



## COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** CMMB 565, (MDSC 565) Advanced Topics In Microbial Pathogenesis and the Microbiome - Fall 2020

Lecture 01: TR 12:30 - 13:45 - Online

Instructor	Email	Phone	Office	Hours
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### Online Delivery Details:

This course is being offered online in real-time via scheduled meeting times, you are required to be online at the same time.

This class will take place online via D2L and Zoom. All lectures will be given via Zoom at the time and dates listed in the course outline. When unable to participate live due to the time difference or unforeseen circumstances, inform either Dr. Geuking (microbiome) or Dr DeVinney (pathogenesis) in advance so we can arrange an alternative activity. As each student will present a paper as part of a group, students will need to work together outside of class time to prepare their presentation.

### Course Site:

D2L: CMMB 565 L01-(Fall 2020)-(MDSC 565) Advanced Topics In Microbial Pathogenesis and the Microbiome

**Note:** Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

2. **Requisites:**

See section [3.5.C](#) in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

### Prerequisite(s):

Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology 343 and 431.

3. **Grading:**

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in [F.1](#) and [F.2](#) of the online University Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Component(s)	Weighting %	Date due
Paper presentation	20%	Multiple
Paper synopsis (number dependent on enrollment)	30%	Multiple
Term Paper #1	25%	Oct. 20, 2020
Term Paper #2	25%	Dec. 8, 2020

## Assignments

Paper presentations: Students will present papers assigned by the course coordinators in the areas of Microbial Pathogenesis and the Microbiome. Presentations will be done in groups of 3 students, and papers assigned 2 weeks prior to the presentation date. Students will be assigned roles in the presentation at that time. This is worth 20% of the mark.

Papers will be assigned on the following dates:

Papers 1 and 2: Sept 10

Papers 3 and 4: Sept 24

Papers 5 and 6: Oct 20

Paper 7 and 8: Nov 5

Paper synopsis: Students who are not involved in the presentation will write a brief (10-15 line) synopsis of the major points made in the paper, and prepare 3-5 questions to ask the presenters. Paper synopses will be due at **12:00 pm** to the appropriate D2L Dropbox on the day of the presentation. The number of paper synopses will be determined based on the course enrolment and number of paper presentations given. This is worth 30% of the mark (total of all synopses).

Term Paper #1: Students will write a Letter of Intent for a research proposal in the area of the microbiome. Detailed instructions for the Letter of Intent will be posted on D2L during the first week of class. The Letter of Intent is a maximum of 2 pages double spaced, and due by **11:59 pm on 10/20/20** to the appropriate D2L Dropbox, and is worth 25% of the mark.

Term Paper #2: Students will write a short essay in the area of Microbial Pathogenesis. The topic and detailed instructions will be posted on D2L on 10/20/20 (start of the pathogenesis block). This assignment is due by **11:59 pm on 12/8/20** to the appropriate D2L Dropbox, and is worth 25% of the mark.

Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D
<b>Minimum % Required</b>	95 %	86 %	80 %	77%	74%	70 %	65 %	60%	57%	54 %	50 %

Late Assignments: Students who hand in assignments late will be penalized 10% per day for handing in late. Assignments that are handed in 3 calendar days or more after the due date will be refused and the students assigned a score of zero for the assignment. Students may hand in assignments late without penalty if the student has discussed the timelines with course instructor at least 2 days in advance of the due date and the course instructor has granted an extension.

Please note, due to COVID-19, the requirement for providing a doctors note or statutory declaration as evidence for reasons for absence has been suspended. Please do not visit medical clinics for medical notes, or Commissioners for Oaths for statutory declarations. Let your instructor know immediately if you are ill and can not meet a deadline. <https://www.ucalgary.ca/current-students/fall-2020-term-faq>

#### 4. Missed Components Of Term Work:

The university has suspended the requirement for students to provide evidence for absences. Please do not attend medical clinics for medical notes or Commissioners for Oaths for statutory declarations.

In the event that a student legitimately fails to submit any online assessment on time (e.g. due to illness etc...), please contact the course coordinator, or the course instructor if this course does not have a coordinator to arrange for a re-adjustment of a submission date. Absences not reported within 48 hours will not be accommodated. If an excused absence is approved, then the percentage weight of the legitimately missed assignment could also be pro-rated among the components of the course.

## 5. **Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:**

There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

## 6. **Course Materials:**

Recommended Textbook(s):

Salyers, Wilson and Whitt, *Bacterial Pathogenesis: A Molecular Approach*: American Society for Microbiology.

This book supplements the primary source material assigned by each instructor, and is available as an eBook at the U. Calgary Library. It is a recommended rather than required text.

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection.

For more information please refer to the UofC [ELearning](#) online website.

## 7. **Examination Policy:**

There are no exams in this course.

Students should also read the Calendar, [Section G](#), on Examinations.

## 8. **Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:**

There are no additional fees required for this course

## 9. **Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:**

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section [E.2](#) of the University Calendar.

Writing skills are important to academic study in all disciplines. In keeping with the University of Calgary's emphasis on the importance of academic writing in student assignments (section E.2 of 2020-21 Calendar), writing is emphasized, and the grading thereof in determining a student's mark in this course. The University of Calgary values excellence in writing. Competence in writing entails skills in crafting logical, clear, coherent, non-redundant sentences, paragraphs and broader arguments, as well as skills with the mechanics of writing (grammar, spelling, punctuation). Sources used in research papers must be properly documented. The University of Calgary offers a number of instructional services through the Students' Success Centre's Writing Support Services (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/writingsupport/>) for students seeking feedback on assignments or seeking to improve their general writing skills. Students are **strongly encouraged** to take advantage of these programs.

