# San José State University Computer Science Department Computer Science / Biology 123B: Bioinformatics II, Fall 2022

## Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time: Tu/Th 3-4:15

Classroom: Duncan Hall 450

Prerequisites: CS/BIOL 123A

## Course Description

Advanced Bioinformatics algorithms, tools, databases. Biological background; protein structure/function; sequencing technology; sequence identification; transcriptomics; metagenomics; CRISPR. Possible additional topics: functional genomics; protein networks; drug discovery; pathway analysis; immunoinformatics; analysis pipelines; machine learning applications. Project applying advanced approaches to real-world problems.

**Course Format**

Sessions will be either lecture format, hands-on exercises, or a combination.

### Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

* List the 4 levels of protein structure.
* Identify common sequencing technologies, and select bioinformatic analysis strategies for data generated by those technologies.
* Use appropriate gene function identification approaches to predict the function of nucleotide and protein sequences.
* Interpret transcriptomic, metagenomic, and metatranscriptomic data.
* Summarize the stages of CRISPR-Cas immunity, use public software tools to find novel CRISPR systems, and clarify CRISPR gene editing.

## Texts/Readings

### Recommended Textbook

“Understanding Bioinformatics” by Marketa Zvelebil and Jeremy Baum, 1st edition, Garland Science, 2008, ISBN 0-815-34024-9.

### Other technology requirements / equipment / material

## Students must bring a charged wifi-enabled laptop computer to all in-person sessions.

## Course Requirements and Assignments

**Homework Assignments:** Homework assignments must be uploaded to Canvas by the due date/time. No late homework will be accepted except by prior arrangement with the instructor or in cases of documented emergency.

**Lab Reports:** Lab reports must be uploaded to Canvas by midnight on the day after the lab session. No late homework will be accepted except by prior arrangement with the instructor or in cases of documented emergency.

**Term Project:** Students will do a term project individually or in teams of 2 (to be decided early in the semester). Students in CS 123B must do a project that includes programming, in the language of their choice. Students in Biology 123B may do the same, or may do a project involving acquiring published data and then analyzing the data using 3rd-party bioinformatics tools. Projects include a written report and an oral presentation. Oral presentations will be given in the last 2 class sessions and during the final exam slot (Dec 9 at from 2:45 PM to 5:00 PM) .

**Midterm Exams:** There will be 2 midterm exams. Note that the exam dates given in the schedule below are approximate and are subject to change.

## Final Exam: Friday Dec 9, 2:45 – 5:00 PM. Makeup final exams will be only be given in cases of verifiable emergencies or, if the instructor is notified at least 3 weeks before the last class meeting, to students with at least 2 other finals in a 24-hour period.

## Grading:

Homework: 20%

Labs: 20%

Midterm 1: 20%

Midterm 2: 20%

Project: 20%

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| At least | Letter Grade |
| 97% | A plus |
| 93% | A |
| 90% | A minus |
| 87% | B plus |
| 83% | B |
| 80% | B minus |
| 77% | C plus |
| 72% | C |
| 70% | C minus |
| 67% | D plus |
| 62% | D |
| 60% | D minus |
| <60% | F |

## Classroom Protocol

Students are expected to attend all class sessions for their assigned section unless they have a personal emergency. During lectures, students’ devices may only be used for course-related purposes such as taking notes. Disruptive behavior, including using devices for purposes unrelated to the course, is not allowed. The consequence for the first incident of disruption is a reduction of 1/3 grade point from the final letter grade (e.g. B minus becomes C plus). The consequence for the second incident is a reduction of 2/3 grade point from the final letter grade (e.g. B minus becomes C). The consequence for the third incident is an F in the course. All incidents will be reported to the university, which may impose further sanctions.

## Academic Integrity

Student are expected to be familiar with the University’s Student Conduct Code (<https://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/docs/SJSU-Student-Conduct-Code-2016.pdf>). Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of misconduct will not be tolerated and will have severe consequences. All prose submitted must be in the student’s own words. Text composed by anyone other than the student will not be accepted, *even if it is quoted and cited,* unless the assignment specifically says otherwise.

The consequence for the first incident of cheating or plagiarizing is zero points on the assignment or exam, and a reduction of a full grade point from the final letter grade (e.g. B minus becomes C minus). The penalty for the second incident is an F in the course. All incidents will be reported to the university, which may impose further sanctions.

All course materials, including slides, homework assignments, lab assignments, exams, and instructor’s solutions, are the instructor’s intellectual property and may not be distributed without permission. Distribution includes posting to social media sites. Distribution is grounds for failing the course, and all incidents will be reported to the university, which may impose further sanctions.

## University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9 (http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on Syllabus Information web page (http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo), which is hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

**College of Science COVID-19 and Monkeypox Safety**

Students registered for a College of Science (CoS) class with an in-person component should view the [CoS COVID-19 and Monkeypox Training](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vmp39U9-CNpbwRobtZsGIZPTgRwV_Nh6) slides for updated CoS, SJSU, county, state and federal information and guidelines, and more information can be found on the [SJSU Health Advisories](https://www.sjsu.edu/healthadvisories/) website. By working together to follow these safety practices, we can keep our college safer. Failure to follow safety practice(s) outlined in the training, the SJSU Health Advisories website, or instructions from instructors, TAs or CoS Safety Staff may result in dismissal from CoS buildings, facilities or field sites. Updates will be implemented as changes occur (and posted to the same links).

# Computer Science / Biology 123B Fall 2022 Course Schedule

## Course Schedule

All dates are approximate and subject to change, except for holidays and final exams. If a midterm exam date changes, at least 1 week’s notice will be given via a Canvas Announcement.

| **Week** | **Date** | **Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines** |
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| 1 | 8/23 | Course mechanics. History of Bioinformatics. |
| 1 | 8/25 | Sequencing technology. |
| 2 | 8/30 | Sequencing technology. |
| 2 | 9/1 | Statistics overview. |
| 3 | 9/6 | Computing overview. Hidden Markov Models. |
| 3 | 9/8 | Hidden Markov Models. |
| 4 | 9/13 | Hidden Markov Models. |
| 4 | 9/15 | Protein Hidden Markov Models. |
| 5 | 9/20 | Protein Hidden Markov Models. |
| 5 | 9/22 | Protein Hidden Markov Models. |
| 6 | 9/27 | Protein Hidden Markov Models. |
| 6 | 9/29 | Guest speakers. |
| 7 | 10/4 | CRISPR. |
| 7 | 10/6 | CRISPR. |
| 8 | 10/11 | Review for Midterm 1. |
| 8 | 10/13 | Midterm 1. |
| 9 | 10/18 | Guest speakers. |
| 9 | 10/20 | Conserved domains, ARBitrator. |
| 10 | 10/25 | ARBitrator. |
| 10 | 10/27 | Astronaut genomics. |
| 11 | 11/1 | Metagenomics. |
| 11 | 11/3 | Codon bias. |
| 12 | 11/8 | Codon bias. |
| 12 | 11/10 | Advanced phylogenetic trees. |
| 13 | 11/15 | Advanced phylogenetic trees. |
| 13 | 11/17 | Review for Midterm 2. |
| 14 | 11/22 | Midterm 2. |
| 14 | 11/24 | Thanksgiving. |
| 15 | 11/29 | Guest speaker. |
| 15 | 12/1 | Project presentations. |
| 16 | 12/6 | Project presentations. |
| 16 | 12/9 | Project presentations: 2:45 – 5:00 PM |