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Submit original with signatures + 1 copy + electronic copy to Faculty Senate (Box 7500). See http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-/ for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

TRIAL COURSE OR NEW COURSE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY: **Department** College/School **Biology and Wildlife CNSM Prepared Phone Andrej Podlutsky** (907) 474-6759 by **Email Faculty Contact** apodlutsky@alaska.edu **Andrej Podlutsky** Contact 1. ACTION DESIRED XX**Trial Course New Course** (CHECK ONE): Course No. of 2. COURSE IDENTIFICATION: **Dept BIOL** F4XX 3 **Credits** Justify upper/lower This course is designed for upper level undergraduate students and graduate students. Basic knowledge of cell biology and genetics is required prior to enrolment of this course. BIOL261 division status & or equivalent course are prerequisites for this course. This course will cover the principles of number of credits: cancer biology. Minimum three (3) credits will be needed for this purpose. The main emphasis of this course is on the biological side of cancer development and progression; although medical aspects of cancer growth and treatment will be discussed and presented in less detail. **Introduction to Biology of Cancer** 3. PROPOSED COURSE TITLE: 4. To be CROSS LISTED? If yes, Course # YES/NO Dept: (Requires approval of both departments and deans involved. Add lines at end of form for additional required signatures.) 5. To be STACKED? If yes, BIOL Course # BIOL F6XX YES/NO Dept. Stacked course applications are reviewed by the (Undergraduate) Curricular Review Committee and by the Graduate Academic and Advising Committee. Creating two different syllabi—undergraduate and graduate versions—will help emphasize the different qualities of what are supposed to be two different courses. The committees will determine: 1) whether the two versions are sufficiently different (i.e. is there undergraduate and graduate level content being offered); 2) are undergraduates being overtaxed?; 3) are graduate students being undertaxed? In this context, the committees are looking out for the interests of the students taking the course.

Typically, if either committee has qualms, they both do. More info online – see URL at top of this page.

6. FREQUENCY OF

OFFERING:

Fall, every year

Fall, Spring, Summer (Every, or Even-numbered Years, or Odd-numbered Years) — or As Demand Warrants

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21. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

Please specify positive and negative impacts on other courses, programs and departments resulting from the proposed action.

No known negative impacts. Positively, the addition of this course will enhance student choice on a relevant subject matter.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize course change and new course applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed course.

The justification for this course is based on the need to provide upper division credit that is closely linked to the biomedical field for students in Biological Sciences. For example, students who take Human an Anatomy Physiology courses may be interested in furthering their interest in studying biological mechanisms of cancer progression, growth factors activation, oncogenic transformation of normal cells, and applying that knowledge toward understanding medical aspects of tumorigenesis. While previously unavailable, students might consider working toward specialized biological and/or medical degree, potentially providing greater direction in their career choices.

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ATTACH COMPLETE SYLLABUS (as part of this application). The guidelines are online: http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-/uaf-syllabus-requirements/ The Faculty Senate curriculum committees will review the syllabus to ensure that each of the items listed below are included. If items are missing or unclear, the proposed course (or changes to it) may be denied. SYLLABUS CHECKLIST FOR ALL UAF COURSES During the first week of class, instructors will distribute a course syllabus. Although modifications may be made throughout the semester, this document will contain the following information (as applicable to the discipline): 1. Course information: Title, I number, I credits, I prerequisites, I location, I meeting time (make sure that contact hours are in line with credits). 2. Instructor (and if applicable, Teaching Assistant) information: □ Name, □ office location, □ office hours, □ telephone, □ email address. 3. Course readings/materials: ☐ Course textbook title, ☐ author, ☐ edition/publisher. ☐ Supplementary readings (indicate whether ☐ required or ☐ recommended) and any supplies required. 4. Course description: Content of the course and how it fits into the broader curriculum: Expected proficiencies required to undertake the course, if applicable. ☐ Inclusion of catalog description is *strongly* recommended, and Description in syllabus must be consistent with catalog course description. 5. Course Goals (general), and (see #6) 6. Student Learning Outcomes (more specific) 7. Instructional methods: Describe the teaching techniques (eg: lecture, case study, small group discussion, private instruction, studio instruction, values clarification, games, journal writing, use of Blackboard, audio/video conferencing, etc.). 8. Course calendar: A schedule of class topics and assignments must be included. Be specific so that it is clear that the instructor has thought this through and will not be making it up on the fly (e.g. it is not adequate to say "lab". Instead, give each lab a title that describes its content). You may call the outline Tentative or Work in Progress to allow for modifications during the semester. 9. Course policies:

☐ Specify course rules, including your policies on attendance, tardiness, class participation, make-up exams, and plagiarism/academic integrity.

