Course description:

Lectures 42 hours; 7 lecturers

There are 4 h on bacteriology, 3 h on bacterial genetics, 4 h on antibiotics, 1 h on bacterial pathogenesis, 1 hour on sterilization

Labs 20 hours – attendance is required, students need a microscope

General bacteriology
Antibiotics
Enteric Organisms
Neisseria
Gram Positives
Mycobacteria
Materials

“The Red Book” – 25 chapters + sample questions

Textbook

– Levinson

– there are specific assigned readings in association with the lectures and lab

- some test questions are drawn directly from this book
Exam Policy

Clearly and specifically stated:

3 quizzes - 14 % each    42 % of grade
1 lab test - 5%            5% of grade
Final exam  53%           53% of grade

Students with a grade over 89% get HONORS

Students must attend and complete all labs to pass
## Student evaluation

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Student Comments

Positive:

lab 12/40
Pfeffercorn 9/40
Notes 8/40

Negative

Quality of notes 12/31
Timing of lab 5/31
Lab exam 4/31
Not enough 4/31
clinical relevance
Summary

The course is well received, though only

2/3 of class retuned survey

The course is well organized

Grading policy is well described

Usefulness of lectures received a lower rating than the rest of the course, though better than the average Year 1 course

It is probably worthwhile to explore what this means

Is this the last holdout for the microscope?
Student evaluation summary

49 % return

Overall score  3.66 (mean for first year courses is 3.45)

Generally, scores in every category improved from 2007

Worst score – 3.06 for usefulness of attending lectures
every other response was >3.5