A close-up of a logo

Description automatically generated with low confidence



*MC4314- Honours Microbiology Option 2*

*Course Handbook 2023-2024*

**Contents**

* Course Summary (3)
* [**Course Aims & Learning Outcomes**](#_Toc78464227)
* [**Course Teaching Staff**](#_Toc78464228)
* [**Assessments & Examinations**](#_Toc78464229)
* Research Essay (4)
* Scientific Writing
* Avoiding Plagiarism (5)
* Feedback
* Guide to Writing (6)
* Assessment of Written Work (7)
* Sample Assessment/Feedback Form (10)
* [**Class Representatives**](#_Toc78464230)(11)
* [**Problems with Coursework**](#_Toc78464231)
* [**Course Reading List**](#_Toc78464232)(12)
* [**Lecture Synopsis**](#_Toc78464233)
* [**Practical/Lab/Tutorial Work**](#_Toc78464234)(13)
* [**University Policies**](#_Toc78464236)(14)
* [**Academic Language & Skills support**](#_Toc78464237)(15)
* [**Medical Sciences Common Grading Scale**](#_Toc78464244)(17)
* [**Course Timetable MC4314: 2023-2024**](#_Toc78464245)(18)
* Campus and Floor Maps

Course Summary

Infection strategies of animal and plant pathogenic fungi, oomycetes and bacteria will be discussed as well as infection induced host responses and resistance mechanisms. Furthermore, state of the art methods and techniques to investigate molecular host-microbe interactions will be reviewed in detail.

Course Aims & Learning Outcomes

The subject-specific learning outcomes are such that, at the end of the course, students should be able to:

* Understand the fundamental processes of microbial infections of animals and plants.
* Provide detailed information on cellular & molecular processes that determine successful infection strategies of fungi, oomycetes and bacteria.
* Become familiar with microbe-host interactions, microbial stress adaptation, disease control and host resistance strategies.
* Give a small presentation and participate in tutorials discussing microbial infection strategies based on research papers, which will help prepare you for your final exams.

Course Teaching Staff

Course Co-ordinator(s):

Prof Pieter van West ([p.vanwest@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:p.vanwest@abdn.ac.uk))

Other Staff:

Dr Delma Childers ([delma.childers@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:delma.childers@abdn.ac.uk))

Dr Virtu Solano ([mariavirtudes.solanocollado@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:mariavirtudes.solanocollado@abdn.ac.uk))

Dr Donna MacCallum ([d.m.maccallum@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:d.m.maccallum@abdn.ac.uk))

Prof Carol Munro ([c.a.munro@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.munro@abdn.ac.uk))

Assessments & Examinations

This course is assessed via a written examination (worth 70% of the overall course grade) in the May exam diet and one piece of continuous assessment (worth 30% of the overall course grade (course essay)).

The continuous assessment associated with this course is detailed below.

It is vital that the deadlines for your continuous assessment is adhered to. Submit an incomplete piece of work rather than miss a deadline. Work not submitted on time will not be accepted unless accompanied by either a medical certificate or a written explanation justifying this.

A complete submission of your work consists of:

* uploading an electronic copy of the work via MyAberdeen before 12 NOON on the deadline date.

The deadlines for the essay is: **12 NOON, Monday 27th November 2022**

Research Essay

The essay topics are given below. You should select one title from the list.

1. Describe what is currently known about the translocation process of fungal or oomycete effector proteins into host cells. Please give appropriate examples and provide critical analysis
2. Describe how fungi (or oomycetes) can overcome host defences. Please provide appropriate molecular examples and detailed analysis.

You are welcome to use subheadings to structure the essay as you see fit, but the following should be included on a title page.

* *Title* (do not modify the title from above)
* *Name*
* *Student ID*
* *Word Count*

Word limit for your Research Essay is 2,000 words and you can use as many appropriate figures/tables as you wish. The word limit does not include text in tables, figure legends, or references.

Scientific Writing

Writing is an important scientific skill. Its function in the Honours courses is to provide you with training in finding, reading, analysing and communicating scientific ideas. Although it is usually necessary to start your reading from reviews that provide an expert overview of a topic, it is critical to your development that you read a significant number of original papers that describe the experiments underpinning key scientific advances. Central to these skills is the development of the ability to judge the important points made in a paper and what are the central pieces of evidence that support those points. Finally, it is important for all graduates to have a working knowledge of the key experimental procedures and techniques that generate the data that we use to test hypotheses.

