



BI305 Syllabus

Genetics and Genomics

Spring 2020 meeting days, times, and locations:

Section 1: Twice per week

- Tuesday 10:30 – 11:50 AM, Henry 109
- Friday 1:30 – 2:50 PM, Henry 109

Section 2: Twice per week

- Thursday 10:30 – 11:50 AM, Henry 104
- Friday 3:00 – 4:20 PM, Henry 109

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Office hours: Monday & Wednesday 9AM – 11 AM; Other times may be possible, but by appointment only.

Required textbook:

Genetics and Genomics in Nursing and Health Care, 2012, by Theresa Beery and Linda Workman (ISBN: 978-0803624887, link to book at the bookstore: <https://tinyurl.com/BI305-textbook>); Supplemental readings and other media provided by the instructor will also be assigned

Recommended textbook:

Previous semester: Human genetics: Concepts and applications, 11th ed., 2015, by Ricki Lewis (ISBN: 978-0073525365) – this textbook is not required, but if you find a used copy, it's worth a read.

Course description:

This course is intended to provide training in the basic concepts of genetics and genomics and their applications in human medical practices to third year nursing students in the Chaminade School of Nursing. Topics that include personalized medicine, gene therapy and family histories of genetic diseases will be covered. A service learning component is included to expose students to organizations that assist and counsel patients with defined genetic disorders such as muscular dystrophy and chromosomal aneuploidies such as Down Syndrome as well as congenital birth defects. Topics include family history, risk assessment, interventions, genetic testing and counseling, ethical and social issues and use of genetics and genomics to improve clinical practice.

Catalog description:

BI 305 Genetics and Genomics (3) Nursing required course. Basic concepts in genetics and genomics, Current research, new ways to diagnose genetic conditions and genetic technologies that provide understanding of the genetic component to common chronic diseases are explored. Topics include family history, risk assessment, interventions, genetic testing and counseling, ethical and social issues and use of genetics and genomics to improve clinical practice. Restricted to students accepted in the CUH Nursing major. *Prerequisites: BI 152/BI 152L, BI 250/250L, CH 250, NUR 202, NUR 203.*

Service Learning:

Students will be required to provide 10 hours during the semester for an organization or in an activity that is related to human genetics. More information on the opportunities will be provided in the first few weeks of class. A 2-3 page reflection paper will be due during Week 16 on the activities. If you complete the service earlier in the semester, you are encouraged to submit the paper earlier in the semester, as in within two weeks of completing the service.

Course learning outcomes:

This course will introduce students to the foundational concepts of genetics and genomics. Students will enhance abilities to discuss potential benefits and risks of genetic technology to the environment and or to human health and society.

Student learning outcomes:

At the conclusion of the BI305 course, students will demonstrate the ability to

1. Define basic genetic terminology.

2. Describe the basic genetic information and its relationship to genes, phenotypes and mutations.
3. Construct and analyze pedigrees, e.g. family genetic histories, from information collected over a minimum of three generations. *
4. Ascertain patterns of inheritance in pedigrees of human traits that result from pure Mendelian laws as well as factors that can skew Mendelian ratios including phenomena such as multifactorial traits, epigenetics, penetrance and variable expressivity.
5. Write up case studies that incorporate genetics and genomics into health and disease assessments. *
6. Calculate simple genetic risk assessments and make recommendations. *
7. Diagram the composition and organization of the genetic material in the human genome.
8. Identify resources that provide genetic and genomic information including services such as genetic testing. *
9. Describe basic cytological and molecular genetic tests for the major genetic disorders.
10. Explain the concept of personalized medicine particularly as it applies to pharmacogenomics and cancer and gene therapies. *
11. Synthesize the ethical, legal and social issues in the area of genetics and genomics in the context of human health.

*Essential Nursing Competencies Guidelines for Genetics and Genomics, 2008.

Course assessment:

Your grade will be the result of points earned from Service Learning, Quizzes & worksheets, attendance, participation, and exams.

