

Division of Natural Science

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Course Outline

**SC/NATS 1670 (Section A)
CONCEPTS IN HUMAN HEALTH AND DISEASE (Online)
Summer 2018****Course Instructor(s) and Contact Information****Course Director**

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E. mails will be used for communication between the class, course director and teaching assistants.

Your e-mail will be read and answered as soon as possible. However, I will open only e-mails that fulfill the following requirements:

- Your e-mail must be sent from your YorkU formal e-mail account (not from the Moodle, hotmail, gmail etc.) – emails from the Moodle or from other non- yorku.ca e-mail accounts will likely languish in a spam folder that is checked only intermittently.
- Be sure to include your full name and student number in your email text.
- Your e-mail must include “NATS/1670” in the subject line
- Your e-mail must NOT include an attachment.

Expanded Course Description

This course examines health threats from a biological perspective, with a focus on issues that are relevant to the 20-30 age group, approaching immunological, bacterial and viral diseases from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The course gives students who are not majoring in biology an overview of medical biology, consolidating knowledge on basic and applied biology with social and ethical issues related to human health, in a manner that is applicable and relevant to practical health decisions made by young people.

The course will be given as an online course including approximately three to five hours of recorded lectures per week. The assignments will present students with an opportunity to review material taught in the preceding lectures, along with providing an opportunity for an expanded and more in-depth understanding of the material.

Note: This course is not open to any student who has passed SC/BIOLOG 1010 6.00 or who have passed or are taking BIO 1000 3.00 or BIO 1001 3.00.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will have a general understanding of the different types of disease-causing pathogens, transmission of pathogenic microorganisms, host responses and how pathogens attempt to evade the body's immune system. The main objective of the course is to develop the understanding of important concepts and principles related to susceptibility to diseases, and to broaden students' knowledge of medical biology in a multi-disciplinary manner.

Evaluation

Mid-Term Exam 1 (to cover Part 1) 15%

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

The duration of the exam is 60 minutes

Location: In-class exam: on the Keele Campus of York University.

2) Mid-Term Exam 2 (to cover Part 2 + cumulative) 15%

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

The duration of the exam is 60 minutes

Location: In-class exam: on the Keele Campus of York University.

3) Three assignments (5% each) 15%

4) Four out of five online quizzes (5% each) 20%

5) Final Exam (to cover Part 3 + cumulative) 35%

The duration of the exam is 150 minutes

Date and time: will be published by the registrar office.

Location: In-class exam: on the Keele Campus of York University.

Please Note:

- This information is subjected to update on the Moodle announcements
- All the exams and tests are cumulative (you need to know all the material from the beginning of the course).
- **All mid-term and final exams: In-class exams: on the Keele Campus of York University.**
- For quizzes: the grade will be calculated out of your best 80% (the best four out of five quizzes). So, for this component of the grade you have 20% buffer. This accounts for a missed quiz (e.g. due to illness, technical issues you might have with the computer or internet, or any other reasons). No justification (doctor note) will be required for a missed quiz.
- For the final exam: It is your responsibility to ensure that you are available to sit for examinations during the entire exam period for the term (TBA). We strongly recommend that you do not make any travel arrangements prior to the end of the term's examination schedule.

Disclaimers: The information presented in the lectures is provided for educational purposes only and should not be considered medical advice.

Course Materials

Recommended Readings:

If you want to use a hardcopy the recommended textbook for the course is:



Microbiology with Diseases by Body System

Robert W. Bauman

ISBN: 9780321709264

In the bookstore you will find the last edition (5th). However, any edition is fine. You will also find the text on reserve in Stacie Libraby.

Other Recommended Readings:

1) Other possible textbooks:

- Any other “Microbiology” text you can found in the library (there are quite a few over there) is likely to be a good reference. Such as:
 - Microbiology: A Human Perspective by Nester.
 - Microbiology, by Black.

2) Free online resources on the course outline.

3) Free online resources

- <http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/handbook>
- <http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/order/>

4) Use the search box in <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=Books> with keywords specified in class and in the course Moodle web site

Math Content

No significant background in math is required

Course Content and Format

Course Outline (+optional reading)

Recommended reading from the above list is indicated. You are NOT expected to know material in the textbooks and websites that has not been covered in the lectures.