Word Limit: Adhering to a word limit (excluding figure legends, tables and the reference list) requires you to be disciplined in the preparation of the piece of work; being able to write to a required length is a very useful skill, so we expect you to stay within the limit set. Your computer will give you a word count; this must be included at the end of the work submitted. We reserve the right to return work exceeding the word count for shortening. Submissions returned for shortening must be re-submitted within 24 h. Having to resubmit your work again will delay marking and subsequent feedback.

Assessment: The continuous assessment for Honours will be assessed by two members of staff, using criteria that will be published in MyAberdeen alongside the submission links for each piece of work. This assessment is not open to negotiation, although if asked, the markers will clarify any points of constructive criticism. Please use the assessment criteria as a guide and read them with care; the notes on scientific writing also give you guidance on what we judge to be important in a well-written piece of work. If you have particular doubts about your ability to write scientifically, either in terms of organising material or in the mechanics of good scientific writing, seek help from a member of staff or the Honours Coordinators during the first term. Do not wait until your first assignment is causing you anxiety.

All submissions should make reference to the latest literature on the subject you have chosen. While you may be guided through an unfamiliar subject area by reference to a review, your work should specifically not paraphrase the review article, but should be a synthesis of your own views of the subject, written in your own words arrived at by reading of the original research papers from resources such as Web of Science/Medline/PubMed/Google Scholar. This will give insight into *how* information is derived (one criteria assessed) as well as helping in preparation for the Data Analysis exam at the end of the year, where understanding of a research paper is tested.

Avoiding Plagiarism

The definition of Plagiarism is the use, without adequate acknowledgement, of the intellectual work of another person in work submitted for assessment.  A student cannot be found to have committed plagiarism where it can be shown that the student has taken all reasonable care to avoid representing the work of others as his or her own.

The instruction given above to write assignments in your own words and not to copy whole sentences from articles is crucially important to avoid plagiarism.

The University views this offence extremely seriously; indeed, it can have dire consequences, including the awarding of no higher than a pass degree.

Continuous assessment assignments and your thesis are all submitted as electronic copies via MyAberdeen so they can be checked for originality. The programme will detect passages of text copied from other sources, and also if sentences from various text sources were used throughout the text, both indicators of plagiarism. MyAberdeen accepts most common formats, but it is advised that you submit your work as PDF files to avoid problems with re-formatting of figures and/or text during the submission process. Any evidence of copying from other sources that is detected in your final submissions will be brought to the attention of the Head of School, who will investigate and determine whether cheating has occurred and take the appropriate action.

# Feedback

As for all elements of continuous assessment, you will be given feedback on the Honours classification your work has attained, with the grading on the University Common Grading Scale (CGS). Feedback is normally given within 3 weeks of submission.

# Guide to Writing

Students should refer to "A Guide to Scientific Writing" by David Lindsay (Longman Cheshire) for more general guidance on writing. What follows is not a substitute for reading this book but gives general guidance on writing and on how we assess your work.

PLANNING YOUR WRITING

Think

* What do I know already?
* Where will I find the information needed to develop my views on this issue?
* Where can I find more information?
* What are the best examples to illustrate the points that I want to make?
* How many words do I devote to each example?

Prepare

* Read a mix of reviews and use these to identify the major original scientific papers that have resulted in our current understanding of the topic.
* Read these papers and make notes on: research strategy use to analyse the problem, key experimental procedures that generate the data and critical controls that validate the data.
* Devise a set of themes and ideas for your work using the core information from above.
* Organise evidence under the theme headings: remember that arguments pro and contra are equally important.
* Select illustrations (diagrams/schemes) that reflect the themes and ideas.

Plan

* Place themes in a logical order, and have a clear, and planned, introduction and conclusion.
* Start simply and develop towards more complex arguments.
* Do not hop from one theme to another and then back again.
* Identify the links between themes as a mechanism of ensuring continuity.

Execute

* Write short sentences and keep clauses simple.
* Use appropriate tenses.
* Be consistent in the organisation of sections.
* Have diagrams in front of you when writing about them.
* Support statements with evidence, usually a citation; ensure your citation style is consistent

Complete

* Read over what you have written - can you read it out loud without stumbling?
* Have you answered the question?
* Have you done what you said you would do at the start of the assignment?
* Have you checked it carefully for typographical errors?