- **Service Learning:** In coordination with the Service Learning Office, you will be “assigned” to lead a workshop or learning opportunity held with one of the community partners. You will be part of a team and advised in part by Biology students from the concurrent BI308 course. You must also complete a reflections paper turned into the Service Learning Office. Failure to complete your Service Learning obligations will result in a minimum of one grade level reduction. Learn more about service learning at <https://servicelearning.chaminade.edu/>
- **Reflection papers:** In addition to a reflection paper for Service Learning, students will be afforded the opportunity to reflect on ethics of current genetics issues.
- **Quizzes and Worksheets,** hereafter simply referred to as Quizzes, consist of testing of concepts (multiple choice) and work related to case studies drawn from chapters of your textbook and/or from materials provided by the instructor. These are group activities to be

completed outside of class time. Their purpose is to deepen your understanding of genetics, model how medical professionals apply genetic principles, and provide hopefully meaningful context to your reading.

•**Attendance:** Employers emphasize showing up for work, on time; reliability is a key characteristic of successful employment. Therefore, and in keeping with your nursing program, attendance is mandatory. If you miss more than one lecture for any unexcused absence you will receive zero points for Attendance.

•**Participation** in class includes asking questions, Work will include: use of online databases and bioinformatics tools and will be supported by work on quiz and or worksheet exercises.

•**Exams:** Three (3) exams, each based on about 4 weeks of lectures from course material (e.g., chapters from your textbook, lectures, quizzes, and other required reading or case studies). Exams will include about 30 questions (all multiple choice, true/false). Each exam will include opportunities for bonus points (5% per exam). The third exam will be scheduled for finals week and should be considered cumulative.

A total of 400 points may be earned throughout the semester; each item has the following value.

<i>Item</i>	<i>How many ?</i>	<i>How often?</i>	<i>How many points each?</i>	<i>Total points towards final grade</i>	<i>Percent of final grade</i>
<i>Service learning</i>					
• <i>client presentation</i>	1	<i>10 hours during semester</i>	30	30	8%
• <i>reflection paper</i>					
<i>Quizzes</i>	5	<i>every 1-2 weeks</i>	5	25	6%
<i>In class work</i>	4	<i>every 1-2 weeks</i>	5	20	5%
<i>Reflection papers</i>	5	<i>every 3-4 weeks</i>	5	25	6%
<i>Exams</i>	3	<i>every 4-5 weeks</i>	100	300	75%

Final grade:

Your semester letter grade will be based on the following point distribution out of 450 points possible.

<i>Points earned</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Letter grade</i>	<i>Interpretation (page 45, CUH 2019-20 catalog)</i>
360 – 400	90-100%	A	Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative
320 – 359	80-89%	B	Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner
280 – 319	70-79%	C	Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter
240 – 279	60-69%	D	Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of prerequisite coursework.
< 240	< 60%	F	Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit given

Access to course website

BI 305 is a web-enhanced courses, i.e., instruction takes place in the classroom, and technology, including the website, are used to complement and support face-to-face instruction. All lecture slides, course handouts, including this syllabus, will be made available to you at our web site. Quizzes typically will also be handled via the website, although other arrangements for taking quizzes may be available upon request. You may access the website via Chaminade's Canvas. You should already be enrolled. The Canvas site uses latest SSL security; your information is safe provided you use a decent password. Although Canvas provides a Grading feature, this feature is for you to monitor your progress only; your official grades for the course are maintained by Dr Dohm in his grade book in his office.

Use of Canvas for BI 305 is part of your participation in the course. For a satisfactory score on this element, you are expected to spend about an active hour each week on the site.

Course and University Policy, Reminders, and Notices:

- 1.Chaminade University abides by all aspects of the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#). Details of Chaminade's implementation of FERPA are available in your [Student Handbook \(SH\)](#).

2. You are also expected to have read and to abide by the “Student Rules of Conduct” which are available in your copy of Chaminade University’s Student Handbook (SH).

3. Success in this class is in your control. The more you do, the better the results will be for you. You are expected to attend class and to come prepared: read your text before the material is to be presented in class; preview the lecture slides available on the course web site; use the web site forum to ask questions and to discuss concepts; ask questions in class if you are unsure of material. I will suggest problems or questions from each chapter in your text or from the publisher's website for you to consider. If you have purchased access to Pearson's online content that accompanies your text book, please do take advantage of this marvelous resource. Neither the suggested problem sets nor the work on Pearson's supplemental material will be graded, nor are they required. However, the more you do, the more practice and exposure you get to the material, the better you will do on my exams. Exams are based on the same concepts and problems that the text questions address.

