

COURSE OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

This seminar course will feature research presentations and discussion from faculty, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate students using the *Caenorhabditis elegans* model system.

Informal presentations and discussions are solicited from labs at the University of Florida and invited visitors and can include project ideas, data and analysis at any level of development, and practice of talks prior to conferences. PIs using *C. elegans* at UF include Drs. Charlie Baer (Biology), Xiaofei Bai (Biology), Rebecca Butcher (Chemistry), Keith Choe (Biology), Daniel Czyz (Micro and Cell Sci), Sung Min Han (Physiology), and Rui Xiao (Physiology).

Instructor

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Meeting times are Fridays 4:00-5:00 pm in Carr Hall 222 but do not meet every week. There will be 3-4 presentations each semester set by Dr. Rebecca Butcher.

The central goals of this seminar are:

- Foster identity, community, and collaboration for researchers using *C. elegans*.
- Provide a friendly and informal environment to share ideas and results.
- Expose students to a diversity of research projects and networking opportunities.
- Provide opportunities for students and trainees to develop scientific presentation skills.

Students enrolled can earn 1 credit hour by either 1) attending and participating in all the sessions in person and completing a short (less than a page) summary and evaluation that will be submitted online, OR 2) completing one of the presentations.

Course materials

No textbook or reading material required other than those publicly available.

OTHER POLICIES

Absences

If you must miss a presentation to an allowable scheduled absence (for example, to participate in a sanctioned university function), you must notify the instructor as soon as the event is scheduled or during the first week of classes. If you miss class due to an allowable but unscheduled absence (e.g., illness), you must contact the instructor as soon as possible. In the case of illness, you must provide a signed note from your primary care provider indicating that you were *unable to attend class* on the day(s) in question.

If you have an excused absence, the instructor will provide an alternative assignment as a make-up.

If you are feeling ill, you are encouraged to seek medical attention at SHCC <https://shcc.ufl.edu/>.

Teacher Evaluations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

University-wide Resources and Policies on Academic Honesty

<https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>