BMI 567/667 Network Science and Biology – Principles, Programming, Analysis and Visualization  
On Campus – Fall 2015  
3 Credit Hours

PREREQUISITE:  
Background in linear algebra and calculus and knowledge in statistics are expected. Some programming experience using an object-oriented programming language will be needed in order to complete the course projects.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR:  
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TEXTBOOK:  

Required:  


Non-required Additional Text for Reference:  
Light Reading:


COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Networks are everywhere: the Internet, social networks, epidemiological networks, protein-protein interaction networks, gene regulatory networks, etc. This course will introduce students to basic concepts shared by many different kinds of networks, with focus on biological networks as examples. Students will learn how to program against networks, search for patterns hidden in networks, and visualize networks generated from real biological data sets.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
After this course, students will have basic concepts and skills to analyze network data, and should be able to apply network-based approaches to their own research projects.

COURSE OUTLINE:
• Principles
  1. Introduction
     a. Ubiquitousness of networks
     b. Technological networks
     c. Social networks
     d. Networks of information
     e. Biological networks
  2. Fundamentals of Network Theory I: Mathematics of networks
     a. Networks and their representation
     b. Directed and un-directed, weighted and unweighted networks
     c. Degree, paths, components
     d. Graph Laplacian and Random walks
  3. Fundamentals of Network Theory II: Measures and metrics
     a. Centrality, transitivity, reciprocity, and similarity
     b. Community structure and small world
     c. Application in biology
• Programming
  4. Network data model in software
     a. Concepts in Object-oriented Programming (OOP)
     b. Network data modeling in OOP
     c. Storing network data: SQL and NoSQL for network
     d. Use No-SQL or Graph database to store network data: Neo4j
     e. Parallel computing for network data
5. Program network data
   a. Fundamental network algorithms
   b. Matrix algorithms and graph partitioning
   c. Network community detection and its application
   d. Introduction to popular network software libraries

• Analysis

6. Network models for analysis
   a. Sampling and estimation of networks
   b. Random graph models
   c. Small-world models
   d. Network growth models
   e. Exponential random graph models

7. Processes on networks
   a. Network resilience
   b. Static processes: vertex attribute prediction
   c. Dynamic processes: epidemics on networks
   d. Link prediction
   e. Network flow

8. Probabilistic graphical models
   a. Markov models
   b. Bayesian models
   c. Factor graph models
   d. Learning and inference

• Visualization and Application

9. Visualization
   a. Importance
   b. Software tools: Cytoscape
   c. Graph layout
   d. Programming in visualization

10. Application
   a. Protein function prediction
   b. Protein interaction network prediction
   c. Network based cancer signature development
   d. Other application examples.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:
Students will be evaluated on written assignments, a mid-term project proposal and a final project with a presentation.

Homework: There will be weekly written homework assignments posted on-line before class.

Project: Ph.D. students will be asked to finish the course projects in their own research fields, and M.S. students will have an option to use data sets provided in
the course. They will present their project proposals at the mid-term, finish the projects, and present their results at the final.

Grades will be assigned based on the following criteria:

- A: 94-100%
- A-: 90-93.9%
- B+: 87-89.9%
- B: 84-86.9%
- B-: 80-83.9%
- C+: 77-79.9%
- C: 74-76.9%
- C-: 70-73.9%
- D+: 67-69.9%
- D: 64-66.9%
- D-: 60-63.9%
- F: Below 60%

Grades will be based on: Homework assignment 30%; Project 40%; Class Participation 30%

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1) The Department/Program Coordinator 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 /Program Coordinator will email the Department Chair directly, with a copy to the Instructor and Program Director requesting resolution of the missing grade.

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USE OF SAKAI:
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