4. Class begins and ends each time exactly on the scheduled start time. Regular attendance is expected and essential for your progress in this class. The goal of lecture and discussion will be to provide the needed context to remove barriers to your understanding of the material – going it alone is not recommended.

5. It is university policy that any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade (SH, p. 34). Unexcused absences equivalent to more than a week of classes will lead to a grade reduction for the course.

6. No make up quiz, exam, or presentation time will be granted for unexcused absences. For excused absences, if a student cannot attend a class in which an exam or quiz has been scheduled, the student must provide written verification of the need to miss class at least one day prior to the scheduled due date. This includes any activities sponsored by Chaminade (athletics, etc.) – it is the responsibility of the student to adhere to this policy. In the event of illness, a Doctor’s note will be expected.

7. Please utilize my official office hours or make an appointment via the course website. You are encouraged to use the Ask Dr Dohm forum – if you have a question, there is an excellent chance that others in the class have similar questions – use of Ask Dr Dohm forum counts as participation.

8. Return of graded paper material will be within ten business days after you take the graded assignment.

9. Use of music devices and cell phones is prohibited during all Natural Science and Mathematics classes at Chaminade, *unless specifically permitted by your instructor* (see item 10 and 11). Use of cellphones and music devices in laboratories is a safety issue. In addition, use of cellphones and music devices in any class is discourteous and may lead to suspicion of

academic misconduct. Students who cannot comply with this rule will be asked to leave class and may be subject to laboratory safety violation fines. Please refer any questions to the Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

10. You are encouraged to bring and use your laptops or tablets to genetics lecture and workshops. However, on exam days, calculators will be provided for your use; you may not use your smartphones, tablets, or laptops during exams.

11. You may not record audio, images, or video in the classroom without expressed permission of the instructor.

12. The University provides a Chaminade email address for all students. Official Chaminade communications will be sent to the students' Chaminade email address and instructors will use only this email to communicate with students. It is the responsibility of the student to check their email frequently. Report email-related problems to the Helpdesk at 808-735-4855 or helpdesk@chaminade.edu.

13. You are encouraged to work together; however, all graded material must be your own. Cheating in the form of plagiarism (offering of work of another as one's own, SH, p. 33), collusion, and deception will not be tolerated and will negatively affect your grade. Because the university is an academic community with high professional standards, its teaching function is seriously disrupted and subverted by academic dishonesty. Such dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, which includes giving/receiving unauthorized assistance during an examination; obtaining information about an examination before it is given, using inappropriate/prohibited sources of information during an examination; altering answers after an examination has been submitted; and altering the records on any grade. (Refer to the CUH catalog for further information).

14. Title IX Declaration: Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you want to speak to a confidential source you may contact the following:

- Chaminade Counseling Center 808 735-4845.
- Any priest serving as a sacramental confessor or any ordained religious leader serving in the sacred confidence role.

15. Pursuant to several federal and state laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, all qualified students with disabilities are protected from discrimination on basis of

disability and are eligible for reasonable accommodations or modifications in the academic environment to enable them to enjoy equal access to academic programs, services, or activities. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Counseling Center at 808-735-4845 for further information. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from CUH Counseling Center (735-4845) by the end of the third week of classes. Failure to provide written documentation will prevent your instructor from making necessary accommodations.

Course Schedule

Subject to change by instructor

BI305 Quiz & Worksheet schedule

Expect quizzes or worksheets once every week

BI305 Reflection schedule

Expect reflections once every 2-3 weeks

BI305 Service Learning Schedule

Presentations to schools and or community groups typically occur in late March, early April. Negotiations between Chaminade's Service Learning office and community groups are ongoing at the beginning of the semester and will be finalized by the 4th week of the semester. Course time will be set aside for you to work on presentations, but expect some outside class time commitment.

BI305 Exam schedule

Exams	Chapters from Beery & Workman(2012)	Dates
1	Ch01 – Ch03	Friday, Feb 15
2	Ch04 – Ch06, Ch14, Ch15	Friday, Mar 22
3	Ch07 – Ch10, Ch16, Ch17	Finals week, to be announced