Part 1: Introduction

Week 1: Emerging infectious diseases

http://www.learner.org/channel/courses/biology/support/5_infect.pdf

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/bioterrorism/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/>

(Black- check the index of the text for relevant keywords)

Week 2: Cell structure and function

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/About/primer/genetics_cell.html

http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/insidethecell/pdf/inside_the_cell.pdf

(Black ch. 4)

Week 2: Diversity of life

(http://www.learner.org/channel/courses/biology/support/4_microb.pdf)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=cooper.TOC&depth=2> Ch. 1-3

(Black- check the index of the text for relevant keywords)

1st online quiz: The quiz will be open on May 27th -May 30th
You will have 30 minutes to answer all 20 multiple-choice questions.

1st assignment: Bacterial resistance to antibiotics from scientific and socioeconomic perspectives.
The TurnItIn will be open on May 21st -May 29th

Week 3: From the DNA to the organism

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=cooper.TOC&depth=2> Ch. 4-7

<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/handbook>

(Black ch. 7)

Week 4: Mutations and cancer

<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/>

2nd online quiz: The quiz will be open on June 10th - June 13th
You will have 30 minutes to answer all 20 multiple-choice questions.

2nd assignment: The good and the bad sides of smallpox eradication.
The TurnItIn will be open on June 14th -June 24th

Part 2: The Immune System

(A lot of free material at:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=mmed.chapter.137>

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/sec13.html>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bookshelf/picrender.fcgi?book=infdis&blobtype=pdf>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=imm.TOC&depth=2>

Week 5: Basic concepts in immunology

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/sec13/ch163/ch163a.html>

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/sec13/ch163/ch163b.html>

Week 5: The non-specific (innate) immune system

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=imm.TOC&depth=2> (Part I)

(Black ch. 16)

Week 6: The specific immune response

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=imm.TOC&depth=2> (Part II)

(Black ch. 17)

Week 6-7: Vaccination

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/sec14/ch169/ch169a.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>

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Week 7: Allergy

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/sec13/ch165/ch165a.html>

http://www.merckmanuals.com/professional/immunology_allergic_disorders.html

(Black ch. 18)

3rd online quiz: The quiz will be open on July 2nd - July 5th.

You will have 30 minutes to answer all 20 multiple-choice questions.

3rd assignment: The effect of Tobacco advertisement/promotion on our society

The TurnItIn will be open on July 5th-July 12th

Part 3: Infectious Diseases

A lot of reading material at:

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/sec14.html>

Week 8: Basic concepts in human virology

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=mmed.chapter.2284>

(Black ch. 10)

4th online quiz: The quiz will be open on July 7th - July 10th

You will have 30 minutes to answer all 20 multiple-choice questions.

Week 9-10: HIV and AIDS: epidemiology, treatment and prevention

http://www.learner.org/channel/courses/biology/support/6_hiv.pdf

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/default.htm>

(Black ch. 18, 23)

Week 11: HPV and cervical cancer

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/default.htm>

(Black ch. 19, 20)

5th online quiz: The quiz will be open on July 21st - July 23rd

You will have 30 minutes to answer all 20 multiple-choice questions.

Week 12: Influenza: epidemiology, treatment and prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/?s_cid=internal6

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/>

The Course MOODLE web site

To access Moodle, please follow the instructions below.

1. Go to: <http://moodle.yorku.ca>
2. Log in with your passport York account.

Here you will find

- Announcements
- An updated course outline
- Grades, will be posted as a PDF file.
- Forum: For you to ask questions relevant to others in the class and to discuss course material.

- **Topic 1:**
 - BOOKS: Here I will post the pre-recorded lectures. The prerecorded lectures will be posted every week (or so).
- **Topic 2:**
 - Online quizzes: After the completion of each part, I will post an online quiz. The post and the due dates for each quiz are mentioned below.
- **Topic 3:**
 - Instructions for the assignments: a document to describe the assignments, the way to submit them (by TurnItIn) and the due date for each assignment. Please read this document carefully.
 - TurnItIn: for submitting the assignments
- **Topic 4:**
 - Students Wiki: This wiki is a collaboration area to summarize course material. By this activity you can create summaries to help each other's to be better prepared for the exams

Please note that my announcements on the Moodle take precedent over any other information posted on the course Moodle web site.

