Contemporary Issues in Biochemistry (11:115:201)

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Course Requirements:
Class attendance: Students are expected to attend class and participate actively. Unexcused absences (>2) will result in a lower grade.

Short quizzes: Multiple choice or short answer question will be given in class related to the topic of the week.

Discussion questions: They will be related to the topic of the week. The assignments will be after the completion of every Section. You will be given two weeks to submit your assignment from the post date. You have to write 2 pages (double space) with supporting citations/references to support your ideas/thoughts. Any delay in submission will lead to 20% deduction in points.

Class presentations: Each student will prepare and present a short (15-20 minutes) on the topic of the week.

Grade Breakdowns –

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A = 100-91      B+ = 90-81      B = 80-71      C = 70-61      D = 60-51      F = 50-0

Office Hours: I really want to encourage people to ask me questions about the material taught in the class. I am available for office hours on Tuesdays (1-2 pm). For any other day of the week please e-mail me to set up an appointment or if you don’t have e-mail, then call me. Please email me a couple of dates and times that you are available to meet and I will try to accommodate you.

Academic Integrity – We expect that all students are honest and ethical in the way they conduct their personal and scholastic lives. Academic work is evaluated on the assumption that the work presented is the student's own. Anything less is unacceptable and is considered a violation of academic integrity. Furthermore, a breach of academic integrity will have concrete consequences that may include failing a particular course or even dismissal from the college.

Violations of academic integrity include but are not limited to the following:

- Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized sources, materials, information, or study aids in any submitted academic work.
- Plagiarism: Submission of academic work that includes material copied or paraphrased from published or unpublished sources without proper documentation. This includes self-plagiarism, the submission of work created by the student for another class unless he or she receives consent from both instructors.
- Facilitating Academic Dishonesty: Knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate the college's policy on academic integrity.
**Note: This syllabus/schedule is subject to change. You will be notified of changes before or in the class.**