is not limited to:

1. **Cheating**, such as using "crib notes" or copying answers from another student during the exam.
2. **Plagiarism**, such as using the writings or ideas of another person, either in whole or in part, without proper attribution to the author or the source. Copying anything from any source is plagiarism if the source is not clearly cited. Plagiarism is stealing someone else's ideas and presenting them as your own.
3. **Collusion**, such as engaging in unauthorized collaboration on exams or assignments, completing for another student any part or the whole of an exam or assignment, or procuring, providing or accepting materials that contain questions or answers to an exam or assignment to be given at a subsequent time.