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Objectives: This is a general education-type course, without prerequisites, designed to present the basic information of biology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, virology, and immunology to permit the understanding of HIV and the infectious diseases which result from HIV infection. Emphasis will be on HIV replication and current attempts to prevent and cure HIV infection. Emphasis will be also on opportunistic infections of HIV-infected persons, the bacteria, viruses, and fungi which cause them, and their prevention and treatment. This information is necessary to be an informed citizen of the 21st century. This course is substantive, with real science content, and will require significant study time.

What this course is NOT: Bio 307D is not an AIDS awareness course. Please be prepared to study.

WEB Site: http://www.esb.utexas.edu/blinkingova/307D/ for copies of the syllabus, schedule, and old tests

Texts: (1) Everyone must have "Foundations in Microbiology - Basic Principles" Talaro & Talaro, 4th edition  
(2) Everyone must choose either: AIDS: The Biological Basis Alcamo, 3rd edition  
or  
AIDS: Science and Society Fan et al., 3rd or 4th edition

Reserve: The following texts and supplementary reading material are on two-hr reserve in the Life Science Library, Main Bldg 220:  
Foundations in Microbiology  
AIDS: The Biological Basis  
AIDS: Science and Society  
AIDS Update 2002 by Stine

No major credit: Bio 307D may not be used to satisfy a major course requirement in Biology, Botany, Microbiology, or Zoology.

Exams: Four one-hour exams will be multiple choice. They will cover text and lecture material.

Final exam: There will be no final exam.

Grading: Overall averages will be calculated by dropping the lowest score of the first three exams and averaging the remaining two scores plus the score on exam 4. The three scores used for calculating the overall average will be weighted equally. That is, exam 4 will count for only 1/3 of the overall grade. Anyone who misses one of the first three exams for any reason will be assigned a zero for that exam and the zero will be dropped. There will be no makeup or late exams.

Grades usually will be assigned on a 90-A/80-B/70-C/60-D/59 or less-F basis. If a curve is necessary, it will be determined after all exams are completed.
Deadlines:
Feb 4  Last day to add a course or drop a course with possible refund
Feb 16 Last day to drop a course without academic penalty
Mar 29 Last day to withdraw or drop a course with approval