The Course Wiki

In general, in all my courses, the wiki serves as a great tool for the class to function as a community. The wiki enables documents to be written collaboratively. Students are invited to add/ combine their lecture notes and related material. Lecture notes is not just about the words I put as a summery on my slides. The most important part is the discussion of concepts and ideas expressed in class including questions/ answers we have in class. You can make the wiki into a multimedia document by linking/embedding relevant videos, figures, relevant articles or anything else you think can help your peers. You can also act as an "editor", and arrange the material posted by others to reduce redundancies and to put the material in an appropriate order. You can also try to make the material to look better (appropriate font, color, titles etc.).

The course director is not responsible for the accuracy of the notes posted by students in the Wiki. The exam is not restricted to the material posted on Wiki.

Course Policies

Tips on studying for this course:

- For the exams, you must know and understand the material presented in the lectures.
- You are NOT expected to know material from the online resources and textbooks which has not been covered in the recorded lectures.
- The online resources and textbooks can help students consolidate and expand their understanding of the material. However, much of the online resources and textbooks will not be covered in the recorded lectures, and other material that will be covered on the lectures will not

be discussed in the above reading material. Hence, it is important to study the recorded lectures carefully, and, in addition, to read the readings related to each topic as it is covered in the course.

- Use the texts as auxiliaries to the lecture material.
- The material presented in the recorded lectures and other components of the course such as tests and exam have been developed from large variety of resources, including web sites, textbook supplements and the material mentioned above.

Tests and Exams:

Attendance for all exams is mandatory. Exams missed on the ground of medical circumstances must be supported by an Attending Physician's Statement, which can be downloaded from the registrar's office web site or a statement by a psychologist or counselor. The documentation must be dated on the same day as the exam or earlier, or it will not be accepted. The Course Director must be notified by email within 24 hours in the case of a missed test or exam. Appropriate documentation must be submitted to the Course Director within one week after the test or exam. **No opportunities to make up missed mid-term exams will be offered. However, after acceptable justification for a missed exam has been received, the percentage value of the missed mid-term will be added to the final exam.** If the final exam is missed, the student must petition the Registrar for permission to write the final exam. Deferred exams are similar to the original exam in terms of material covered and level of difficulty, However, the format is not likely to be identical to the original exam. Accordingly, all approved deferred exams will be consisting of short-answer questions (no multiple-choice).

Students which are interested to view their exams are requested to set an appointment with the course TAs (E. mail TBA) by three weeks after the exam.

Technical quality of the pre-recorded lectures

I am trying to bring you the lectures at their best quality. However, as I am using quite a lot of multimedia (animations, figures and videos) as part of the lecture, the size of the lecture files is getting quite large. In few places, especially when I am using heavy animations I have made for you, or when I bring up an heavy figure or video, the volume of my voice is reduced in response to this activity. I believe that in these cases even my strong computer has some difficulties with the load during the lecture recording. So, it is not the microphone (I am using a professional microphone), but my attempt to give you a clear audio-visual multimedia lectures. As the animations and the figures are very important for the lectures and since you can still get the lecture information even when the volume of my voice is reduced for a second or two (that's the choppiness you hear in my voice in few cases), this is the best balance I can make for you. (Yes, I did quite a lot of experiments on this including recording each lecture several times under different conditions).

So how to get the best quality? Most importantly, use good headphones when you are listening to my lectures. By doing so you would be able to hear my voice even when the volume is reduced. The quality of the videos would be better if you use a strong computer and a fast internet. Use a regular PC or laptop. Do not watch them on cellphone or other weaker devices. Periodically, when many students are watching the same file, the servers (you tube and the Moodle) are getting slow. Over all, it is about a balance: And I hope I created the best balance for you.

University Policies

Important Sessional Dates

See the Office of the Registrar website at <http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/>

Academic Honesty and Integrity

Academic honesty requires that persons do not falsely claim credit for the ideas, writing or other intellectual property of others, either by presenting such works as their own or through impersonation. Similarly, academic honesty requires that persons do not cheat (attempt to gain an improper advantage in an academic evaluation), nor attempt or actually alter, suppress, falsify or fabricate any research data

or results, official academic record, application or document. Finally, academic honesty requires that persons do not aid or abet others to commit an offence of academic dishonesty, including intentional acts to disrupt academic activities.

