

## Syllabus - Advanced Genetics - PCB 5065 - Fall 2014

Section 2191; 4 credits; 2318 Fifield Hall; MTWR 5th Period

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Genetic analysis is explored with a team of instructors who use genetic approaches in their research programs. The objective of PCB 5065 is to strengthen students' comprehension of genetic concepts, so that they can read and interpret classical and current literature in the field of genetics and apply genetic analysis to their own research problems. PCB 5065 is designed to establish a strong foundation for advanced specialty courses in genetics and to complement advanced courses in molecular biology.

**Prerequisite:** Undergraduate general genetics. We assume students are familiar with basic Mendelian genetics and that they understand the nature and functions of DNA, RNA and proteins.

**Reading:** There is no required text for the course. No one book covers everything we will discuss in class. While there is no required text, there will be lots of required reading in the form of review and research articles from the primary literature. These will be provided in electronic format. Each section of the course concludes with either a discussion paper from the current literature or a computer exercise. Discussion papers, along with questions for class discussion, will be provided one week prior to the scheduled discussion. Students are expected to read the paper and discussion questions in advance and to actively participate in the class discussions.

**Optional** books that students might find helpful for the beginning sections of the course:

Title: ADVANCED GENETIC ANALYSIS: GENES, GENOMES AND NETWORKS IN EUKARYOTES

Author: Philip Meneely ISBN: 0199219826

Publisher: Oxford University Press, USA Cover: paperback book

**or**

Title: ADVANCED GENETIC ANALYSIS: FINDING MEANING IN A GENOME

Author: R Scott Hawley and Michelle Y Walker ISBN: 1405103361

Publisher: John Wiley & Sons Cover: paperback book Edition: 1

**Optional** books that students might find helpful for the final section of the course:

Title: PRINCIPLES OF POPULATION GENETICS

Author: Daniel L Hartl, Andrew G Clark ISBN: 0878933085

Publisher: Sinauer Associates, Inc Cover: hardback book Edition: 4

**or**

Title: INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE GENETICS

Author: David S Falconer and Trudy Mackay ISBN: 0582243025

Publisher: Prentice Hall Cover: paperback book Edition: 4

**Exams:** The course is divided into five sections with an exam following the completion of each section (see schedule). Exams are scheduled for evening periods 11 and E1 (6:15-8:10 PM) to allow adequate time for solution of problem-based questions. **Exams are closed book and closed notes - a change in policy from prior years.** If a student has another exam scheduled for the time of a PCB 5065 exam, or if a PCB 5065 exam falls on a religious holiday that a student traditionally observes, an alternate time will

be arranged for that student's exam. ***Please notify the instructor of these conflicts well in advance of the exam! Students who cannot take a scheduled exam due to illness or last-minute emergencies should contact the instructor prior to the exam if at all possible!***

**Grades:** Final grades will be based upon the sum of exam scores: <325 points = C+ or lower; 325-374 = B; 375-424 = B+; 425-500 = A. Class attendance and participation will be considered in assigning grades to students with exam averages falling near a cut-off point. Information on current UF grading policies for undergraduate and graduate students can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>  
<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=762#grades>

**Absences and Make-Up Work:** Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

**Instructors:** Contact information for all course instructors is provided below; Instructors are available to assist students on an individual basis by appointment.

**Dr. Christine Chase (Course Coordinator),** Professor - Horticultural Sciences, Graduate Program in Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology (PMCB Program), Graduate Program in Genetics and Genomics Ph.D. in Biology/Genetics, University of Virginia

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Research interests: Plant mitochondrial biogenesis and function; development and application of molecular markers

**Dr. Dean Gabriel,** Professor - Plant Pathology & PMCB Program Ph.D. in Genetics/Botany/Plant Pathology, Michigan State University

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Research interests: The genetics of host/parasite interactions

**Dr. Curt Hannah,** Professor - Horticultural Sciences, PMCB Program Ph.D. in Genetics, University of Wisconsin

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Research interests: The molecular-genetics of starch biosynthesis in higher plants; the effects of introns and transposons on gene expression

**Dr. Matias Kirst**, Associate Professor, Forest Resources & Conservation, PMCB Program, Graduate Program in Genetics & Genomics

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Research interests: Fundamental and applied genomic research; Technology and genomic tool development

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Research interests: Physiological and molecular aspects of development in seeds

**Dr. Jim Olmstead**, Assistant Professor - Horticultural Sciences

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Research interests: Vaccinium (blueberry) breeding and genetics; increasing breeding efficiency through application of molecular technologies

**Online Course Evaluation Process:** Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at: <https://evaluations.ufl.edu> Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at: <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results>

**Academic Honesty:** As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity." You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report

any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see:

<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>

**Software Use:** All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

**Services for Students with Disabilities:** The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. 0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc)

**Campus Helping Resources:** Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well - being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

University Counseling and Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/) The center offers counseling services, groups and workshops, outreach and consultation, a self help library, training programs, and a community provider database.

