

## Course Syllabus – IMS 420

### Course Information

Course Number: IMS 420 FA21

Course Name: Introduction to Immunology and Microbial Sciences

Term: Fall 2021

Start Date: 09/07/2021

End Date: 12/10/2021

Credits: 3.0

### Meeting Days / Times

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am PT / 1:00-2:00pm ET

Fridays, 8:15-9:15am PT / 11:15am-12:15pm ET

(See Calendar in Canvas for the most up-to-date schedule.)

### Location

Graduate Office Seminar Room (CA) / C304 (FL) / Zoom

### Course Managers

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### Course Description

Immunology is the study of the immune system, a complex organ that defends organisms against diseases and microbes. The course is designed to provide an overview of basic concepts in the field of immunology and microbiology and the interaction between pathogens and the

host immune response to infection. The emphasis will be in discussing basic concepts, as well as their applications. The course will be tailored to accommodate students from all Scripps Research graduate study "Tracks." Students who have never taken an immunology course may find "Introduction to Immunology and Microbial Sciences" to be useful as a first step for the more in-depth "Immunology" and "Virology" elective courses, although this course is not a prerequisite for either course.

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the program, students will have accomplished these objectives:

PLO1: Original Research – graduate students are expected to develop the skills critical for generating high-quality research output. This would include absorbing, recalling, and contextualizing scientific knowledge, evaluating scientific information and data, creating testable hypotheses and investigating hypotheses, mastering scientific tools and techniques, displaying ethical behavior, and receiving and giving feedback.

PLO2: Communication – graduate students are expected to demonstrate the oral, written, and media skills to effectively communicate the impact of a study or a body of work to the greater scientific community and to the public at large using a number of methods.

PLO3: Critical Thinking – graduate students are expected to develop a self-directed process to analyze information, form opinions or judgments, and use this process to improve the quality of their scientific thoughts, navigate problems, and make informed decisions.

PLO4: Intellectual Curiosity – graduate students are expected to acquire the capacity to build their intellectual curiosity and demonstrate problem solving approaches that serve their professional growth and ability to impact a field.

PLO5: Career and Professional Development – graduate students are expected to develop a variety of transferable skillsets throughout their graduate experience, including management and leadership, inclusiveness, resilience, scientific rigor, collaboration, accountability, time management, teamwork, networking, and career planning.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1: To have an understanding of the basic principles of immunology and microbiology.

CLO2: To solve experimental problems by making use of the learned basic concepts and experimental procedures.

CLO3: To appreciate the basic immunological mechanisms underlying some therapeutics used to treat immune and infectious diseases.

CLO4: To learn the basic characteristics of the relationship between the immune system and self and non-self.

CLO5: To appreciate the differences between homeostasis, healthy defense, and disease.

## Background Preparation (Prerequisites)

Most students will have taken Cell Biology and Molecular Biology course (or the equivalents) as an undergraduate, but this is not required. Chemistry students are welcome.

## Expectations and Logistics

1) *Class Format*: The class will be a lecture format.

2) *Class Preparation*: More basic background may be obtained by reading relevant sections of the textbook.

3) *Attendance and participation*: Attendance is mandatory. TAs will keep track of class participation, which will include asking questions, answering questions, and contributing to class discussion. Participation through any of these activities will be sufficient to achieve one unit. For full credit, students will accumulate 20 participation units.

4) *Midterm and final exams*: A list of papers selected by the lecturers will be provided in early November and students will select one to present during finals week. Student will prepare short presentations (approx. 10-15 minutes). Students will be assigned to presentation slots.

## Course Materials

Required: Murphy & Weaver (2016). *Janeway's Immunobiology*. ISBN: 978-0815345053.

Recommended: Norkin (2009). *Virology: Molecular biology and pathogenesis*. ISBN: 978-1555814533.

## Course Requirements

Grades will be based on the following:

- 20% class attendance and participation. Supports all five course learning outcomes, involves active learning, and allows assessment of mastery of course material.
- 40% midterm exam. Students will prepare approximately 10-15 minutes presentations about classic relevant papers in the fields of immunology and microbiology. Students will select papers from a collection provided by the lecturers. Presentation of the paper will be followed by a discussion where the students will address questions from the class and course directors. Supports all five course learning outcomes and involves active learning.
- 40% final exam. Students will prepare approximately 10-15 minutes presentations about classic relevant papers in the fields of immunology and microbiology. Students will select papers from a collection provided by the lecturers. Presentation of the paper will be followed by a discussion where the students will address questions from the class and course directors. Supports all five course learning outcomes and involves active learning.

## Attendance Statement

Students are expected to attend all classes. Students who are unable to attend class must seek permission for an excused absence from the course director or teaching assistant. Unapproved absences or late attendance for three or more classes may result in a lower grade or an “incomplete” for the course. If a student has to miss a class, he or she should arrange to get notes from a fellow student and is strongly encouraged to meet with the teaching assistant to obtain the missed material.

## Scientific and Professional Ethics

The work you do in this course must be your own. Feel free to build on, react to, criticize, and analyze the ideas of others but, when you do, make it known whose ideas you are working with. You must explicitly acknowledge when your work builds on someone else's ideas, including ideas of classmates, professors, and authors you read. If you ever have questions about drawing the line between others' work and your own, ask the course professor who will give you clear guidance. Exams must be completed independently. Any collaboration on answers to exams, unless expressly permitted, may result in an automatic failing grade and possible expulsion from the Graduate Program.

## Technology Requirements and Support

For issues related to Canvas, please contact the Graduate Office by email at: [gradprgm@scripps.edu](mailto:gradprgm@scripps.edu) or by phone at: 858-784-8469.