Suspected breaches of academic honesty will be investigated and charges shall be laid if reasonable and probable grounds exist.

Academic Honesty and electronic devices during assessments (e.g. exams)

- Internet capable and personal storage devices of all kinds must be turned off, including vibrate. These and any other unauthorized material must be placed under the student's chair and should not be accessed at any point during the exam. Failure to comply with directive may be considered a break of academic honesty.
- See <http://registrar.yorku.ca/exams/tipsheet>

Please familiarize yourself with the full Senate Policy on Academic Honesty, found at <http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-honesty-senate-policy-on/>

Please also familiarize yourself with the SPARK Academic Honesty tutorial found at <https://spark.library.yorku.ca/academic-integrity-what-is-academic-integrity/>

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

York University shall make reasonable and appropriate accommodations and adaptations in order to promote the ability of students with disabilities to fulfill the academic requirements of their programs.

The nature and extent of accommodations shall be consistent with and supportive of the integrity of the curriculum and of the academic standards of programs or courses.

Please familiarize yourself with the full Senate Policy on Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, found at <http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-accommodation-for-students-with-disabilities-policy/>

Note: Students should submit accommodation letters from Counseling and Disability Services (CDS) to the course instructor within the first two weeks of the course or as soon as issued.

Counseling and Disability Services - <http://cds.info.yorku.ca/>

York Accessibility Hub - <http://accessibilityhub.info.yorku.ca/>

Note: A student registered with CDS, and choosing to write with Alternate Exams, is responsible for making the appropriate writing arrangements within the timeframes outlined by Alternate Exams.

Alternate Exams - <http://altexams.students.yorku.ca/>

Religious Observance Accommodation

York University is committed to respecting the religious beliefs and practices of all members of the community, and making accommodations for observances of special significance to adherents.

<https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm.woa/15/wo/kmHGekTpzKLX6XYKBXYc8M/0.3.4.62.0>

Note: Students who will have an academic conflict as a result of a religious observance, at any point in the term, should make the instructor aware of such at least three weeks prior to the conflict.

For conflicts occurring during an official examination period, please complete the Examination Accommodation Form available at http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/exam_accommodation.pdf and submit to your instructor at least three weeks prior to the final exam.

Student Conduct in Academic Situations

Students and instructors are expected to maintain a professional relationship characterized by courtesy and mutual respect and to refrain from actions disruptive to such a relationship. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the instructor to maintain an appropriate academic atmosphere in the classroom and the responsibility of the student to cooperate in that endeavour. Further, the instructor is the best person to decide, in the first instance, whether such an atmosphere is present in the class. A statement of the policy and procedures regarding disruptive and/or harassing behaviour by students in academic situations is available on the website of the University Secretariat (<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/>).

Division of Natural Science Resources

NATS-AID

Free peer tutoring for students enrolled in Natural Science Courses.

See <http://natsci.info.yorku.ca/nats-aid/>

M-AID in NATS (Math Aid)

Free math help for students enrolled in Natural Science Courses (TA tutors)

See <http://natsci.info.yorku.ca/m-aid-in-nats/>

Other Resources

Learning Commons

The Learning Commons brings together key supports for your learning: writing, research, learning skills and career services. <http://www.library.yorku.ca/cms/learning-commons/>

goSAFE

goSAFE is a complimentary service provided to the York Community. At the Keele campus, goSAFE has two routes: North Route & South Route which will safely transport community members by vehicle from one specified hub to another on campus. goSAFE operates seven days a week, all year round, including University closures (with the exception at Glendon during the Christmas holiday closure).

Call the goSAFE office at 416-736-5454 or extension 55454 during hours of operation. Please give your name, location and destination. <http://www.yorku.ca/goSAFE/>

Mental Health and Wellness at York University

Outlines a variety of resources available to support mental health and wellness

<http://mhw.info.yorku.ca/resources/resources-at-york/students/>

Good2Talk

Post-Secondary Student 24 hour Helpline

<http://www.good2talk.ca/> 1-866-925-5454