**CSB351Y1Y - INTRODUCTORY VIROLOGY**

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**Prerequisite**: only **one** of the following (**or equivalent**): BIO230H1/255H1 or any course with some basic molecular biology background. Contact Prof. AbouHaidar if you do not have any of these courses.

Everything you ever wanted to know about viruses: in essence, what viruses are, what they do, and what can be done about them. Special emphasis **on all human viruses** and the diseases they cause. This course combines a bit of molecular virology as well as many clinical aspects of the disease caused by viruses. Students who have taken this course find it very useful for their medical virology during their medical school. Besides learning about viruses, the diseases they cause and how they are transmitted and what can be done about protection and vaccine, students also find this course very practical and useful to protect themselves and their families from viral infections in every day of their life.

There are two **OPTIONAL** weekly tutorials for this course. The purpose of the tutorials is to provide an opportunity for class members to bring up points of difficulty in preceding lectures. Topics of current virological interest may also be discussed. Note that you are welcome to: (a) discuss lecture material after classes or (b) to visit me at any time. I have an **open door** policy to help students. Attendance at tutorials is not compulsory but recommended. Information solely covered in tutorials will not be included in any test or exam.

**Textbook (Optional)**: There is **no** required or needed textbook for this course. **Only material covered during lectures will be included for the tests and exams.** Lectures notes are available on Portal. Extended lecture notes (for those who wish to expand their knowledge on some topics) are also available on Portal.

**Evaluation:** Two 1-hour term tests (multiple choice questions) totaling 60% of the final mark. Final 2 hour exam covering mostly the work from the beginning of the second term test to the end of course (multiple choice questions) worth 40%. First term test lectures will **not** be included in the final exam.