

MICR 140 GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY

(CRN62372, 2 credits)

TR 8:30 am – 10:30 am, Hale Imiloa 106

INSTRUCTOR:	Dr. Hongwei Li	
OFFICE:	Hale Imiloa 107	
OFFICE HOURS:	Wednesday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, walk-in or by appointment	
TELEPHONE:	(808) 236-9104	EMAIL: hli@hawaii.edu
EFFECTIVE DATE:	Spring 2018	

WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Windward Community College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai'i and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide O'ahu's Ko'olau region and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.

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.

COURSE SATISFIES:

- DY for AA in Liberal Arts
- Required course for Certificate of Achievement in Agripharmatech
- Elective for AS in Natural Sciences

Activities Required Other Than Class Times

- Read assigned lab materials prior to class sessions.
- Write lab reports in a scientific format.

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, 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 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 lab activities; and bringing required work materials (pen, colored pencils, lab manual).
- You also need to purchase *a lab coat, a goggle, 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 and Performance***
You are required to actively participate in all lab activities, and expected to work, as an individual or 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 **4 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*. All reports must be completed and submitted before or on due dates.
- ***Pre-lab quizzes /Assignments***
There are five pre-lab quizzes / assignments, and the quiz time will be announced at least one week ahead.
- ***Identification of Unknown Bacteria***
Using methods learned in this course (e.g., colony characteristics, cellular characteristics, differential staining, features of growth and biochemical reactions) to identify unknown bacteria.
- ***Scientific report***
Completion of a scientific report on a course-based research project: you are required to conduct research on a given topic and write a scientific report.

- **Exams**
There are a total of three exams (two midterms and one final), and the format of exams includes Multiple Choice, Fill-in-the-blank, Matching, short answers, and hand-on tests. Make-up midterm exams 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 participation and performance	100	points
Lab reports (2)	50	points
Quizzes/assignments (5)	50	points
ID unknown bacteria	50	points
Scientific Report (1)	50	points
Exams (3)	250	points

Total	550	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 contact the instructor 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

Lab materials: <https://laulima.hawaii.edu/>

Reference text:

- Beisher, L., 1996. *Microbiology in practice: a self-instructional laboratory course*. 6th edition. HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., New York, New York.
- Cappuccino et al., 2014. *Microbiology: a laboratory manual*. Pearson, 10th edition.

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 2018

Date	Lab activities
01/09	Introduction and biosafety
01/11	Ubiquity of microorganisms
01/16	Compound microscope
01/18	Preparing a wet mount / Phase-contrast microscopy
01/23	Aseptic techniques / Culture transfer
01/25	Preparation of smears and simple staining
01/30	Gram staining
02/01	Capsule stain and endospore staining
02/06	Acid fast staining / Lab Practice Review
02/08	Exam 1
02/13	Preparing and dispensing media /Sterilization
02/15	Plate streaking and cultural characteristics of bacteria
02/20	Serial dilution of bacterial culture and spread plate
02/22	Oxygen and the bacterial growth
02/27	Effects of temperature and UV radiation on bacterial growth
03/01	Effects of disinfectants, antiseptics and antibiotics on bacterial growth
03/06	Exoenzymes
03/08	Carbohydrate test
03/13	Urea test and nitrate reduction test
03/15	Bacterial transformation
03/20	Bacterial transformation / Lab Practice Review
03/22	Exam 2
03/27-03/29	<i>Spring Recess</i>
04/03	Group Literature Review/Research Design:
04/05	Fungi
04/10	Algae
04/12	Bacteria of the mouth /Dental caries susceptibility
04/17	Bacteria of the skin and throat/ the intestinal tract
04/19	Identification of unknown bacteria / Research project
04/24	Identification of unknown bacteria / Research project
04/26	Identification of unknown bacteria / Research project
05/01	Group Research Presentation
05/10	Final Exam (08:30am - 10:30am)

(Please note that this schedule is subject to change)