Description: Cell Biology

Subject  Cat-nbr  Class  Term  Mode  Units  Campus
BIO    2209    62722  1, 2007  ONC  1.00  Toowoomba

Academic group: FOSCI
Academic org: FOS002
Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 010901

STAFFING
Examiner: Mark Sutherland
Moderator: Grant Daggard

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: BIO2103 Co-requisite: BIO2201

RATIONALE
The course will provide the student with practical and theoretical experience in basic molecular biology and cell biology. Students will gain hands on experience in molecular techniques. During the course students will study the nature of cellular substructure, communication and control of the cell cycle.

SYNOPSIS
An understanding of the theory and techniques of cell and molecular biology are now becoming essential to many diverse areas of study in biology, ranging from biodiversity and evolutionary relationships to genetic engineering of microbes, plants and animals. Drawing on this knowledge base, the course examines cellular ultra structure, organisation and function and introduces the nature of gene organisation, replication and expression in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic systems. Potential applications of this technology in a number of areas of biology are discussed. Laboratory sessions introduce a range of fundamental techniques in molecular biology.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate an understanding of the current concepts of DNA structure maintenance and repair (mid-semester test and end-semester exam);
2. explain the basic processes involved in gene replication, transcription and translation in both procaryotic and eucaryotic systems (mid-semester test and end-semester exam);
3. demonstrate an understanding of basic tools used in recombinant DNA technology including: enzymes, plasmids and techniques for cloning and characterisation (mid-semester test and end-semester exam);
4. demonstrate the practical use of a range of basic molecular biological techniques (practical assessment and problems);
5. demonstrate a basic understanding of postranslational protein modification (mid-semester test and end-semester exam);
6. demonstrate an understanding of the cytoskeleton and the structure and function of cell organelles (mid-semester test and end-semester exam);
7. demonstrate an understanding of cellular communication, cell cycle control mechanisms and apoptosis (mid-semester test and end-semester exam).

**TOPICS**

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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Weissensteiner, T, Griffin, HG & Griffin, A 2003, PCR technology: current innovations, CRC Press, (0-8493-1184-5)

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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### NOTES

1. Examiner will advise due dates for practical assessments
2. Examiner will advise details regarding the mid-semester test.
3. Examination dates will be available during the Semester. Please refer to the examination timetable when published.

## IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. **Attendance requirements:**
   It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. To maximize their chances of satisfying the objectives of the practical component of the course, students should attend and actively participate in the laboratory sessions in the course.

2. **Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:**
   To complete the assignment satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the assignment. To complete the examination and test satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination and test. To complete the practical component satisfactorily, students must submit all the nominated practical reports and obtain at least 50% of the marks available.

3. **Penalties for late submission of required work:**
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of up to 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4. **Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:**
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.

5. **Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:**
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. **Examination information:**
   In a Closed Examination, candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.

7. **Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:**
   Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held in the fourth week of the semester following this course offering and the examiner will advise students involved in writing of the date time and location of any such examination.
8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10
Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene
University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ
Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 Students who obtain an overall passing mark, but who do not perform satisfactorily in an
examination, may, at the discretion of the Examiner, be granted a supplementary
examination. Students will be granted a deferred examination only if they perform
satisfactorily in all other assessment items.

10 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment
to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if request
by the Examiner. Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This
must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner.

11 In order to attend laboratory classes, students must provide and wear appropriate personal
protective equipment. This shall include a laboratory coat, closed in shoes, and safety
glasses. Such equipment must be approved by supervising staff. Failure to provide and
wear the appropriate safety equipment will result in students being excluded from classes.