



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

# **BMI 551 / 651 BCBI:** **Statistical Methods in** **Computational Biology**

## **Course Syllabus**

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**CLASS MAILING LIST AND WEB PAGE:** All communication and  
materials will be provided via the Course webpage on the Sakai  
system.

For any technical questions or if you need help logging in, please  
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## **TEXTBOOKS:**

### **Required:**

Hastie, Tibshirani and Friedman. The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction (2009) Second Edition

### **Recommended:**

Hahne F, Huber W, Gentleman R Bioconductor Case Studies (Use R) (2008). 1<sup>st</sup> Edition.

Ewens WJ and GR Grant. Statistical Methods in Bioinformatics (2005) 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

**Notes: We will be supplementing the textbook with lecture handouts and articles throughout the quarter.**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will be a problem-driven examination of the quantitative issues in computational biology. The course will provide students with the statistical fundamentals underlying the techniques covered. Topics will include applications involving Supervised and Unsupervised learning, MCMC Models, Maximum Likelihood, Hidden Markov Models, Bayesian Networks and Multiple Testing. Students will be evaluated on written assignments, a midterm, an analysis programming assignment and final analysis project.

**HOMEWORK:** There will be weekly written homework assignments, generally assigned during class and due the following week.

**METHODS OF EVALUATION:** Students will be evaluated on written homework assignments, done individually, and an analysis project.

The course grade will be based on 40% Homework; 10% Short analysis programming project; 20% Midterm Examination; 30% Final – analysis project submission.

Graduate Studies in the OHSU School of Medicine is committed to providing grades to students in a timely manner. Course instructors will provide students with information in writing at the beginning of each course that describes the grading policies and procedures

including but not limited to evaluation criteria, expected time needed to grade individual student examinations and type of feedback they will provide.

Class grades are due to the Registrar by the Friday following the week of finals. However, on those occasions when a grade has not been submitted by the deadline, the following procedure shall be followed:

- 1) The Department<sup>1</sup> /Program Coordinator<sup>2</sup> will immediately contact the Instructor requesting the missing grade, with a copy to the Program Director and Registrar.
- 2) If the grade is still overdue by the end of next week, the Department<sup>1</sup> /Program Coordinator<sup>2</sup> will email the Department Chair directly, with a copy to the Instructor and Program Director requesting resolution of the missing grade.
- 3) If, after an additional week the grade is still outstanding, the student or Department<sup>1</sup> /Program Coordinator<sup>2</sup> may petition the Office of Graduate students for final resolution.

*1. For courses that are run by a specific department.*

*2. For the conjoined courses (course number is preceded by CON\_ that are run by Graduate Studies.*

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Each student is responsible for following the OHSU guidelines for academic integrity. You may discuss the general concepts and principles behind an assignment with other students. In fact, you are encouraged to do this whenever possible, because it is often a valuable way to reinforce ideas, and to learn new perspectives. However, in doing homework assignments, each student is expected to develop, write up, and hand in an individual solution and, in doing so, develop a sufficient understanding of the problem and solution so as to be able to explain it adequately to the instructor. Under no circumstances should a student copy or consult the solution of another student, or copy a solution from any other source, including the Internet. In the case of course project submissions, one submission per group will be required, and should be the work solely of students in that group.

### **COPYRIGHT INFORMATION**

Every reasonable effort has been made to protect the copyright requirements of materials used in this course. Class participants are warned not to copy, audio, or videotape in violation of copyright laws.

Journal articles will be kept on reserve at the library or online for student access. Copyright law does allow for making one personal copy of each article from the original article. This limit also applies to electronic sources.

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Each school has an assigned Program Accommodation Liaison (PAL), who acts as an "in-house" resource for students and faculty concerning access issues for students with disabilities. The PAL works in collaboration with Student Access to implement recommended accommodations for students with disabilities.

It is recommended that you contact Student Access to consult about possible accommodations if you a) received disability accommodations in the past, b) begin experiencing academic difficulties, and/or c) are given a new diagnosis from your healthcare provider.

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1. If the syllabus directs the student to contact the TA before contacting the instructor, the student should do so. Otherwise, the student should contact the instructor and allow 2 business days (not including weekends) for a response.
2. If the student does not receive a response from the instructor within 2 business days, s/he should contact the TA (if there is one). When contacting the TA s/he should cc the instructor and Diane Doctor at [doctord@ohsu.edu](mailto:doctord@ohsu.edu).
3. If a student does not receive a response from the TA within 1 business day (not including weekends), s/he should contact Diane Doctor at [doctord@ohsu.edu](mailto:doctord@ohsu.edu) and cc the instructor and the TA.
4. If Diane does not reply within 1 business day (not including weekends), the student should contact Andrea Ilg at [ilgan@ohsu.edu](mailto:ilgan@ohsu.edu).
5. Students having difficulties with Sakai should contact the Sakai Help Desk at [sakai@ohsu.edu](mailto:sakai@ohsu.edu) or at (877) 972-5249. Sakai help is available M-F from 8am to 10-pm and weekends from Noon to 5pm. Do not contact the instructor.