10. Evaluation:

☐ Specify how students will be evaluated, ☐ what factors will be included, ☐ their relative value, and ☐ how they will be tabulated into grades (on a curve, absolute scores, etc.) ☐ Publicize UAF regulations with regard to the grades of "C" and below as applicable to this course. (Not required in the syllabus, but may be a convenient way to publicize this.) Faculty Senate Meeting #171:

http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/meetings/2010-2011-meetings/#171

Describe the student support services such as tutoring (local and/or regional) appropriate for the course.

12. Disabilities Services: Note that the phone# and location have been updated.

The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and ensures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials.

 \square State that you will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (208 WHITAKER BLDG, 474-5655) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. 8/1/2012

Syllabus: Introduction to Biology of Cancer.

BIOL F4XX – undergraduate level BIOL F6XX – graduate level

CRN 80179 & 80180

3 Credits

Prerequisite: BIOL360 (with BIOL115X &116X)

Lectures are: Tue-Thu, 3:40 – 5:10 pm, Murie Room 107

Instructor:

NAME ROLE EMAIL OFFICE & HOURS
Dr. Andrej Podlutsky Faculty apodlutsky@alaska.edu WRRB 232; Wed 10-12

Required Textbook: "The Biology of Cancer" 2nd Edition, 2013, By Robert A. Weinberg, Garland Publishing.

Course description:

Introduction to Biology of Cancer covers current concepts and knowledge of cancer, including cancer research and cancer treatment; it will educate students on various genetic and molecular changes normal cells undergo during transformation into malignant cancer cells. This course will explore the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying cancer development with the aim of understanding how changes in the normal growth and division processes lead to the formation of tumors. Topics include the natural history of cancer, oncogenes, tumor suppressors, cancer-causing viruses, and current therapeutic approaches to cancer treatment.

Course goals: Students will gain knowledge of tumorigenesis, learn techniques commonly used in cancer biology, sharpen their critical thinking skills, and gain insight into the cellular and molecular basis of disease. Students will be able to: describe the six hallmarks of cancer, explain the types of gene mutations possible and how these mutations can contribute to cancer formation, describe an oncogene and why it is important in cancer development, describe the function of tumor suppressor genes, learn how cancer cells escape cell death, and explain current approaches in cancer treatment.

This course is offered to graduate and undergraduate students who wish to learn about biology of cancer. Accordingly, requirements are different – graduate students are required to choose a specific chapter from the textbook and present it to the class, presentation should include in-depth analysis of the chapters material plus recent peer-reviewed publication on the selected topic; in addition graduate student will write a mini-review report on selected topic with critical analysis/synthesis of recently published research material. Based on her/his interest, I will help graduate student to choose a textbook chapter and research articles for the presentation, by October 1 graduate students should decide on the topic of presentation.

Instructional methods: This course will be taught through a combination of lectures, group problem solving, and student-led presentations/discussions.

Policies: Class attendance is required. Classes will start and end on time; you are expected to be on time. If for any reason you are not able to attend a specific classmeeting, you will be responsible for

catching up with the material covered during the absence. If you are required to participate in either (a) military or (b) UAF-required activities that will cause you to miss class, you must notify me as soon as possible before your absence. Tardiness, absenteeism, inattentiveness, and unfamiliarity with course material will all negatively impact this subjective assessment. Note that UAF policy provides a mechanism for an instructor to unilaterally withdraw a student from any course. Chronic absenteeism will be grounds for such action, at the discretion of the instructor.

You are responsible for any material covered if absent from class regardless of the reason. Notes must be obtained from classmates.

I will be more than happy to help clarify material missed during any absence, but it must be during my office hours or another time outside of class that is convenient for both of us and you must be prepared (you must have read and thought about the material before meeting with me).

Electronic devices: during lectures – please refrain from using any device in the class that might disrupt the lecture or your colleagues. This includes, but not limited to: cell phones, pagers, PDA, iPods (you get the idea).

