

BIO4953-003 ADVANCED CLINICAL MEDICINE AND PATHOLOGY
1604 CAMPUS, SYLLABUS, SPRING 2009

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Thomas Forsthuber, Professor of Immunology, Adjunct Professor of Pathology

CLASS LOCATION: HSS 3.02.30

CLASS HOURS: Monday 2:00pm – 4:45pm

COURSE SCHEDULE: To be posted on WebCT prior to the course

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 5:00 – 5:30pm; Rm. BSE 3.250B

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PREREQUISITES: Required is previous completion of Introductory Clinical Medicine/Pathology course (BIO 3013, HON 3253) or consent of instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed as an advanced course for students interested in medical sciences, such as pre-med students, nursing students, pre-dental students, or students interested in general in clinical medicine and related pathology of important human disorders.

Participants in this class will have the opportunity to learn about the clinical manifestations, diagnoses, underlying pathology, and treatment of a wide variety of relevant human disease conditions affecting major organ systems. This course builds on the materials presented in the course Introduction to Clinical Medicine and Pathology. **Active student participation is required and will encompass assigned presentations and discussion of human diseases, and problem solving in the context of rendering case diagnosis.** Students are expected to work cooperatively in groups.

TEXTBOOK: Required textbook for this course: Kumar, Abbas, Fausto, Pathologic Basis of Disease (7th or 8th ed), Elsevier Saunders. The required textbook will be used as the basis for the course and provide the opportunity for further reading on the subjects presented in class. Lecture handouts will be posted on WebCT if applicable. Additional readings will be suggested as applicable.

COMMUNICATIONS: Posting of information for the class can be found on WebCT. Lecture notes will be posted on WebCT. It is the student's responsibility to attend class and take notes. It is also the student's responsibility to check any postings by the instructor prior to class meetings. This will be the primary method of informing students of last minute changes to the class schedule. Changes may also be announced in class, but this will be done secondarily to the posting of the announcement. Students may access WebCT through the UTSA home page. Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions are posted on this page. The instructor may be contacted through his UTSA email address (thomas.forsthuber@utsa.edu). Include course number and your full name in the email. **Do not use the WebCT email function to contact the instructor.**

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is **mandatory** and may be recorded. You are responsible for any substantive or procedural information given in class (e.g. changes in the exam schedule or reading requirements). In the event that you are absent from class, do not look to the instructor to repeat for you personally what has already been presented to the larger class. When you are in attendance, please refrain from talking or engaging in any other behavior that may be distracting to fellow students while class is in session. All students are expected to exercise self-discipline and respect the rights of others at all times. Support services for students with documented disabilities are available through the Office of Disabled Student Services (458-4157). **Audio headsets, PDA's and empowered mobile phones are not permitted in class.** Laptop activity must be directly related to activity in this classroom. Tape recorders or recording devices are **not to be used** by students or visitors except upon specific permission of the instructor or except as provided under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you can not conform to these restrictions, you must leave the classroom. Continued enrollment in this class represents your agreement to these conditions.

EXAMS AND GRADING: No written exams will be given. However, students will be assigned (3 - 4) formal in-class oral presentations ("assignments") on course topics selected by the instructor which will be graded according to the scheme posted on WebCT. The instructor may give the student assignments (presentations) in form of group presentations. All students in a group presentation must

participate in a meaningful way in these presentations to receive a grade. If the contributions are unevenly distributed students may be assigned individual grades. Students are expected to adhere to the presentation format, medium, and conventions suggested by the instructor. Your final grade will be based on the average of the point total of your three (3) highest graded presentations.

Grades will be awarded as follows:

A: 90% and above B: 80 - 89% C: 70 - 79% D: 60 – 69%

F: 59% and below

“EXTRA-CREDIT”: There will be NO "extra credit".

Be aware of the published deadline for withdrawing from the course and getting an automatic grade of W. After that date, if your grade average is an F, you will receive that grade as your final course grade.

MAKE UP POLICY: Make-up presentations may be offered under exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the instructor on a case-by-case basis in situations of documented, extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the student.

EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS: Not applicable. HOWEVER, the following general instructions apply. You are expected to be familiar with the University's honor code and will adhere to that code and be bound by its prescriptions. Every student is expected to be familiar with The University's stance regarding scholastic dishonesty: "The University expects every student to maintain a high standard of individual integrity for work done. Scholastic dishonesty is a serious offense which includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test or other class work, plagiarism (the appropriation of another's work and the unauthorized incorporation of that work in one's own work), and collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing college work offered for credit). In cases of scholastic dishonesty, the faculty member responsible for the class may initiate disciplinary proceedings against the student."

It is my view that scholastic dishonesty cannot be tolerated. It is my obligations as a faculty member to do my best to assure that the performance of a student be evaluated fairly and that all students be treated similarly. Acts of scholastic dishonesty are inconsistent with both and will be dealt with according to the guidelines and regulations at UTSA

RECEIVING EXAM AND COURSE GRADES: You will not receive your grades by telephone or e-mail (no exceptions). Your grade on the presentations will be made available ASAP via WebCT, approximately one week after the exam. Any dispute of the posted grade must be made **PROMPTLY** and **IN WRITING**. Grades and exam keys are **NOT** available at my office.