The purpose of this course is to expose graduate students to the latest research finding dealing with mechanisms by which bacterial, viral and parasitic pathogens cause disease in humans and animals. This course will meet once weekly (see attached schedule below) and it is the requirement that all registered students attend each session. Attendance will be taken. If a registered student is to miss class, that student MUST notify the course instructor and provide a legitimate excuse one (1) week prior to the scheduled class. Exceptions may be made in cases of emergencies. Unexcused absences will result in the docking of a partial letter grade (A+ to A, for example).

Students will also be REQUIRED to attend a paper discussion session on the Wednesday of the week that the seminar is scheduled (eg., paper discussion on Wednesday, seminar Thursday) and these will be held in VMED 3511 from 8am-9am. It is the duty of the students to read the materials provided by the seminar speaker and engage in a discussion of the work presented in the manuscript and to highlight why the work is important within the framework of the particular topic. Paper discussions will be directed by the Faculty Host or someone from his/her laboratory.

Students will be graded on attendance and participation in the discussion Grades will follow the standard grading scale utilized by LSU.

Seminars are held in 1212C starting at noon. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the trainee lunch with the speaker after the seminar.

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