Exams: Exams will be based on material covered in lectures, textbook and other readings. You are expected to take all exams at the scheduled time. Check the schedule carefully and plan your appointments and travel around the course schedule. In particular, make sure you schedule your travel plans for break after the final exam. I will not grant requests for early finals to accommodate early travel. Exams will contain multiple choice and short answer items.

Scheduled absences: For absences caused by conflict with a University-sanctioned activity (e.g., participation in a competition as a UAF athlete), you must notify me in advance of the exam. You will be expected to take the exam before your absence. Other types of scheduled absence are generally **not** accepted; you are expected to schedule around the exams.

Unscheduled (emergency) absences: If an emergency arises (ie: family death, medical emergency) the day of the exam that makes you unable to attend the exam, you must inform me before the start of the exam by e-mail or phone (leave a message if you can't reach me). You must take a make-up exam within 48 hours of the scheduled exam. It is your responsibility to schedule the make-up. If not taken within 48 hours, the exam will be recorded as a zero. You should expect to provide documentation of the emergency. Make-up exams are <u>not</u> guaranteed; they are granted at the instructor's discretion.

Blackboard: Slides used in lecture will be posted on Blackboard prior to/or after the lecture. Please do not use these as a substitute for taking notes. The slides will contain mostly figures, illustrating many of the complex processes we will be discussing during class. I use minimal text on slides and strongly encourage you to take notes to enhance your understanding and learning of the material. Note taking is a skill that requires practice to master, and is essential for learning.

I also use Blackboard to post announcements, exam and homework keys, and any other interesting tidbits. Please check out the BB site on a regular basis. I also use the UAF email accounts to contact students. Please check your UAF account on regular basis. If you use an alternate account, please have your UAF mail forwarded to that account.

Email Etiquette: I will do my best to respond to your email inquiries within 24 hrs. Please be considerate in your letters and use proper English grammar. Think before you send and never write anything you would feel uncomfortable saying to me (or anyone else!) in person. Please sign your letter; addresses don't always reveal the identity of the writer. <u>I do not accept any assignment via email.</u>

Disabilities: I will work with the Office of Disabilities Service (Whitaker Building, Room 208, Tel: (907) 474-5665) to provide accommodations and equal access to all materials in this course to all students.

Grading: Your final grades will be based on the following:

- (1) Exams (450 points): There will be four exams during the semester, one of which is the final exam. Each exam will count for 100 points (300 points total). The final exam (150 points) will be cumulative. The questions at the end of each chapter are an excellent study guide. I strongly suggest that you test yourself with these questions after reading each chapter. Twenty points from each exam will be in the form of take-home questions in which you apply the knowledge you learn in class to solve problems. During exams (exception Final Exam) students are allowed to use their hand-written notes, because of this taking good notes during class lectures and presentations is very important. Each exam will contain "take-home" part (usually 15-20% of exam grade); graduate students are expected to search NCBI (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed) for the recent research article and provide answer based on gained information.
- (2) Current topics in the biology of cancer presentation (75 points): These presentations are an opportunity for us all to learn more about current issues in cancer biology. I will provide one background article to get you started. You will need to research additional material for your presentation. Undergraduate students: you will work in groups of three, and you can divide the work in any way you choose, however each of you must speak an equivalent length of time. The presentations should be approximately 45 minutes in length (total), so you can estimate ~15 min. per person. Graduate students: will do their presentation alone, length of presentation 30 minutes, use of research articles required. Presentation should include sufficient background information on the topic and then cover any controversies related to the topic, including both sides of any argument. For example, in relation to BRCA1, there are some people who are being tested for the presence of a mutation in this gene and then getting mastectomies if they are carriers, regardless of whether or not they have cancer. Do you think this is a good idea, why or why not? Is genetic testing in general a good idea? Everyone must let me know by September 15 which topic they will be working on. Once your groups have been established, I would like to meet with each group to help plan your presentation. You may use either PowerPoint slides or overheads for your presentation.
- (3) Report (75 points, BIOL6XX only): you will write an 8-page report (line spacing: single) on the one of recommended topics, which is related to current research in cancer (reference list should contains at least 10 citations). I will provide rubrics for the report. Graduate students are expected to write a mini-review style report containing critical analysis and synthesis based on covered materials and published research articles. Reports are due on December 1 by noon, and should be uploaded to BB, link will be provided. No late reports are accepted.
- (4) **Homework** (5 x 15 = 75 points): during the course I will give you a home work assignments, which could be related to the material covered in lectures, discussed in class, or related to the newly published high-impact article (Cell, Nature, Science). Homework due date will be specified for each assignment; late home-work assignments are not accepted.

