BIOL 6810, CSCE 6810, MATH 6710
Advanced Topics in Computational Life Sciences
Topic: Modeling Epidemics – From Gene to Population

Course Information & Syllabus (Fall 2016)

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(Both instructors for the entire course duration, 100% responsible)

Lectures/Seminar: Monday 5:30 – 8:20 pm
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Required Textbook: There will be no required textbook. The course will be based on published journal and conference articles.

Course Objective: This course focuses on the new topic of modeling and simulating the effects of genetic modifications in pathogens on the dynamics of resulting disease outbreaks in the population. The goal in this course is to explore the literature on the topics of modeling and simulation as related to this field in Life Sciences, encompassing Bioinformatics, Public Health, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics. Students will read published research, prepare in-class presentations, and will lead a discussion of articles during class.

Assessment is primarily based on paper presentations (45%), project work and written reports (30%), and class participation—attendance and discussions (25%).

Attendance: Attendance is essential and thus is expected.

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