## 10. **Human & Living Organism Studies Statements:**

See also [Section E.5](#) of the University Calendar.

**STUDIES IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES INVOLVE THE USE OF LIVING AND DEAD ORGANISMS.** Students taking laboratory and field-based courses in these disciplines can expect involvement with and experimentation on such materials. Students perform dissections on dead or preserved organisms in some courses. In particular courses, students experiment on living organisms, their tissues, cells, or molecules. Sometimes field work requires students to collect a variety of living materials by many methods, including humane trapping.

All work on humans and other animals conforms to the Helsinki Declaration and to the regulations of the Canadian Council on Animal Care. The Department strives for the highest ethical standards consistent with stewardship of the environment for organisms whose use is not governed by statutory authority. Individuals contemplating taking courses or majoring in one of the fields of study offered by the Department of Biological Sciences should ensure that they have fully considered these issues before enrolling. Students are advised to discuss any concern they might have with the Undergraduate Program Director of the Department.

Students are expected to be familiar with [Section SC.4.1](#) of the University Calendar.

## 11. Reappraisal Of Grades:

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

- a. **Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within **ten business days** of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections [I.1](#) and [I.2](#) of the University Calendar
- b. **Final Exam:** The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

## 12. Other Important Information For Students:

- a. **Mental Health** The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, [Mental Health Services Website](#)) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website ([Mental Health](#)).
- b. **SU Wellness Center:** For more information, see [www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre](http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre) or call [403-210-9355](tel:403-210-9355).
- c. **Sexual Violence:** The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email ([syasa@ucalgary.ca](mailto:syasa@ucalgary.ca)) or phone at [403-220-2208](tel:403-220-2208). The complete University of Calgary policy on sexual violence can be viewed at (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf>)
- d. **Misconduct:** Academic misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under [Section K](#). Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties. Examples of academic misconduct may include: submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work when it is not; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; collaborating in whole or in part without prior agreement of the instructor; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/ fabrication of experimental values in a report. **These are only examples.**
- e. **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the procedure for accommodations for students with disabilities available at [procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf](#).

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head, Undergraduate of the Department of Biological Sciences, Heather Addy by email [addy@ucalgary.ca](mailto:addy@ucalgary.ca) or phone 403 220-6979. Religious accommodation requests relating to class, test or exam scheduling or absences must be submitted no later than **14 days** prior to the date in question. See [Section E.4](#) of the University Calendar.

- f. **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see [Legal Services](#) website.
- g. **Student Union Information:** [VP Academic](#), Phone: [403-220-3911](tel:403-220-3911) Email: [suvpaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suvpaca@ucalgary.ca). SU Faculty Rep., Phone: [403-220-3913](tel:403-220-3913) Email: [sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca). [Student Ombudsman](#), Email: [ombuds@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ombuds@ucalgary.ca).

- h. **Surveys:** At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction ([USRI](#)) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.
- i. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or [non-academic misconduct](#), in addition to any other remedies available at law.

### Global Objectives:

CMMB565 is designed to give students the knowledge and skill set to work and think independently in the areas of microbial pathogenesis and the microbiome. By the end of the course, students will be able to critically discuss the published literature in both in both oral and written formats. The main goal of this course is to enhance: 1) the students understanding of pathogenesis and the microbiome and 2) the ability to understand and critique the literature in these topic areas.

### Course Objectives:

After completion of the course, the student will be able:

1. To discuss the contribution of the microbiome to health and disease
2. To understand the contribution of microbial virulence factors and antibiotic resistance to disease
3. To critically assess the published literature
4. To write and present a proposal based on their original ideas

### Course Timetable

Date		Topic	Instructor
9/8/20	T	Course introduction	Geuking/DeVinney
<b>Microbiome Block</b>			
9/10/20	Th	Microbiome Introduction – Intestinal Microbiome: Papers 1&2 assigned	Geuking
9/15/20	T	Microbiome in early life	McCoy
9/17/20	Th	Diet, Obesity, and Gut Microbiota	Reimer
9/22/20	T	Gnotobiology/Methods	Geuking/Thomson
9/24/20	Th	Paper 1: 3 students; Papers 3&4 assigned	Geuking/DeVinney
9/29/20	T	Paper 2: 3 students;	Geuking/DeVinney
10/1/20	Th	Vaginal microbiome	Sycuro
10/6/20	T	Fungal Mycobiome	Arrieta
10/8/20	Th	Bioinformatics methods for analysis of microbiome data	Hena Ramay/Alana Schick
10/13/20	T	Paper 3: 3 students	Geuking/DeVinney
10/15/20	Th	Paper 4: 3 students	Geuking/DeVinney
<b>Pathogenesis Block</b>			
10/20/20	T	Pathogenesis intro, papers 5&6 assigned	DeVinney
10/22/20	Th	Pathogenic mechanisms-adhere, invade	DeVinney
10/27/20	T	Pathogenic mechanisms-survive, secretion	DeVinney
10/29/20	Th	Bacterial secretion and virulence-2	Popov
11/3/20	T	Paper 5	Geuking/DeVinney
11/5/20	Th	Paper 6, Papers 7&8 assigned	Geuking/DeVinney
Reading week. No classes			
11/17/20	T	Toxins	DeVinney
11/19/20	Th	Immune evasion	Petri
11/24/20	T	AMR	Savchenko
11/26/20	Th	Emerging infectious diseases	van Marle
12/1/20	T	Paper 7	Geuking/DeVinney
12/3/20	Th	Paper 8	Geuking/DeVinney
12/8/20	T	Course wrap up session. USRI	Geuking/DeVinney

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