

MICR 140 GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY

(2 credits, CRN 63131)

TR 10:00 – 11:40 am, Hale Imiloa 106

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Laboratory course illustrating fundamental techniques and concepts of microbiology, such as microscopic observations, aseptic transfer, microorganism classification and identification, environmental factors influencing microbial growth, biochemistry of microorganisms, ecological microbiology, and medical microbiology. This course is designed to complement MICRO 130. Primarily for students in nursing, dental hygiene, biotechnology, ethnopharmacognosy, and nutrition.

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Activities Required Other Than Class Times

- Read assigned Modules (discussion part) prior to class sessions
- Write lab reports in scientific format right after the module is completed (see Lab Report Outline)

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Operate equipment used in microbiology laboratory
- Prepare growth media
- Perform aseptic transfer
- Identify microorganisms using morphological and physiological tests
- Follow biosafety procedures
- Produce lab reports using the standard scientific format

COURSE TASKS, ASSESSMENTS AND GRADING

Course Tasks

- You will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the theories and principles of microbiology laboratory methods in the following topic areas: microscopy (use of the microscope, slide preparation, staining, etc.), classification of microorganisms (e.g., bacteria, and fungi), aseptic culture methods (media preparation, aseptic transfers, isolation, culture maintenance, etc.), environmental influences (e.g., temperature, ultraviolet light, antiseptics, disinfectants, and antibiotics), biochemical activities of microorganisms (e.g., fermentation, nitrate reduction, hydrogen sulfide production, dehydrogenase activity, urease activity, exoenzyme activity, etc.), ecological microbiology (e.g., analyses of coliforms from natural waters), and isolation/identification of microorganisms.
- You will also demonstrate the acquisition of microbiology laboratory skills by (1) the establishment and proper maintenance of stock cultures throughout the semester and (2) the identification of bacterial unknowns.

Student Responsibilities

- You should carefully review the attached sheet detailing the inherently dangerous activities of this course and sign the appropriate U.H. Assumption of Risk and Release and Medical Consent forms.
- You are expected to attend all laboratory sessions and participate in all activities, working in a group, and complete all course assignments on time.
- You are expected to be prepared in advance when you arrive at class. Being prepared includes the followings: having already read text materials (e.g., lab manual: discussion part, and handouts) assigned for that day's activities; and bringing required work materials (pen, colored pencils, lab manual).
- You also need to purchase a lab coat, a goggle, masks and gloves.
- Any changes in the course schedule, such as examination dates, deadlines, etc., will be announced ahead of time in class. It is your responsibility to be informed of these changes.

Assessments

- **Laboratory Participation**
You are required to actively participate in all lab activities, and expected to work in groups, safely and efficiently in the laboratory. You will be graded on laboratory attendance, level of participation, and performance in laboratory practices. Because of difficulties in setting up laboratory materials, some scheduled laboratory activities cannot be given an alternative assignment for making up if you miss those labs. Failure to participate in a scheduled laboratory session, or its approved make-up activity, will result in a **5 POINT DEDUCTION** for each session missed (without doctor's note or formal notification).
- **Laboratory Reports**
A laboratory report should contain following sections, *Title, Introduction, Procedure, Results, and Discussion/Conclusion*. The section *Results* may include diagrams or drawings of colony morphology (shapes, margins, elevations) on agar plates, microbial shapes through microscopic observations, bacterial growth patterns in liquid cultures, result from physiological tests. All reports are kept in a folder, must be completed after each lab session and turned in on exam days.

- **Identification of Unknown Bacteria**
Using methods learned in this course (e.g., colony characteristics, cellular characteristics, differential staining, features of growth and physiological reactions) to identify unknown bacteria.
- **Microorganism Cultures**
You will aseptically transfer and maintain cultures of bacteria using procedures learned in this laboratory course. Assessment will be based upon results of non-contaminated cultures at the end of the semester.
- **Exams**
There are a total of four written exams (three midterms and one final), and the format of exams includes Multiple Choice, Fill-in-the-blank, Matching and Essay. Make-up exam will be permitted only when there is a legitimate excuse (such as illness or emergency; doctor's note is required). **No early or make-up exam for the final.**

Grading

- The total possible points:

Laboratory participations	100 points
Cumulative lab reports (4)	100 points
Bacteria identification (1)	50 points
Microorganism Cultures	50 points
Exams (4)	400 points

Total	700 points

- Grading is based on the percentage of total points earned. Final Grades will be assigned as follows:

A	90 – 100%
B	80 - 89%
C	70 - 79%
D	60 - 69%
F	0 - 59%

I (incomplete) grade is given at the instructor's option when a student has failed to complete a small part of a course because of circumstances beyond his or her control. It is **your responsibility** to make up the incomplete work with a minimum level (or better) of achievement. Failure to satisfactorily make up incomplete work within the appropriate time period will result in a grade change for "I" to the contingency grade identified by the instructor (see catalog).

LEARNING RESOURCES

Beisher, L., 1996. *Microbiology in practice: a self-instructional laboratory course*. 6th edition. HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., New York, New York.

Hand-outs: <https://laulima.hawaii.edu/portal>

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale 'Akoakoa 213 for more information.

MICR140 Lab Schedule

Spring 2015

Date	Lab activities	Modules
01/13	Introduction	
01/15	Use of Balances	1
01/20	Serological pipette	8
01/22	Preparing and dispensing media	2, 3
01/27	Aseptically dispensing agar into Petri dishes	9
01/29	Ubiquity of microorganisms, Aseptic transfer	6, 7
02/03	Compound microscope	4
02/05	Preparing a wet mound	5
02/10	Exam #1 / Turn In Lab Report	
02/12	Loop inoculating pour plates	10
02/17	Smears, simple stain	21, 22
02/19	Gram stain	23
02/24	Steaking and cultural characteristic of bacteria	12, 13
02/26	Anaerobs & microaerophils, effect of temperature	28,29
03/03	U.V. radiation	30
03/05	Quebec colony counter & wine making	11, 15
03/10	Exam #2 / Turn In Lab Report	
03/12	Capsule stain, endospore stain	24, 25
03/17	Acid Fast stain, exoenzymes	27, 33
03/19	Carbohydrate test	34
03/24-03/26	Spring Recess	
03/31	Nitrate reduction test	35
04/02	Urea hydrolysis	36
04/07	Dental caries susceptibility	53
04/09	Observation	
04/14	Exam #3 / Turn In Lab Report	
04/16	Intestinal pathogens, <i>S. aureus</i> ID	49, 50, 51
04/21	Intestinal pathogens continued	49, 50,51
04/23	Unknown bacteria ID	56
04/28	Unknown bacteria ID continued	56
04/30	Effects of disinfectants, antiseptics, antibiotics	31, 32
05/05	Unicellular fungi, filamentous fungi	15, 16
05/12	Final Exam / Turn In Lab Report	

Note: Schedule of activities/days might be changed slightly