## Course Grading

Grading is in accordance with the academic policies of the Skaggs Graduate School. The breakdown of grading is as follows:

- Class Attendance and Participation: 20%
- Midterm Exam: 40%
- Final Exam: 40%

Grade Point	Letter Grade	
4.00	A	Outstanding achievement. Student performance demonstrates full command of the course subject matter and evinces a high level of originality and/or creativity that far surpasses course expectations.
3.67	A-	Excellent achievement. Student performance demonstrates thorough knowledge of the course subject matter and

		exceeds course expectations by completing all requirements in a superior manner.
3.33	B+	Very good work. Student performance demonstrates above-average comprehension of the course subject matter and exceeds course expectations on all tasks as defined in the course syllabus. There is notable insight and originality.
3.00	B	Satisfactory work. Student performance meets designated course expectations and demonstrates understanding of the course subject matter at an acceptable level.
2.67	B-	Marginal work. Student performance demonstrates incomplete understanding of course subject matter. There is limited perception and originality.
2.33	C+	Unsatisfactory work. Student performance demonstrates incomplete and inadequate understanding of course subject matter. There is severely limited or no perception or originality. Course will not count toward degree.
2.00	C	Unsatisfactory work. Student performance demonstrates incomplete and inadequate understanding of course subject matter. There is severely limited or no perception or originality. Course will not count toward degree.
0.00	I	Incomplete is assigned when work is of passing quality but is incomplete for a pre-approved reason. Once an incomplete grade is assigned, it remains on student's permanent record until a grade is awarded.
0.00	P	Satisfactory work. Student performance demonstrated complete and adequate understanding of course subject matter. Course will count toward degree.
0.00	F	Unacceptable work/Failure. Student performance is unacceptably low level of knowledge and understanding of course subject matter. Course will not count toward degree. Student may continue in program only with permission of the Dean.
0.00	W	Withdrew from the course with Dean's permission beyond the second week of the term.

- All courses will be recorded and maintained in the student's permanent academic record; only courses that apply towards the degree will appear on the academic transcript. Non-credit or audited courses will not appear on the transcript.
- 4 core courses taken for a letter grade (pass = B- or higher for a core course)
- 2 elective courses taken pass/fail (pass = A, B, C for an elective)

Because students are encouraged to take electives outside their area of expertise, a "C" letter grade is passing.

**Course Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Mon Sep 6, 2021</b>	<b>Labor Day (No Class)</b>
<b>Tue Sep 7, 2021</b>	<b>Introduction to immunology, history</b>
<b>Thu Sep 9, 2021</b>	<b>Overview of innate immunity</b>
<b>Fri Sep 10, 2021</b>	<b>Graduate Student Symposium (No Classes)</b>
<b>Tue Sep 14, 2021</b>	<b>Molecular and cellular bases of innate immunity</b>
<b>Thu Sep 16, 2021</b>	<b>Barrier immunity</b>
<b>Fri Sep 17, 2021</b>	<b>Coagulation and complement</b>
<b>Tue Sep 21, 2021</b>	<b>Overview of adaptive immunity</b>
<b>Thu Sep 23, 2021</b>	<b>Adaptive immunity (continued)</b>
<b>Fri Sep 24, 2021</b>	<b>Antigen presentation</b>
<b>Tue Sep 28, 2021</b>	<b>Dynamics of immune responses: antibody responses</b>
<b>Thu Sep 30, 2021</b>	<b>Dynamics of immune responses: T cell responses</b>
<b>Fri Oct 1, 2021</b>	<b>Vaccination and memory</b>
<b>Tue Oct 5, 2021</b>	<b>Autoimmunity</b>
<b>Thu Oct 7, 2021</b>	<b>Midterm presentations</b>
<b>Fri Oct 8, 2021</b>	<b>Midterm presentations</b>
<b>Tue Oct 12, 2021</b>	<b>Midterm presentations</b>
	<b>Midterm Presentations</b>
<b>Thu Oct 14, 2021</b>	<b>General virology</b>
<b>Fri Oct 15, 2021</b>	<b>Principles of virology</b>
<b>Tue Oct 19, 2021</b>	<b>Principles of viral pathogenesis</b>

<b>Thu Oct 21, 2021</b>	<b>Dynamics of virus-host interactions</b>
<b>Fri Oct 22, 2021</b>	<b>General bacteriology</b>
<b>Tue Oct 26, 2021</b>	<b>Bacteria, commensals, pathogens</b>
<b>Thu Oct 28, 2021</b>	<b>Bacterial pathogenesis</b>
<b>Fri Oct 29, 2021</b>	<b>Dynamics of anti-bacterial responses</b>
<b>Tue Nov 2, 2021</b>	<b>Omics and systems biology in immunology and microbiology</b>
<b>Thu Nov 4, 2021</b>	<b>Omics and systems biology in immunology and microbiology</b>
<b>Fri Nov 5, 2021</b>	<b>Immune therapies</b>
<b>Tue Nov 9, 2021</b>	<b>Drug discovery in immunology and microbiology</b>
<b>Thu Nov 11, 2021</b>	<b>Antiviral drugs and antibiotics</b>
<b>Fri Nov 12, 2021</b>	<b>Final Presentations</b>
<b>Tue Nov 16, 2021</b>	<b>Final Presentations</b>
<b>Thu Nov 18, 2021</b>	<b>Final Presentations</b>
<b>Fri Nov 19, 2021</b>	<b>Final Presentation</b>
<b>Thu Nov 25, 2021</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday (No Class)</b>
<b>Fri Nov 26, 2021</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday (No Class)</b>