

**IMMUNOLOGY BICD140  
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**COURSE WEBSITE:**

<https://canvas.ucsd.edu/courses/44904>

**LECTURES: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00p-6:20p @ FAH 1301.** Lectures will provide much information not contained in the reading, please come to the lecture!

**OFFICE HOURS WITH DR LU: Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm @ Muir Bio 1138,** except for **5/4**, it will be held at **Muir Bio 1102**. Moreover, no office hours for the first week of class and when there has been an exam that week (instead there will be a Q&A section). I would be happy to talk with you about the class, Immunology in general, science and your studies. I am a wasted resource if you do not take advantage of my office hours!

**Q&A SECTION:**

	Day & Time	Location
Midterm1	Mon, 4/24 (11a-12p)	Bonner Hall 2130
Midterm2	Wed, 5/17 (11a-12p)	Bonner Hall 2130
Final	Fri, 6/9 (11a-12p)	PacHall 3500

**TEXT BOOK: *The Immune System***, Garland publishing, Third or newer Edition by Parham. The textbook is NOT mandatory; there will be reading in it associated with every lecture. The lectures will make extensive use of the figures in the text, as well as other material.

**PREREQUISITES:** BICD100 (Genetics) and BIMM100 (Molecular Biology), and their prerequisites. If a prerequisite has been waived to allow you to take this class, it is your personal responsibility to make up any deficiencies that you may have.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

	Time	Location
Sara	Wednesday 3:00pm-4:00pm	Art of Espresso
Tianyun	Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Art of Espresso
Jeremy	Friday 10am-11am	MoM (middle of Muir cafe)
Danny	Friday 1:50pm-2:50pm	Art of Espresso
Lillian	Monday 3:00pm-4:00pm	Tables by Rooftop

**DISCUSSION SECTIONS: (SPECIFIC IAs WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN WEBSITE AND FIRST WEEK OF LECTURE)**

SECTION	DAY & TIME		LOCATION	IA
A01	W	5:00-5:50p	HSS 1305	Tianyun
A02	Th	7:00-7:50p	YORK 3000A	Sara
A03	Th	8:00-8:50p	YORK 3000A	Sara
A04	Th	9:00-9:50p	YORK 3000A	Jeremy

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A05	F	3:00-3:50p	YORK 3000A	Danny
A06	F	4:00-4:50p	YORK 3000A	Lillian
A07	W	6:00-6:50p	HSS 1305	Tianyun

Discussion sections are a valuable part of this course, and although discussion sections are not mandatory, I highly recommend that you take part in them. These sections serve to clarify, emphasize and expand points that have been introduced in lecture. The answers to problem sets will be available during discussion, **but will not be posted**, so attendance will be highly valuable in preparation for exams. The section leaders craft each meeting to include opportunities for problem-solving, discussion, and expansion on particularly timely topics.

There are three discussion sections touching Special Topics, which are scheduled as follows:

**April 10<sup>th</sup> -April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Flow Cytometry

**May 1<sup>st</sup> -May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Transgenic mice

**May 29<sup>th</sup> -June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Antibodies: measurement, characterization and applications.

PDF files for the aforementioned discussion sections are in the website under "Downloads"

There will be no sections or office hours the first week of class. Sections will begin the second week of class.

**PROBLEM SETS:** Three Problem Sets will be assigned through the website. Problem sets will not be graded, but the material covered will be central to the exams and a very valuable study guide. Written answers will be provided in the discussion sections.

**REVIEW SESSIONS:**

The IAs will hold 2 hour review sessions before each midterm and the final on the Sundays before the Exams. Final times to be announced in class and on the website.

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	Day/Time	Location	IAs
Mid 1	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 11am	Zoom	Sara, Lillian
Mid 2	May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 11am	Zoom	Tianyun, Jeremy, Danny
Final	June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2pm	Zoom	All IAs

\*The review will usually be held for two hours, with the extra time in case the review runs longer.

