

BIOL 331

Analytical Genomics

Winter Term (2013-14)

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course will explore the structure of genomes and the nature and origin of gene families as well as large scale functional genomics methods for analysis of novel gene function.

PREREQUISITE BIOL 205/3.0.

SCHEDULE

Lectures: Monday 19:00-21:00, Wednesday 19:30-20:30. STIRLG B.

Tutorial: Wednesday 18:30-19:30. STIRLG B.

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Learning Objectives

Genomics is one of the most rapidly moving fields in modern science. It has an impact in all areas of biology and life science. The course has two broad areas of focus:

1. Bioinformatics

Approximately one third of the course is directed at introducing genomic databases and the software tools to compare sequence and infer evolutionary relationships. Four assignments during the term ensure that students become proficient at running various programs and interpreting the results. Web based software is used; no direct programming is involved.

2. Functional genomics

The latter two thirds of the course focuses on assigning biological function to genes discovered through sequencing programs. The approaches include computer analysis, mutational analysis, gene and protein interaction, 3-D structure. The student will have an appreciation of the strengths and limitations of such methods as well as a recognition of the current limits of experimental science. This portion of the course relies heavily on the current research literature.

Lecture topics from 2013 as an example: http://130.15.90.59/Biol331_13/lectures_13.htm

Learning Hours

<i>Teaching method</i>		<i>Average hours per week</i>	<i>Number of weeks</i>	<i>Total hours</i>
In-class hours	Lecture	3	12	36
	Seminar			
	Laboratory			
	Tutorial	1	12	12
	Practicum			
	Group learning			
	Individual instruction			
Other	Online activity	10	4	40
	Off-campus activity			
	Private study	2	12	24
Total hours on task				112

Course Outline

The course will broadly follow this outline. It differs year to year based on progress in this rapidly changing field.

Week 1

Genomics intro

[\\$1000 dollar genome](#) read this and look at the [fig.](#)

[IonTorrent](#) on youtube

Databases

Identity, Similarity, Homology, Gaps

tutorial: [Pelagibacter](#) read for Wed tutorial discussion 6:30

Week 2

Assignment 1

Pattern and Profile matching

tutorial: Assignment 1

Week 3

continue Patterns

PsiBlast and ClustalW

Scores, E-values and Sensitivity

Conserved domains and domain architecture

Week 4

Continue conserved domains

Rubin et al, [Comparative genomics](#)

Tutorial: Assignment 1 help

Week 5

Comparative genomics.

midterm exam

No tutorial this week

Week 6

Environmental Genomics

Finding genes

[Personal medicine](#)

Tutorial: Assignment 2&3 worth 20%

reading week

[Good news for men](#)

Week 7

Hybridization and microarrays

Utility of microarray diagnoses (example, abs only) [Haferlach et al., 2010](#)

Lost similarity, similar structure [Swanson et al, 2011](#)

Making mutants

[Do all genes have a function?](#) (more info on chemical genomics [Roemer](#), not required)

Tutorial: help with Assignment 2&3

Week 8

SNPs

[1000 genomes project](#)

[15,000,000 SNPs](#)

[GWAS vs Cheap Sequencing](#)

Week 9

continue SNPs etc

Is the genome stable: [Jumping genes in the brain](#)

Tutorial: help session, Q&A

large scale GWAS

CNV (CNPs)

[Sequencing costs](#)

Week 10

[SNPs and risk assessment](#)

[SNPs and business](#)

Delta BLAST

siRNA miRNA

tutorial: no tutorial

Week 11

continue siRNA miRNA

Structure and Assignment 4

Protein Interaction

Synthetic lethality_

How many protein complexes in a cell?
 tutorial: help with Assignment 4

Week 12

[Large genomes](#)

tutorial: Q&A if requested

Chimps and humans

[Human evolutionary constraint using 29 mammals](#) markup paper, [supp files](#)

[Gorilla genome](#)

Extra topics that may be inserted. These vary year to year based on literature

[New human genes](#)

[Human sperm DNA sequence](#)

[Genetics of long life - X prize](#)

[An 80,000 year old ancestor](#)

[Encode](#) - 30 papers of new analysis, [Nature Sept 2012](#)

Single cell sequencing Nature Nov 1 2012

Textbooks/Readings

General comments regarding the course and recommended text (for bioinformatics part) are found here.
http://130.15.90.59/Biol331_13/General%20Information.htm

Much of the course is taught from the research literature.

Grading Scheme

Component	Weight (%)	Date
midterm	20	February
final	40	April
4 web based reports	40	Throughout term

Grading Method

All components of this course will receive numerical percentage marks. The final grade you receive for the course will be derived by converting your numerical course average to a letter grade according to Queen's Official Grade Conversion Scale.

When letter grades are employed, the following scale will be employed for purposes of calculating your course average:

Arts & Science Letter Grade Input Scheme

Assignment mark	Numerical value for calculation of final mark
A+	93
A	87
A-	82

B+	78
B	75
B-	72
C+	68
C	65
C-	62
D+	58
D	55
D-	52
F48 (F+)	48
F24 (F)	24
FO (0)	0

Your course average will then be converted to a final letter grade according to Queen's Official Grade Conversion Scale:

Queen's Official Grade Conversion Scale

Grade	Numerical Course Average (Range)
A+	90-100
A	85-89
A-	80-84
B+	77-79
B	73-76
B-	70-72
C+	67-69
C	63-66
C-	60-62
D+	57-59
D	53-56
D-	50-52
F	49 and below

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