Cover Sheet: Request 11423

MCB 4XXX - Supervised Teaching in Microbiology and Cell Science

Info

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Responses

Recommended PrefixMCB

Course Level 4 Number xxx

Category of Instruction Advanced

Lab Code None

Course Title Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in Microbiology and Cell Science

Transcript TitleSupervised Teach Micr

Degree TypeBaccalaureate

Delivery Method(s)On-Campus

Co-ListingNo

Effective Term Earliest Available

Effective YearEarliest Available

Rotating Topic?No

Repeatable Credit?Yes

If repeatable, # total repeatable credit allowed4

Amount of CreditVariable

If variable, # min 0

If variable, # max3

S/U Only?No

Contact Type Supervision of Teaching/Research

Weekly Contact Hours 4 to 7

Course Description Undergraduate teaching assistants will be part of the dedicated MCS teaching team to enhance the high level of instruction in labs, lecture or online courses. This opportunity provides advanced students with instructional and leadership experience valuable for their educational training and future careers.

Prerequisites Junior or senior standing

Co-requisites None

Rationale and Placement in Curriculum This course and opportunity has existed in our department for many years and was always offered as special topics class MCB4934. We would like to offer the TA opportunity as 0 credit so students don't have to pay for the credit. We have developed a rigorous syllabus that warrant this to be it's own class. Students greatly benefit from the TA experience and it also reinforces the material they learned.

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Course Textbook(s) and/or Other Assigned ReadingN/A all material TAs need are made available through Canvas

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Links and PoliciesGrading Policy

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Instructor(s) Monika Oli, PhD

Supervised Teaching in Microbiology and Cell Science

MCB4xxx

Repeatable (2x) and Variable Credit (0-3)

Prerequisites

Junior or senior standing

Instructor

Oli, Monika, PhD

Delivery Method

In person

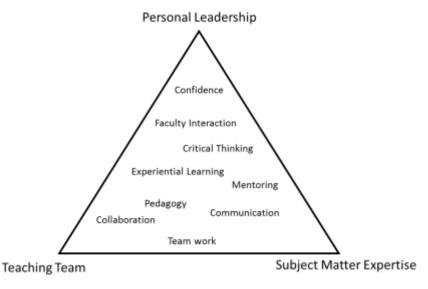
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Background

Supervised undergraduate teaching assistant will be part of the dedicated MCB teaching team to enhance the high level of instruction in the microbiology teaching labs. This opportunity provides advanced students with instructional and leadership experience valuable for their educational training and future careers while simultaneously supporting faculty and graduate teaching assistants.

This course provides personal exploration and discovery of a teaching experience and aids in the development of professional development.



Undergraduate students will have the unique opportunity to engage in an experiential learning experience in the lab, classroom, online or one-on-one.

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Course Material and Assignments

All required course materials will be available through the Canvas e-Learning site

(http://elearning.ufl.edu/). TA specific assignments will be in a separate class shell. The TAs will be additionally enrolled as TA in their specific laboratory course and have the ability to create quizzes and assignment and perform other instructional activities.

Please resolve technical issues by contacting the UF helpdesk (e.g. http://helpdesk.ufl.edu; (352) 392-HELP (4357); helpdesk@ufl.edu · HUB 132).

Required Textbooks

N/A

Other resources for teaching assistants: UF Teaching Assistants Handbook https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/ta-development/

Weekly Course Schedule

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UTA signup and selection process

Prospective TAs interested in becoming a TA the following semester will sign up through the web indicating their information and time availability.

http://microcell.ufl.edu/TA app/

Students will choose one of the many sections we offer as their preferred section, final assignment depends on availability and demand. TAs will be informed during sign up time if their application has been accepted. Priority is given to Microbiology majors but any other majors are eligible, too. Selection will be handled on a first-come-first served basis.

TA Workshop

UTAs are required to attend a TA workshop which will be held before the semester starts. The TA workshop in the fall is 2 days (August 16 and 17, 2017) and 1 day for the spring TAs (January 5th, 2018). The workshop provides time to get to know your GTA, learn about various topics like lab modules, dealing with student accommodations and problems, teaching approaches, active learning strategies, etc. This interactive workshop is a formative part of developing a teaching team.

UTA responsibilities in the lab classes

- Take attendance (electronic roster)
- Make up questions and quizzes
- Help students with projects and presentations
- Read modules ahead of time and come prepared
- Arrive 10-15 minutes before Lab time
- Grab Supply cart from Stockroom and take it to your lab room
- Make sure that students are following Safety rules: Dress code!
- Be interactive with the class Answer questions
- Give students Supplies
- Notify Staff if anything is missing or broken
- Collect all extra unused supplies and place them on the cart and return it to the stockroom
- Throw all used supplies in the biohazard waste bin
- Collect all biohazard waste and bring it to the stockroom
- Make sure all benches are wiped down
- Make sure all bench biohazard bags are empty

Dress Code/Lab Attire

- Closed toed shoes
- Long pants
- Semi-professional appearance (uniform t-shirts or polos will be provided)

Teaching ePortfolio and reflection

Throughout the semester, TAs are required to assemble a teaching portfolio that will contain experience as TA. This can also include other aspects of their professional career, like research experience, international experiences, etc. Examples and basic instructions can be found here http://teach.ufl.edu/teaching-portfolio-series/

Be creative the format is up to you. It is required that you are using an electronic format, include your teaching experience and a brief teaching philosophy.

UTAs are required to sign the TA contract and adhere to the expectations. (contact at end of syllabus)

Evaluation of Learning

The table below shows the activity types contained within this course and the assigned points to determine the final course grade.

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Assessment Measures

- Submission of prof for training completion
- Attendance to all labs required, adherence to lab dress code and lab safety rules at all times
- Execution of all expected responsibilities
- Use rubric or the main assignments that defines defined Learning Outcomes and measures of success.
- Submission of an ePortfolio that provides details on teaching experience and philosophy and outlines successes and challenges faced during the semester. This should include suggestions for course improvement and introduction of new ideas.
- Weekly meetings with the instructor to plan for upcoming classes and provide feedback.

Expectations of performance for variable credit (0-3 CR)

All students will be evaluated according to the Evaluation of Learning categories above. The main difference between obtaining 1-3CR is the amount of time spent in the classroom and the type of lab students have signed up for. This can be explained as follows:

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- For students signed up for **3CR**: mandatory 2 x 3h class period, plus TA assignment for another lecture class or advanced lab (micro majors only)
- For students signed up for OCR: depending on the UTAs commitment to teach MCB2000L, MCB3020L (3h class period) or MCB3023L (2x3h class periods), students are expected to fulfill same requirements as stated for 1CR or 2CR above

Maximum repeats and/or credits available from signing up for this class

- Maximum total of 4 CR
- Maximum enrollment for 2 semesters

Grading Policy

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
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Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Contract

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT DESCRIPTION & REQUIREMENTS:

The purpose of an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant opportunity is to provide students a teaching opportunity, instructional insight and professional development as well as GTAs and faculty with supplemental instructional support.

Duties and responsibilities are outlined during the TA training.

Submit completed form to Dr. Monika Oli (moli@ufl.edu)

STUDENT & COURSE REGISTRATION INFO NAME:	INFORMATION 		
Major/Year:	Phone #:	CR:	
Semester/Year of the Teaching Assistantsh	nip:		
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