**GRADING:** Your performance in the course will be evaluated by assignments, 2 midterm exams and the final exam.

Assignments: All students will need to submit five thoughtful questions to your section IA after each lecture. Question must be in multiple choice format (see example questions on the class website) and are due by 11:59 PM the next day of the lecture. (5 x 6 = 30% of grade for each exam). Each IA will pick the 3 questions from his/her section in each lecture to form the question bank (total 7 x 3 x 6 = 126 questions) that will be made available on the class website before each exam.

EXAMS: In the remaining 70% of grade for each exam, 30% comes from the exam questions chosen from the aforementioned question bank. Therefore, if you turn in all your assignments in time and practice the provided question bank, in theory, you should be able to easily get 60% of grade for each exam already.

There are no scheduled make-up exams. Extraordinary circumstances preventing you from taking an exam must be discussed in advance with the Student Affairs Office and Dr. Lu. If exceptions are made for these special circumstances, the make-up will be an ORAL exam given by Dr. Lu. Exams will consist of fill in the blank (with the answer bank) and multiple choice questions. An ID card (student ID or driver's license) will be required at every exam.

**Midterms (25% for each midterm of grade; will be conducted remotely via Zoom):** Exam 1, covering all material covered and reading material assigned for lectures 1-6. Exam 2, covering all material covered and reading material assigned for lectures 8-13.

**Final (50% of grade):** Covering all lecture and reading material assigned the entire class with emphasis on material and reading assigned for lectures 15-20.

**Extra credit:** To encourage students to come up with thoughtful questions, students will be given up to 5% extra credit (each selected question gets 1%) in the exam if their submitted question(s) has been selected by IAs into the corresponding question bank.

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**LETTER GRADE:** The grading is normalized to the higher score (top 5%). 60-70% of that score will be a D, 70-80% will be a C, 80-90% will be a B, and 90-100% of that will be an A. If everyone did well, then it would be possible for the entire class to receive A's or at least a high B; however, given the challenging nature of Immunology, this is unlikely. You are not competing with your fellow students. There is no shortage of high grades for those who do well. It is my hope that everyone will study hard enough to demonstrate sufficient knowledge of Immunology to earn an A or B. However, do not rely on your peers doing poorly...it is you against the material. If you have a concern about your grade or your performance on an exam, you must address this with me within one week of the exam, no exceptions. Do work that you can be proud of and stand by your performance.

### **REGRADE POLICY:**

1. Send an email specifying which specific problem should be looked at and fully describe why you think the problem was wrongly graded.
2. Include BICD140 regrade request in your email subject.
3. The regrade request must be emailed within 1 week after the exams are graded.

**EMAIL COMMUNICATION (TO DR. LU AND IAS):** Please remember to include your first and last name in the body of the email and WRITE BICD140 IN E-MAIL SUBJECT (your e-mail will not be read if you do not write that). I will not respond to any questions regarding the content of the exams by email or answer lengthy questions on course material or anything else that can be done in person before/after class or during office hours. I will address questions about the course material during office hours. Please come talk to me in person.

**LECTURE NOTES:** The lecture slides will be posted on the website the day before the lecture. It is your responsibility to keep track of last minutes changes in the slides. Students are required to have access to the internet in order to obtain class information (syllabus, IA sections) and materials (problem sets). Information available on the website will not be handed out in class.

### **GOALS OF THE COURSE:**

Immunology is the study of the physiological mechanisms that organisms use to defend their bodies from invasion by other organisms. The origins of the subject lie in the practice of medicine and in historical observations that people who

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survived the ravages of epidemic disease were untouched when faced with the same disease again—they had become immune to infection. Infectious diseases are caused by microorganisms, which have the advantage of reproducing and evolving much more rapidly than do their human hosts. During the course of an infection, the microorganism can pit enormous populations of its species against an individual. In response, the human body invests heavily in cells dedicated to defense, which collectively form the immune system. Parham 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

During this quarter, we will explore the complex biology of the many cell types that defend the human body from infectious agents with the final goal of understanding how the immune system unites molecular, cellular, evolutionary and genetic principles to fight the war against pathogens.

