

MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCES MINI COURSE TEMPLATE

Title: Provide a brief but descriptive title

Instructor(s): Multiple instructors are permitted, but not more than two.

Description: Briefly describe what this course is about and its relevance to molecular biosciences.

Structure: There is no fixed structure (lecture/discussion/projects), but there should be an emphasis on the use of primary literature.

Outcome: Provide a statement that clearly describes what benefit the students may derive from the course.

Grading: Grading components are flexible but should include at least two items for grading. Considering that this is a first-year course, the grading probably should be more rigorous than that in an upper level seminar course. There does not have to be an exam. Students could be asked to submit a written component in lieu of an exam. Written work would preferably due on the final day of class, but no later than three days after the last session.

Course Materials: The use of textbooks that must be purchased should be kept to a minimum. Overview material can be presented as an “e-book” that is prepared by the course director. Alternatively, a combination of review articles and primary literature could comprise all of the reference material for the course. Regarding quantity, keep in mind that this is a one-credit course and students are expected to be taking two mini-courses simultaneously, in addition to their other obligations. Depth should be given precedence over breadth. Thus, we recommend assigning no more than one research paper per session with overview material being provided as an e-book or as one or two review articles.

Schedule: Mini-Courses meet twice a week for 4 weeks. Please include a table with a list of topics and/or papers.

Date	Topic	Paper
Session 1	Topic Description	Reference #1
Session 2	Topic Description	Reference #2
Session 3	Topic Description	Reference #3
Session 4	Topic Description	Reference #4
Session 5	Topic Description	Reference #5
Session 6	Topic Description	Reference #6
Session 7	Topic Description	Reference #7
Session 8	Topic or exam and/or paper due	

When it comes time to schedule your course, you will be asked to indicate the blocks you prefer to offer your course. The Curriculum Committee will do its best to accommodate your preference, taking into account subject matter and other course offerings.

Course Dates 2021 (sample)	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
January 19 to February 15			
February 22 to March 26			
April 5 to April 30			