

MCDB 5230 Gene Expression

Fall 2019

Gold A350

Tue: 4-5:15PM: Friday 1:00-2:15PM

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Fall semester of Core is divided into two sections:

A) Fall1 - Protein Structure/function Aug 27-Oct 15

B) Fall2 - Genome Organization and Gene expression Oct 17– Dec 12

They will be taught by faculty in blocks of 4-5 lectures per topic. The class meets Tues 4-5:15 and Fri- day 1-2:15 in room Gold A150. **First class is August 27.** There will be a total of ~28 classes in the fall. Like all graduate classes you take, you need to achieve a grade of B or better in order for the course to count toward your Ph.D. In addition you **MUST** pass this course to advance in the program.

Grading will be based on classroom attendance and participation as well as your scores on the two take-home at the ends of Fall1 and Fall2. Exams will be designed as problem solving exercises graded by the instructors. Classes are expected to be highly interactive alternating “lecture style” and paper discussion. Formats for the paper discussions are discretionary but will involve some sort of required oral discussion of specific data/figures in the assigned papers.

Below are the topics to be covered:

Protein Structure and Function

Class 1 Aug 27 (Copley) Review of general protein structure with an in-class lab using molecular modeling software, Chimera.

Assignment

download [Chimera](#)

Readings

[Directed evolution of genetic parts.pdf](#)

[Visualizing Protein Structures Using Chimera v2.dotx](#)

Class 2 Aug 30 (Copley) Evolution of protein function, especially how new functions can arise from existing proteins with either structural or functional similarity.

PowerPoint for class

[Catalysis 2019.pptx](#)

[Modulation of protein function by small molecules 2019.pptx](#)

[Protein evolution 2019.pptx](#)

Class 3 - 4 Sep 3,6 (Copley) Characterization of small molecule interactions, modulation of protein function by small molecules and control of transcriptional regulators – e.g. AraC, the transcriptional regulator used to control the pBAD promoter. Enzyme inhibition/activation, competitive, non-competitive and uncompetitive inhibition, allosteric regulation, and receptors.

Guidelines for Paper Discussions [Paper presentations for Class 4.docx](#)

Class 5 - 8 Sep 10,13,17,20 (Old) a) Non-covalent interactions; b) Enzymes, catalysis (kinetics review), enzyme classes (polymerases, kinases, proteases, ATPases, etc); c) Macromolecular machines, covalent modifications (phosphorylation & ubiquitin signaling) and compartmentalization. Combinatorial post-translational modifications, regulation through multi-site modification. d) Bioenergetics, metabolism, metabolic flux, and metabolomics. Methodologies involving spectroscopy will be covered using both lecture and relevant papers.

Readings

[Knight and Shokat 2005 - Features of selective kinase inhibitors.pdf](#)

[Knight and Shokat 2007 - Chemical genetics - where genetics and pharmacology meet.pdf](#)

[Taylor and Kornev - 2011 - Protein kinases evolution of dynamic regulatory p.pdf](#)

[Wang et al. 2014 - MELK is an oncogenic kinase essential for mitotic progression in basal-like breast cancer cells.pdf](#)

[Lin et al. - 2019 - Off-target toxicity is a common mechanism of actio.pdf](#)

[Outline_Wold_Class5to8.docx](#)

Class 9-11 Sep 24-27 (Park) Specific protein degradation, including degradation machinery, the role of proteolysis in fundamental cellular processes, and their relationship to several pathogenic conditions (e.g. Neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's syndrome)

Readings

[Sept24 Dual Role of Ribosome-Binding Domain of NAC as a Potent Suppressor of Protein Aggregation and Aging-Related Proteinopathies.pdf](#)

[Sept27 Distinct proteostasis circuits cooperate in nuclear and cytoplasmic protein quality control.pdf](#)

Class 12-13 Oct 1-4 (Park) Protein translational control including lecture and paper discussion.

Readings

[Oct1 Tau-driven 26S proteasome impairment and cognitive dysfunction can be prevented early in disease by activating cAMP-PKA signaling.pdf](#)

[Oct4 The proteasome biogenesis regulator Rpn4 cooperates with the unfolded protein response to promote ER stress resistance.pdf](#)

Class 14,15 Oct 8,15 (Stowell) Function/regulation of the axonal synapse.

Readings

[2019_slides.pdf](#)

EXAM ON FALL1 WILL BE GIVEN OVER THE WEEKEND OF OCT 20

Class 16 - 17 Oct. 18 – Oct. 22 (Singh) Series will cover elements of mRNA synthesis including transcription, nuclear RNA processing, cytoplasmic RNA fates and functions, and RNA degradation. An understanding of the dynamic nature of mRNA expression vis-à-vis cell function will be covered.

Course material for Fri and Tue (4 pdfs) can be found below.

1. On Friday, I will present Singh_TranscriptionLecture2019.pptx.

2. On Tuesday, There will be 8-10 min each student presentations as follows (come prepared with a ppt presentation for your group).

Students with last names (A-D) will present Levine...pdf

Students with last names (F-M) will present Salisbury ...pdf

Students with last names (N-W) will present Hnisz...pdf

I will wrap up transcription and transcriptional control.

[Singh_Hnisz-Sharp-Cell2017PIIS009286741730185X.pdf](#)

[Singh_Levine-TjianPIIS0092867414002013.pdf](#)

[Singh_Salisbury-Cramer-NatSt-2015nrm3952.pdf](#)

[Singh_TranscriptionLecture2019.pptx](#)

Class 18 - 19 Oct 29- Nov 1 (Chuong) Chromosomal organization of chromosomes and the DNA within them. Emphasis on human diseases related to changes in DNA organization.

Readings

[Heinz2018Cell.pdf](#)

Class 20-23 Nov 5-15 (Yi) Roles of ncRNA in gene regulation and development. Cellular/tissue-specific transcriptional gene regulation, especially as it pertains to the “alternative genetic code” histone modifications. This section will provide clinically relevant phenotypes associated with this regulatory mechanisms.

Readings

[Crispr screen_Ago_Mendell.pdf](#)

[In vivo reprogramming_Belmonte.pdf](#)

Class 24-25 Nov.19,22 (Arnoult) DNA Replication and repair especially related to cancer and disease.

THANKSGIVING WEEK – NO CLASS Nov. 26-29

Class 26 - 28 Dec 3 – 10 (Singh) Series will cover elements of mRNA synthesis including transcription, nuclear RNA processing, cytoplasmic RNA fates and functions, and RNA degradation. An understanding of the dynamic nature of mRNA expression vis-à-vis cell function will be covered.

Readings

[Singh_RNAProcessLect2019.ppt](#)

[Singh_BentleyReview-nrg3662.pdf](#)

[Singh_CramerPromoterswapRNAProcPNAS-1997.pdf](#)

[Singh_NMDLykke-Andersen_Steitz2000.pdf](#)

[Singh_RNA_QualityControlReview.pdf](#)

EXAM ON FALL2 WILL BE GIVEN DEC. 11 DUE DEC 14 9AM