### **ACHIEVING THE COURSE GOALS:**

**Learning Immunology:** Immunology is not a linear discipline. You have to bring together several concepts simultaneously in order to understand each aspect of immunity. As you read and review, you will find that you have to look up terms and definitions, and it is an interactive process. You learn subjects 1, 2, and 3, and then you can go back and understand subject 1 with more clarity. **You cannot learn immunology in one pass and you cannot learn it quickly before the exam.** Start studying from the first week, and do not fall behind.

**Lecture:** Lectures are held twice a week and cover the major concepts indicated on the schedule. Please note that the indicated schedule and readings may be modified somewhat during the quarter, and any changes will be announced in lecture. While lecture slides will be posted on the class website before the class, these slides are **not** intended to replace lecture, and there will be material presented in class that does not appear in the lecture slides. You will be responsible for information provided in lecture in addition to the material assigned in the text.

**Reading:** Reading assignments are noted on the schedule. Any additional reading will be announced in lecture and on the web site. **You are strongly encouraged to read text material *before* lectures.**

**Problem Solving:** Three problem sets will be assigned. They will be posted on the website under “Files” and announced in class. You are encouraged to work

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these problems before section and to be prepared to discuss the answers during section. The answers will be provided and discussed during discussion sections.

**The Learning Environment:** Participation in class (e.g. questions or responses to questions by the instructor) is strongly encouraged and contributes to a rich, interactive learning environment. Please refrain from eating, reading newspapers, scanning the web, and engaging in conversations during lectures and sections. Cell phones and messaging devices should be turned off. If you must leave class early, please sit in the back in an aisle seat so that you do not disturb others. Following these guidelines will help you, your colleagues, and instructors to stay focused on the material.

**POLICY FOR POTENTIAL REFERENCE LETTER REQUEST:** Having a letter does not always help you. In fact having a lukewarm letter will hurt you more than you think. A good letter needs real examples not just good words!

1. You need to be top 10% in the class.
2. You need to catch my attention either during or outside the class and office hours.
3. You need to catch IA's attention during the discussion sections or review sessions.

**Academic integrity:** Work on exams must be solely your own. Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in an F in the course, as well as any additional disciplinary actions as indicated by the policy to maintain academic honesty. Please note, letting someone cheat off of your exam is cheating!!

Please review UCSD's Policy on Academic Integrity:

<http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm#AP14>

On each of your midterms I will ask you to sign an honor code stating:

**I pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.**



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**Lecture 1: April 4. Overview of the Immune System. Adaptive vs. Innate Immunity.** Read Chapter 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 2: April 6. Innate Immunity.** Read Chapter 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 3: April 11. Innate Immunity cont.** Read Chapter 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 4: April 13. Adaptive Immunity.** Read Chapter 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 5: April 18. Antibodies: What are they, what do they do and how do they come to be?** Read Chapter 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 6: April 20. B cell development and rearrangement of antibody genes.** Read chapter 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 7: April 25. EXAM# 1, including all material covered and reading material assigned for lectures 1-6.**

**Lecture 8: April 27. T cell recognition of antigen.** Read chapter 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 9: May 2. T cell recognition of antigen cont.** Read chapter 5 & 15 (15-1~15-10), 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 10: May 4. T cell development.** Read Chapter 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 11: May 9. T cell development cont.** Read Chapter 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

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**Lecture 12: May 11.** T cell activation. Read Chapter 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 13: May 16.** T cell activation cont. Read Chapter 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 14: May 18. EXAM #2, including all material covered and reading material assigned for lectures 8-13.**

**Lecture 15: May 23.** B and T cell collaboration. Read Chapter 8 & 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 16: May 25.** B cell activation and antibody mediated immunity. Read Chapter 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 17: May 30.** Hypersensitivity. Read Chapter 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 18: June 1. Autoimmunity.** Read Chapter 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. This lecture will be taught by Dr. Ye Zheng.

**Lecture 19: June 6.** Vaccines and infectious disease. Read Chapter 11&14, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Lecture 20: June 8.** Tumor immunity. Review Chapter 16, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**FINAL EXAM: June 15<sup>th</sup>. 7:00p - 10:00p including all lecture and reading material assigned for the entire course with emphasis on material and reading assigned for lectures 15-20.**