Assessment of Written Work

Every piece of work in your Honours year will be assessed using a standardised assessment form. The assessment forms ensure that you get useful feedback on your written work. The Continuous Assessment form covers the following criteria.

#### **Content and Presentation**

Each piece of work will be judged on content and also on style of presentation. More marks are given for the content of the work than are given for the presentation. Look at the structure of the feedback form to see what the priorities are in giving marks. However, remember also that a written piece of work must always be more than a collection of facts and ideas. Good presentation is central to clear communication.

Knowledge: It is expected that any piece of work will contain a substantial body of facts gleaned from appropriate original literature, which should be cited within the text (Citations). The length of the work and its intended audience will dictate how many facts can be given in support of a given statement.

Analysis: Students are expected to develop their analytical skills. This is most readily demonstrated by use of carefully selected examples, which should show a good understanding of the material. Remember that examples may either support or undermine an argument.

Understanding: Students are expected to display a clear grasp of fundamental concepts in the context of the work and their discipline. This is sometimes illustrated by the lack of mistakes about fundamentals of the cell and cellular processes, but it is also expected a student will develop, through their reading, an understanding of the subject area and display this by writing logically about it.

Techniques: Scientific information is derived from experimentation. It is important to understand how information is derived. For example, what technique was used, how was the experiment conducted etc.

Figures: An argument can often be supported by Figures or Tables that present information more effectively than text alone. Figures and Tables should not be an add-on but must be an integral feature of the text and must be described and discussed. A poor or inappropriate figure or table will usually detract from the work. Appropriate figures prepared by hand or using a drawing programme are preferred to reproductions of complex diagrams from other people's work (if used, make sure you acknowledge the source).

Citations: Papers and reviews used as source material should be cited in the text. Direct quotes should be indicated by quotation marks, although their use should be kept to a minimum, and they must be referenced (see University Web page on plagiarism). Use of the Harvard style of citation is essential, and a list of citations should be presented at the end of the work (referencing of EMBO Journal articles is a good example). The reference list does not have to be included in your word count.

In the text a reference should be cited by author and date; e.g. 'Water is known to boil at 100°C (Jones and Brown, 1872; Brown *et al*, 1873) and freeze at…'. Not more than two authors may be cited per reference; if there are more than two authors use *et* *al*. References should be listed alphabetically according to the initial letter of the surname of the first author. Where the same authors have published more than one paper, list them in the order in which their papers appeared. If necessary, use a and b, e.g. 1990a., with the authors' surnames and initials inverted.

References should include, in the following order:

authors' names; year; article or chapter title; editors (books only); journal or book title; name and address of publisher (books only); volume number and inclusive page numbers.

The name of each journal should be abbreviated according to the World List of Scientific Periodicals (see an EMBO J. paper for reference) and italicised. References should therefore be listed as follows:

Tugendreich, S., Bassett, D.E., Jr, McKusick,V.A., Boguski, M.S. and

Hieter, P. (1994) Genes conserved in yeast and humans*. Hum. Mol.*

*Genet*., 3, 1509-1517.

Gehring, W. (1994) A history of the homeobox. In Duboule, D.

(ed.), Guidebook to the Homeobox Genes. Oxford University Press,

Oxford, UK, pp. 1-10.

Lewin, B. (1994) Genes V. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK.

Structure: A good piece of writing will be clearly structured by division into appropriate sections, including an introduction, which provides a clear and concise statement of the issue to be discussed, and a conclusion, which briefly sums up the issues discussed.

Introduction: a clear and brief introduction of the topic of the work that describes the specific areas questions or issues that the reader should focus on.

Viewpoint: Students should form a view on the subject about which they are writing and should be able to support their views with balanced use of appropriate examples. A balanced piece of work will consider the relative strengths of the arguments for and against a particular point of view.

Conclusions: this section is used to pull the main themes of the work together and to briefly state the principal outcome of the analysis that you have performed. It should leave the reader with a clear impression of what you think about the subject matter presented.

Sentence construction, spelling, grammar: Students are expected to spell correctly and to follow the basic rules of grammar. Short, clear sentences are preferable to complex, tortuous, rambling constructions. You should be able to pick up the eight-clear grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors in the sentence that follows. If you can’t, then revise your grammar/spelling rules. “It’s clear to the company that there commercial targeted young people of the same age as Johns friends who were clearly able to receive its message.”