Career Resource Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, [www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)

Schedule – Advanced Genetics, PCB 5065, Fall 2014  
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Date		Instructor	Topic
Mon	Aug 25	All	Course introduction
Tues	Aug 26	Hannah	The gene in molecular terms
Wed	Aug 27	Hannah	The gene pre-Mendel to Mendel
Thurs	Aug 28	Hannah	The gene as a unit of function
Mon	Sept 1	No Class	Labor Day Holiday
Tues	Sept 2	Hannah	The gene as a unit of mutation
Wed	Sept 3	Hannah	The operon
Thurs	Sept 4	Hannah	Allelic interactions – cistrons and operons; Genic interactions - epistasis
Mon	Sept 8	Hannah	Transposable elements - molecular and genetic properties
Tues	Sept 9	Hannah	Transposable elements as tools of forward and reverse genetics
Wed	Sept 10	Hannah	Reverse genetics approaches – T-DNA, TILLING, RNAi
Thurs	Sept 11	Chase/Hannah	Discussion paper on genes, mutations & genetic approaches
Mon	Sept 15	Gabriel	Segregation, assortment, chromosome mechanics, nondisjunction
Tues	Sept 16	Gabriel	Genes & chromosomes
Tues	Sept 16	6:15-8:10 PM	Exam 1 – genes, mutations & genetic approaches
Wed	Sept 17	Gabriel	Linkage, gene order, linearity, crossing-over & recombination
Thurs	Sept 18	Gabriel	Tetrad analysis & sister-strand exchange
Mon	Sept 22	Gabriel	Mechanisms of crossing over – gene conversion & Holiday structures
Tues	Sept 23	Gabriel	Mechanisms of crossing over – Double Strand Break Repair Model
Wed	Sept 24	Gabriel	Mechanisms of crossing over – synthesis dependent strand annealing & early crossover decision models
Thurs	Sept 25	Gabriel	Mechanisms of crossing over – parasexuality & mitotic recombination
Mon	Sept 29	Gabriel	Working with recombination – genome modification
Tues	Sept 30	Chase	Discussion paper on recombination
Wed	Oct 1	Olmstead	Genome organization
Thurs	Oct 2	Olmstead	Genome complexity
Thurs	Oct 2	6:15-8:10 PM	Exam 2 – recombination
Mon	Oct 6	Olmstead	Chromosome variation
Tues	Oct 7	Olmstead	Molecular markers
Wed	Oct 8	Olmstead	Multipoint linkage mapping
Thurs	Oct 9	Olmstead	Pedigrees and LOD scores
Mon	Oct 13	Olmstead	QTL mapping and association genetics
Tues	Oct 14	Olmstead	Linkage software and exercises
Wed	Oct 15	Olmstead	Physical mapping
Thurs	Oct 16	Olmstead	From genotype to phenotype and back: Tomato fruit size example
Mon	Oct 20	Olmstead	Discussion paper on marker assisted breeding
Tues	Oct 21	Chase	Transmission bias – life cycles, organelles
Wed	Oct 22	Chase	Transmission bias – organelles, meiotic drive & gametophytic effects

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Wed	Oct 22	6:15-8:10 PM	Exam 3 – genomes, chromosomes, markers and mapping
Thurs	Oct 23	Chase	Expression bias – early development & maternal effect genes
Mon	Oct 27	Chase	Expression bias – epigenetics I
Tues	Oct 28	Chase	Expression bias – epigenetics II
Wed	Oct 29	NO CLASS	Florida Genetics Symposium begins at noon today
Thurs	Oct 30	NO CLASS	Florida Genetics Symposium all day today
Mon	Nov 3	McCarty	Developmental genetics overview
Tues	Nov 4	McCarty	Developmental genetics – drosophila
Wed	Nov 5	McCarty	Developmental genetics – drosophila
Thurs	Nov 6	McCarty	Developmental genetics – plants
Mon	Nov 10	McCarty	Developmental genetics – plants
Tues	Nov 11	NO CLASS	Veterans Day Holiday
Wed	Nov 12	Kirst	Population genetics – Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium
Thurs	Nov 13	Kirst	Population genetics – segregation, recombination & linkage disequilibrium
Thurs	Nov 13	6:15-8:10 PM	Exam 4 – Non-Mendelian and developmental genetics
Mon	Nov 17	Kirst	Forces that change gene frequencies: mutation
Tues	Nov 18	Kirst	Forces that change gene frequencies: migration
Wed	Nov 19	Kirst	Forces that change gene frequencies: random genetic drift
Thurs	Nov 20	Kirst	Population genetic structure & effective population size
Mon	Nov 24	Kirst	Population genetic structure & effective population size
Tues	Nov 25	Kirst	Natural and artificial selection
Wed	Nov 26	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thurs	Nov 27	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon	Dec 01	Kirst	Short and long-term responses to selection
Tues	Dec 02	Kirst	Heritability, genetic correlation and gain from selection
Wed	Dec 03	Kirst	Molecular dissection of quantitative variation – linkage analysis
Thurs	Dec 04	Kirst	Molecular dissection of quantitative variation – association studies
Mon	Dec 08	Kirst	Population exercises – Structure
Tues	Dec 09	Kirst	Discussion paper on population & quantitative genetics
Wed	Dec 10	Kirst	Review / question-answer session
Wed	Dec 10	6:15-8:10 PM	Exam 5 – Population & quantitative genetics