In summary your grade will be based on the following:

		BIOL 4XX	BIOL6XX
		(undergraduate level)	(graduate level)
Exams		3 x 100 = 300	3 x 100 = 300
Final exam		150	150
Presentation		75	75
Report		-	75
Homework		75	75
	Total	650	725

Grades: A = 90-100%, B = 80-90%, C = 70-80%, D = 60-70% and F < 60%.

Secrets to success: We will cover a large amount of material during this semester. Some of it may be familiar to you, but many topics will be new. There are few techniques you can use to help you to succeed in this course.

- 1) Read the book before coming to lecture. This will allow you to familiarize yourself with the material before I cover it. Also, if you have questions about what you read, you can ask during the lecture. Please, please, never be afraid to ask a question. Undoubtedly there is someone else in the room wondering the same thing, and it will help everyone if I have an opportunity to explain something in a slightly different way, or clarify a point.
- 2) Take notes during class. This is an excellent way to reinforce your learning of the material. Although I will post slides on Blackboard before the lecture, I will discuss the material in much more detail than is on the slide and you will be responsible for this material on the exam.
- 3) Review your notes shortly after lecture, and ask me again if something is unclear, or fill in missing pieces with information from the text. Also (number 3.5), as I stated above, test yourself by answering the questions at the end of the text.
- **4) Quiz yourself****.** Use questions at the end of each chapter to test your understanding of the material. These questions are a GREAT way to study!!!

Most of all, do not procrastinate! There is no way you can do well on an exam in this course by waiting until the night before the exam to study.

Course description for the catalog (50 words).

Course covers current knowledge of cancer: basic research, treatment, various genetic and molecular changes normal cells undergo during transformation into malignant cells. Topics include: growth factors, oncogenes, tumor suppressors, cancer-causing viruses, and current therapeutic approaches to treatment. Premed-students would benefit by learning about fastest developing field of medicine.

Acknowledgement:

This syllabus was developed with the help of Dr. Michael Harris of UAF, who teaches "Neurobiology" class (BIOL470/617), his contribution is greatly appreciated. Any errors/mistakes, however, are sole responsibility of Andrej Podlutsky.

Date	Lecture	Exam	Book Chapter
9/9	Introduction: Biology and Genetics of Cells and Organisms		Ch 1
9/11	The Nature of Cancer		Ch 2
9/16	Tumor Viruses		Ch 3
9/18	Cellular Oncogenes		Ch 4
9/23	Growth Factors, Receptors, and Cancer		Ch 5
9/25	Cytoplasmic Signaling Circuitry Programs		Ch 6
9/30		Exam 1	
10/2	Tumor Suppressor Genes		Ch 7
10/7	pRb and Control of the Cell Cycle Clock		Ch 8
10/9	p53 and Apoptosis: Master Guardian and Executioner		Ch 9
10/14	Eternal Life: Cell Immortalization and Tumorigenesis		Ch 10
10/16	Multi-Step Tumorigenesis		Ch 11
10/21		Exam 2	
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10/30	Multi-Step Tumorigenesis Current Topics in Cancer Research. Student's presentation		Ch 11
11/4	Maintenance of Genomic Integrity and the Development of Cancer I		Ch 12
11/6	Maintenance of Genomic Integrity and the Development of Cancer II		Ch 12
11/11	Heterotopic Interactions and the Biology of Angiogenesis		Ch 13
11/13	Moving Out: Invasion and Metastasis		Ch 14
11/18	Stem Cells and Cancer Current Topics in Cancer Research. Student's presentation		
11/20		Exam 3	
11/25	Crowd Control: Tumor Immunology & Immunotherapy I		Ch 15

11/27	Crowd Control: Tumor Immunology & Immunotherapy II		Ch 15
11/28	Rational Treatment of Cancer		Ch 16
12/2	Rational Treatment of Cancer Current Topics in Cancer Research. Student's presentation		Ch 16
12/4	Aging as a Major Risk Factor of Cancer Current Topics in Cancer Research. Student's presentation		TBA
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