Organisation: A written assignment is easier to read if it is attractively set out on the page (wide margins, double spaced, font size ³12) with a logical progression and structure.

Specific comments: This section is provided for the staff to make comments that amplify the box assessments in the top half of the form.

Note that computer failure is not accepted as a reason for late submission - it is good practice to maintain at least two copies of computer files.

Sample Assessment/Feedback MyAberdeen Rubric

Table

Description automatically generated

Class Representatives

We value students’ opinions in regard to enhancing the quality of teaching and its delivery; therefore, in conjunction with the Students’ Association we support the Class Representative system.

In the School of Medicine, Medical Sciences & Nutrition we operate a system of course representatives, who are elected from within each course. Any student registered within a course that wishes to represent a given group of students can stand for election as a class representative. You will be informed when the elections for class representative will take place.

What will it involve?

It will involve speaking to your fellow students about the course you represent. This can include any comments that they may have. You will attend a Staff-Student Liaison Committee and you should represent the views and concerns of the students within this meeting. As a representative, you will also be able to contribute to the agenda. You will then feedback to the students after this meeting with any actions that are being taken.

Training

Training for class representatives will be run by the Students Association. Training will take place within each half-session. For more information about the Class representative system visit [www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk) or email the VP Education & Employability [vped@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:vped@abdn.ac.uk) . Class representatives are also eligible to undertake the STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) Award with further information about this co-curricular award being available at: [www.abdn.ac.uk/careers](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers).

Problems with Coursework

If students have difficulties with any part of the course that they cannot cope with, alone they should notify the course coordinator immediately. If the problem relates to the subject matter general, advice would be to contact the member of staff who is teaching that part of the course. Students with registered disabilities should contact the medical sciences office, ([medsci@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:medsci@abdn.ac.uk)) (based in the Polwarth Building, Foresterhill) to ensure that the appropriate facilities have been made available. Otherwise, you are strongly encouraged to contact any of the following as you see appropriate:

* Course student representatives
* Course co-ordinator
* Convenor of the Medical Sciences Staff/Student Liaison Committee (Professor Gordon McEwan)
* Personal Tutor
* Medical Sciences Disabilities Co-ordinator (Dr Derryck Shewan)

All staff are based at Foresterhill and we strongly encourage the use of email or telephone the Medical Sciences Office. You may have a wasted journey travelling to Foresterhill only to find staff unavailable.

If a course has been completed and students are no longer on campus (i.e. work from second half session during the summer vacation), coursework will be kept until the end of Fresher’s Week, during the new academic year. After that point, unclaimed student work will be securely destroyed.

Course Reading List

This course does not have recommended textbooks as you are expected to read the primary research literature, so no specific course texts will be recommended. That said, your previous texts from third year would be useful for basic and fundamental knowledge.

Lecture Synopsis

All lectures and tutorials will be online this year. You are expected to follow the lectures in your own time. After each block of lectures there will a question and answer session online with the lecturer who prepared the lectures (sea time table below). The tutorial and student presentations will also be done online synchronous (most likely via MS teams, but you will be given details nearer the time). It is expected that you will attend the Q/A sessions and the tutorials.

Dr Delma Childers

Lecture 1. Fungal colonisation and disease progression

Lecture 2. Nutrient & pH adaptation by fungi

Lecture 3. Stress adaptation in fungi

Dr Donna MacCallum

Lecture 1. Studying fungal host interactions *in vivo*

Lecture 2. Host recognition and immune responses

Lecture 3. Host resistance and antifungal therapy

Dr Virtu Solano

Lecture 1. Bacterial-host interactions 1

Lecture 2. Bacterial-host interactions 2

Lecture 3. Bacterial-host interactions 3

Prof Pieter van West

Lecture 1. The initial stages of plant-pathogen interactions

Lecture 2. Oomycete and fungal attack on the host plant

Lecture 3. Animal pathogenic oomycetes

Practical/Lab/Tutorial Work

This course contains one set of research tutorial sessions and you will also complete another set of corresponding research tutorial exercises in your other Option course.

