IB 164—Human Genetics and Genomics

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Prerequisites: Bio 1A and 1B + no fear of quantitative material. You are expected to know some basic genetics as presented in Bio 1A, including DNA, RNA, genetic code, genotype, phenotype, transcription, translation, human karyotype.

bCourses: Notes and other handouts posted on bCourses before each lecture.

Laboratory sections: at Valley Life Sciences 3056. First meeting during the week of

August 28th.

Exams: Not cumulative.

Midterm: In class on Oct. 10th. Final Exam Thursday, Dec. 14th, 7-10pm. Location TBA.

Grading: The computer labs will account for 20% of the final grade. There will be a midterm exam, which will account for 30% of the final grade. 30% of your grade will be based upon the final examination, which will not be comprehensive, but will cover material since the mid-term. The midterms and final are closed book examinations. You can bring no notes, books, calculators, cell phones, or any other electronic communication devices. There will be a research project accounting for 20% of your final grade. On the last day of class, students will turn in electronically a written project paper not to exceed 8 pages of double-spaced text in Times 12 font. Project ideas will be presented to you in the lab section, but you are not limited to these. Ideas for all projects must be approved by the GSI who will ask you to give a short presentation in lab on your chosen topic and all papers will be searched for evidence of plagiarism, which is strictly prohibited. You will receive more instructions in the lab on the project paper.

DSP students: We will be happy to accommodate you, but please make your needs known to your GSI as soon as possible. We need sufficient time to reserve additional rooms and arrange for proctoring.

Tentative Lecture Schedule

| Lecture | Date | Topic | Lecturer |
|---------|------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 | 8/24 | Mendel, mutation, | RN |
| | | probability | |
| 2 | 8/29 | Pedigrees, testing | RN |
| | | Mendelism | |
| 3 | 8/31 | Recombination & maps | RN |
| 4 | 9/5 | Recombination & maps | RN |

| 5 | 9/7 | Assoc. mapping & GWAS | RN |
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| 6 | 9/12 | Quantitative Genetics | RN |
| 7 | 9/14 | HWE and Genetic drift | RN |
| 8 | 9/19 | Human genetic variation | RN |
| 9 | 9/21 | Human genetic history and | RN |
| | | archaic hominins | |
| 10 | 9/26 | Natural selection | RN |
| 11 | 9/28 | Pathogens and the human | RN |
| | | genome | |
| 12 | 10/3 | Adaptation in humans I | RN |
| 13 | 10/5 | Adaptation in humans II | RN |
| 14 | 10/10 | Midterm | |
| 15 | 10/12 | Genomics | KA |
| 16 | 10/17 | The Human Genome | KA |
| 17 | 10/19 | The transcriptome, part 1 | KA |
| 18 | 10/24 | The transcriptome, part 2 | KA |
| 19 | 10/26 | Epigenomics, part 1 | KA |
| 20 | 10/31 | Epigenomics, part 2 | KA |
| 21 | 11/2 | Tandem repeats | KA |
| 22 | 11/7 | Transposable elements | KA |
| 23 | 11/9 | Gene family evolution | KA |
| 24 | 11/14 | Sex Chromosomes | KA |
| 25 | 11/16 | Cancer genomics | KA |
| 26 | 11/21 | Human genetic disease | KA |
| 27 | 11/28 | Eugenics | KA |
| 28 | 11/30 | Guest lecture | TBA |
| | 12/14 | FINAL EXAM 7-10 PM | |
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