

CPSC 598 G1/IB 513 G1: PMPB seminar

Spring 2023, 1 credit, CRN 31638/34683 (S/U Grading)

Time 12:00 pm on Wednesdays in W109 Turner Hall

COURSE DESCRIPTION and STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course is a seminar course in Physiological and Molecular Plant Biology (PMPB). Students will attend seminar and comment on seminar each week in Perusall. This course is intended to expose students to current research topics and scientists working in the field of PMPB.

INSTRUCTORS:

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SCHEDULE of seminars (also provided weekly in Perusall):

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NWkI5ODqauElyveuXHQecrc6LgLDHo3RC5wzc1zmOyw/edit - gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NWkI5ODqauElyveuXHQecrc6LgLDHo3RC5wzc1zmOyw/edit-gid=0)

Course Attendance, Grading, and Philosophy

You are required to attend all seminars; occasional medical and instructor pre-approved absences are accepted.

Grades are based purely on attendance and participation. You are expected to participate in the Perusall forum following the seminar. Go to the Perusall site, make an account, and use the code HEATH-EYFMN to add PMPB seminar course to your account.

- Students who miss three or more classes and Perusall forums (without instructor approval) will receive a grade of “U”.

Contesting Grades

- Students who believe that their grade awarded is demonstrably improper by reason of capricious or arbitrary grading should confer with the Associate Director of Academic Affairs in the School of Integrative Biology. Students who are unable through such discussion to arrive at a mutually agreeable solution may file a written appeal with the Capricious Grading Committee of the School of Integrative Biology. Prompt attention to these concerns is important. The appeal must be filed within six working weeks after the start of the next semester.

- For further information, refer to §3-107 of the Student Code:
<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part1/3-107/>

Disability Accommodations

To obtain disability-related academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the course instructor and the Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) as soon as possible. To contact DRES you may visit 1207 S. Oak St., Champaign, call 333-4603 (V/TTY), or e-mail a message to disability@illinois.edu.

Code of Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the campus Student Code: <https://studentcode.illinois.edu>. As a reminder, the Campus Integrity Statement states: “The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign expects its faculty, staff, students and guests to conduct themselves in accordance with the community values of civility, respect, and honesty; to maintain the highest level of integrity and exercise critical judgment in all dealings, decisions and encounters; and to maintain and strengthen the public’s trust and confidence in our institution.” You will receive three written warnings if your language and comments are divisive or offensive. After these warnings you will receive a 0 on the participation grade for the session in which your comments are deemed inappropriate for the third time (warning). A fourth written warning will result in your dismissal from the course. What does it mean to be divisive or offensive? The list includes but is not limited to: personal attacks, false statements with no basis in fact, demeaning someone's experience, belittling language, broad generalizations and stereotyping, amongst others. If you cannot find a credible source to support something you are trying to state as a scientific finding, it is likely in this category.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining a learning environment that promotes excellence. We expect that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. ***For this course, this means that you should not comment in Perusall about a seminar you did not attend – instead, contact the instructor.*** We adhere to the academic misconduct guidelines outlined by the Student Code of Conduct and will report any suspected academic misconduct using the FAIR system. Please see http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1_part4_1-402.html for additional details. If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact one of the instructors.