The research tutorials are small group teaching exercises at which, supported by a staff member, you will discuss a specialist subject, based upon self-directed reading of the literature. Five papers have been chosen that reflect the development of a particular topic, **and you must have read the five papers before attending the first research tutorial**. You will be required to develop an understanding of what constitutes a key and important paper, how the information is derived (techniques and their application), the design of those experiments, an understanding of the crucial data and an appreciation of what in the field is controversial. You are also expected to read outside the prescribed five papers and such 'use of extensive original literature' (CAS marking scheme) will be taken as an indicator of a first class student.

You will thus build up a set of your own notes on the particular subject area within the research tutorial. For each tutorial, you will be divided into small groups and attend two tutorials, each of 1-2 hours. You will subsequently be examined on your knowledge and understanding of the subjects, in particular *how* they are studied and how given practical techniques function, *what* are the merits of different approaches, and in what situation their application is appropriate. In addition, your understanding of the biology described in the five papers will be tested.

***Preparation:***

The time spent with the tutors for each tutorial is very limited (3-4 hours). For this reason, it is important to 'hit the ground running' and go into the first of your two 2-hour sessions fully prepared. It is thus essential that you read the appropriate notes page(s) which follow, and prepare by reading any supporting review recommended by the tutors, as well as the 5 papers listed. This reading of the papers should be thorough, making sure in particular you understand the rationale of the results sections, how all the techniques work that are described and how the results lead to the main conclusions of the paper. If anything is not clear, bring those questions along to the tutorial with you; if you are critical of anything in the papers, bring these discussion points along as well. Remember, the tutors are there to support your learning, not to spoon-feed you with the answers. You should therefore go to the tutorial prepared to ask questions, to think, and to contribute to the group discussion subjects suggested in the tutorial notes (below). The tutorials are spaced so as to allow time to prepare for each of the two 2 hour sessions, each of which will have a different focus and address a different set of questions.

**MICROBIOLOGY RESEARCH TUTORIAL 2**

**The role of the fungal cell wall in drug resistance and host infection**

**Tutor:** Prof Carol Munro ([c.a.munro@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.munro@abdn.ac.uk))

**Introduction**

In this tutorial, we will examine the cell surface characteristics of eukaryotic microorganisms, in particular the fungal pathogen *Candida albicans*. The cell wall is the interface between the host and pathogen and so plays many roles in the different stages of a host infection. The fungal cell wall is a complex and dynamic organelle that responds to external and internal signals enabling the pathogen to grow and adapt to its environment. In addition, as many of the components of the cell wall are unique to fungi they are potential targets for the development of antifungal therapies. The most recent class of antifungal drug introduced into the clinic, the echinocandins, target the synthesis of the major cell wall polysaccharide beta (1,3)glucan.

In the tutorials, you will be introduced to the components of the *C. albicans* cell wall and how the different components are arranged in the cell wall structure. In fungal pathogens, proteins at the cell surface contribute to pathogenicity in a number of ways. For example, cell surface localised superoxide dismutase can counteract reactive oxygen species encountered as the fungus is engulfed by phagocytic cells of the host’s innate immune response. Microbial adherence to host cells is another important pathogenicity determinant. In fungal pathogens adhesive proteins, termed adhesins, are expressed on the cell surface during infection and mediate specific interactions with host cells. Such interactions are vital for the colonisation of host cells in the initial stages of infection and for subsequent invasion to enable disease to progress. In addition, changes in the cell wall composition can alter the susceptibility to echinocandin drugs resulting in clinical resistance.

We will use the papers listed below as the basis for the tutorials. **Please read articles (1) and (2) prior to coming to the first tutorial and come prepared to discuss them. In the second tutorial you will be expected to present figures from papers (3) and (4) to the class and to discuss the technical approaches taken and the results.**

The papers to be studied are:

Munro, C. A**.** (2009) [*Candida albicans* cell wall mediated virulence](http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-642-03150-2_4#page-1). In Pathogenic Yeasts edited by R.Ashbee and E. Bignell, Springer-Verlag, Berlin. Pages 69-95

Phan, Q. T., Myers, C. L., Fu, Y., Sheppard, D. C., Yeaman, M. R., Welch, W. H., Ibrahim, A. S., Edwards, J. E., & Filler, S. G. (2007). [Als3 Is a *Candida albicans* invasin that binds to cadherins and induces endocytosis by host cells](http://www.plosbiology.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pbio.0050064). PLoS Biology 5, e64. This paper highlights the specific role of *C. albicans* adhesin Als3 in host cell invasion.

