Course Syllabus: MICR 2330-001 Microorganisms and Diseases (CRN#10633)
Classroom: Physical Science Building Room #208
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More information for the class: 49% or Less Online Instructional Method


Course Description:
➢ Survey of microorganisms important to humans with emphasis on pathogens;
➢ Diagnostic procedures for pathogenicity and immune responses to the more common pathogens.

Course Objectives:
After the completion of this course, students can understand the basic concepts and information in the science of microbiology, and are able to describe and use the general methods learned from this course to study microorganisms important to humans with emphasis on pathogens.

Evaluation:
One midterm exam and two projects will be given for this course. The final examination will be comprehensive, covering all reading and lectures, and will be given during the last week of this semester. The exercises (Review Questions) that accompany each chapter will be given. The exercises encourage students to immediately use their newly acquired knowledge and, thus, by practice, improve retention.

Grading:
Your grade in this course is based on a combination of projects, midterm exam, final exam. Grades are based on a straight percentage scale; there is no curve and no +/- grades are awarded. So, an A=100-90%, a B=89.9-80%, a C=79.9-70%, a D=69.9-60%, and F=<60%. Midterm: 100 points; Projects: 100 points; Final Exam: 100 points; Course Total: 300 points

Academic Integrity Policy: UTEP’s policies regarding academic integrity apply in this course. Information on this policy can be found at http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=23785

Civility Statement: Please be respectful of all students’ right to learn without disruptions. In line with this statement please make an active effort to respect the other students in the classroom. Avoid making excessive amounts of noise and try to remember to turn off your cell phone.

Disability Statement: If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.
Course Schedule (The following schedule is tentative, and the dates of lectures may be changed.)

1st week:
    Introduction
    Ch 01: Human and the Microbial World

2nd week:
    Labor Day Holiday (no class)
    Ch 02: The Molecules of Life

3rd week:
    Ch 03: Microscopy and Cell Structure
    Ch 04: Dynamics of Prokaryotic Growth

4th week:
    Ch 05: Control of Microbial Growth
    Ch 06: Metabolism: Fueling Cell Growth

5th week:
    Ch 07: The Blueprint of Life, from DNA to Protein
    Invited Guest Lecture: Bioterrorism and Countermeasures

6th week:
    Ch 08: Bacterial Genetics
    Ch 09: Biotechnology and Recombinant DNA

7th week:
    Ch 10: Classification and Identification of Prokaryotes
    Ch 12: The Eukaryotic Members of the Microbial World

8th week:
    Class Review
    Midterm exam

9th week:
    Ch 13: Viruses, Viroids, and Prions
    Ch 14: The Innate Immune Response

10th week:
    Ch 15: The Adaptive Immune Response
    Ch 16: Host-Microbe Interactions

11th week:
    Ch 17: Immunologic Disorder
    Ch 18: Applications of Immune Responses

12th week:
    Ch 19: Epidemiology
    Ch 20: Antimicrobial Medications

13th week:
    Ch 21: Respiratory System Infections
    Ch 22: Skin Infections

14th week:
    Ch 24: Digestive System Infections
    Ch 27: Blood and Lymphatic Infections

15th week:
    Ch 28: HIV Disease and Complications of Immunodeficiency
    Class Review

16th week:
    Final Examination