Walker, L.A., Munro, C.A., de Bruijn, I., Lenardon, M.D., McKinnon, A. and Gow, N.A.R. (2008) [Stimulation of chitin synthesis rescues *Candida albicans* from echinocandins](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18389063). *PloS Pathogens* 4(4),e1000040. This paper describes changes in the cell wall that confer antifungal drug tolerance.

Martchenko, M., Alarco, A. M., Harcus, D., & Whiteway, M. (2004). [Superoxide dismutases in *Candida albicans*: transcriptional regulation and functional characterization of the hyphal-induced *SOD5* gene](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC329211/). Molecular Biology of the Cell 15, 456-467. This paper describes the role of a cell wall-localised, stress-induced superoxide dismutase in *C. albicans* pathogenicity.

University Policies

Students are asked to make themselves familiar with the information on key education policies, available [here](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/teaching/key-education-policies-for-students-11809.php). These policies are relevant to all students and will be useful to you throughout your studies.  They contain important information and address issues such as what to do if you are absent, how to raise an appeal or a complaint and how the University will calculate your degree outcome.

These University wide education policies should be read in conjunction with this programme and/or course handbook, in which School specific policies are detailed. These policies are effective immediately, for the 2023/24 academic year. Further information can be found on the [University’s Infohub webpage](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/) or by visiting the Infohub.

The information included in the institutional area for 2023-24 includes the following:

* Assessment
* Feedback
* Academic Integrity
* Absence
* Student Monitoring/ Class Certificates
* Late Submission of Work
* Student Discipline
* The co-curriculum
* Student Learning Service (SLS)
* Professional and Academic Development
* Graduate Attributes
* Email Use
* MyAberdeen
* Appeals and Complaints

Where to Find the Following Information:

C6/C7- University of Aberdeen Homepage > Students > Academic Life > Monitoring and Progress > Student Monitoriung (C6 & C7)

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/academic-life/student-monitoring.php#panel5179

Absences- To report absences you should use the absence reporting system tool on Student Hub. Once you have successfully completed and sent the absence form you will get an email that your absence request has been accepted. The link below can be used to log onto the Student Hub Website and from there you can record any absences you may have.

[Log In - Student Hub (ahttps://www.abdn.ac.uk/studenthub/loginbdn.ac.uk)](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/studenthub/login)

Submitting an Appeal- University of Aberdeen Homepage > Students > Academic Life > Appeals and Complaints

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/academic-life/appeals-complaints-3380.php#panel2109

Academic Language & Skills support

For students whose first language is not English, the Language Centre offers support with Academic Writing and Communication Skills.

Academic Writing

* Responding to a writing task: Focusing on the question
* Organising your writing: within & between paragraphs
* Using sources to support your writing (including writing in your own words, and

citing & referencing conventions)

* Using academic language
* Critical Thinking
* Proofreading & Editing

Academic Communication Skills

* Developing skills for effective communication in an academic context
* Promoting critical thinking and evaluation
* Giving opportunities to develop confidence in communicating in English
* Developing interactive competence: contributing and responding to seminar discussions
* Useful vocabulary and expressions for taking part in discussions

More information and how to book a place can be found here

Medical Sciences Common Grading Scale

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade | Grade Point | % Mark | Category | Honours Class | Description |
| A1 | 22 | 90-100 | Excellent | First | • Outstanding ability and critical thought • Evidence of extensive reading • Superior understanding •The best performance that can be expected from a student at this level |
|  |
| A2 | 21 | 85-89 |  |
|  |
| A3 | 20 | 80-84 |  |
|  |
| A4 | 19 | 75-79 |  |
|  |
| A5 | 18 | 70-74 |  |
|  |
| B1 | 17 | 67-69 | Very Good | Upper Second | • Able to argue logically and organise answers well  • Shows a thorough grasp of concepts  • Good use of examples to illustrate points and justify arguments  • Evidence of reading and wide appreciation of subject |  |
|  |
| B2 | 16 | 64-66 |  |
|  |
| B3 | 15 | 60-63 |  |
|  |
| C1 | 14 | 57-59 | Good | Lower Second | • Repetition of lecture notes without evidence of further appreciation of subject • Lacking illustrative examples and originality • Basic level of understanding |  |
|  |
| C2 | 13 | 54-56 |  |
|  |
| C3 | 12 | 50-53 |  |
|  |
| D1 | 11 | 47-49 | Pass | Third | • Limited ability to argue logically and organise answers • Failure to develop or illustrate points • The minimum level of performance required for a student to be awarded a pass |  |
|  |
| D2 | 10 | 44-46 |  |
|  |
| D3 | 9 | 40-43 |  |
|  |
| E1 | 8 | 37-39 | Fail | Fail | • Weak presentation • Tendency to irrelevance • Some attempt at an answer but seriously lacking in content and/or ability to organise thoughts |  |
|  |
| E2 | 7 | 34-36 |  |
|  |
| E3 | 6 | 30-33 |  |
|  |
| F1 | 5 | 26-29 | Clear Fail | Not used for Honours | • Contains major errors or misconceptions • Poor presentation |  |
|  |
| F2 | 4 | 21-25 |  |
|  |
| F3 | 3 | 16-20 |  |
|  |
| G1 | 2 | 11-15 | Clear Fail/Abysmal |  | • Token or no submission |  |
|  |
| G2 | 1 | 1-10 |  |
|  |
| G3 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |

MC4314 Course Timetable: 2023-2024

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Time | Place | Subject | Session | Staff |
| Week 13 | | | | | |
| Mon 23 Oct | 14:00-15:00 | 1M:003 | Introduction to the course (*pre-recorded*) | Lecture | Prof P van West |
| 15:00-16:00 | 1M:003 | Study fungal host interactions in vivo | Lecture | Dr D MacCallum |
| Tue 24 Oct | 10:00-11:00 | 1M:003 | Host recognition and immune responses | Lecture | Dr D MacCallum |
| 11:00-12:00 | 1M:003 | Host resistance and anti-fungal therapy | Lecture | Dr D MacCallum |
| Wed 25 Oct |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu 26 Oct |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fri 27 Oct |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 14 | | | | | |
| Mon 30 Oct | 16:00-17:00 | 1M:003 | Bacterial-host interactions 1 | Lecture | Dr V Solano |
| Tue 31 Oct | 13:00-14:00 | 1M:003 | Bacterial-host interactions 2 | Lecture | Dr V Solano |
| 14:00-15:00 | 1M:003 | Bacterial-host interactions 3 | Lecture | Dr V Solano |
| Wed 1 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu 2 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fri 3 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 15 | | | | | |
| Mon 6 Nov | 15:00-16:00 | 1M:003 | Fungal colonisation and disease progression | Lecture | Dr D Childers |
| 16:00-17:00 | 1M:003 | Nutrient & pH adaptation by fungi | Lecture | Dr D Childers |
| Tue 7 Nov | 09:00-10:00 | 1M:003 | Initial stages of plant-pathogen interactions | Lecture | Prof P van West |
| 10:00-11:00 | 1M:003 | Oomycete and fungal attack on the host | Lecture | Prof P van West |
| 13:00-14:00 | 1M:003 | Microbiology 2 Tutorial 1 | Tutorial | Prof C Munro |
| 14:00-15:00 | 1M:003 | Microbiology 2 Tutorial 1 | Tutorial | Prof C Munro |
| Wed 8 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu 9 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fri 10 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 16 | | | | | |
| Mon 13 Nov | 14:00-15:00 | 1M:003 | Stress adaption in fungi | Lecture | Dr D Childers |
| Tue 14 Nov | 13:00-14:00 | 1M:003 | Animal pathogenic oomycetes | Lecture | Prof P van West |
| 14:00-15:00 | 1M:003 | Tutorial: Student presentations on bacterial Pathogenesis | Tutorial | Prof P van West |
| 15:00-16:00 | 1M:003 | Tutorial: Student presentations on bacterial Pathogenesis | Tutorial | Prof P van west |
| Wed 15 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu 16 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fri 17 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 17 | | | | | |
| Mon 20 Nov | 15:00-16:00 | 1M:003 | Microbiology 2 Tutorial 2 | Tutorial | Prof C Munro |
| 16:00-17:00 | 1M:003 | Microbiology 2 Tutorial 2 | Tutorial | Prof C Munro |
| Tue 21 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wed 22 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu 23 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fri 24 Nov |  |  |  |  |  |

Campus Maps - Foresterhill



Polwarth Floor Plans

Diagram

Description automatically generated

Diagram

Description automatically generated

Diagram

Description automatically generated