

# Course Syllabus

**The School of Public Health**  
**Department of Human Genetics**  
**HUGEN 2025: Human Genetics Seminar**  
**Fridays, 12:00-1:00 PM**  
**A115 Public Health**  
**Credit Hours: 1**

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## Course Description

Human genetics seminars present current genetics methodology, theory, and data, as well as issues of scientific thought and importance. Seminars are delivered by experts both within and outside of the Pitt community.

## Presentation Mode

We anticipate hybrid (in-person and via Zoom) format for all presentations, although this is subject to change depending on pandemic conditions and speaker preference. **Enrolled students are expected to attend in person.**

**If a speaker is presenting only remotely:** The presentation will be broadcast in the classroom, conditions permitting. You may participate from the classroom or a location of your choice.

When applicable, please use this Zoom link:

Meeting URL: [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)  [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

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Meeting ID:

Passcode: See Canvas for the passcode,

One tap mobile

+12678310333,,94807634631# US (Philadelphia)

8778535247,,94807634631# US Toll-free

Dial by your location

+1 267 831 0333 US (Philadelphia)

877 853 5247 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 948 0763 4631

## Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, each student will be able to:

- Understand advanced research and practice topics in Human Genetics
- Become familiar with a variety of presentation techniques
- Ask informed and incisive questions about advanced topics

## Teaching Philosophy

This series is an amazing opportunity to learn from experts within and outside of the Pitt community. Attentive listening and participation in the Q&A session is expected. For Zoom presentations, you may enter your question into the chat, but we encourage you to ask your question live at the end of the session.

## Required Textbooks/Articles/Readings

No required readings, but CVs, relevant publications, and links will be posted on Canvas. From the home page, click "**Presentation schedule and supporting documents.**"

## Canvas Site

The Canvas site can be accessed via my.pitt.edu:

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## Class Expectations

- There are **10 scheduled Hugen seminars** (numbered in the schedule) this semester. **Please make sure to sign in via the QR code**, which will be projected in the classroom and/or on paper at the back of the room. For remote-only presentations, the QR code will also be presented to remote participants. The Sr. Vice Chancellor's seminars will not be QR coded but attendance is encouraged.
- With permission of the speaker, we will record these lectures. Be aware that the recording will include any audience participation. The recorded lecture may be used by the instructor and the registered students for internal class purposes and only during the term in which the course is being offered. There is no obligation to participate in the recorded conversation.

## Grading scale

S You must attend 8 of the 10 seminars. **For hybrid seminars, you may attend only one (without excuse) by Zoom, and you must be present for the entire class period.** You may miss 2 seminars completely.

NC Fewer than 8 seminars attended

### **Student Performance Evaluation (Assessments and Weights)**

Grading is based on attendance, so do not forget to sign in! **If you have joined by Zoom, you must let both instructors know via email or Canvas within 24 hours.** Attendance will be logged in Canvas (1 point per seminar). **Please check the grade book and contact both instructors within 1 week if you detect an error.**

We expect that you will make every effort to attend sessions. However, if you miss 3 seminars, you may still pass the course. As mentioned above, most sessions will be recorded and available for asynchronous viewing by registered students. You can watch the recording of any 1 of the missed seminars and submit a single paragraph about the seminar. For example, tell both instructors what you found to be the most interesting point, write a question that you would have liked to have asked the presenter, let both instructors know your thoughts on further experiments, etc. Anything that shows that you watched and remained engaged during the seminar is acceptable. If you miss 4 or more seminars, you may only pass if absence was due to extenuating circumstances (as determined on a case by case basis) and if you watch and submit a written paragraph about additional missed seminars.

### **SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

1/13/23 Sr. Vice Chancellor's seminar ([link \(https://calendar.pitt.edu/search/events?event\\_types\[\]=41802681434043&past=1\)](https://calendar.pitt.edu/search/events?event_types[]=41802681434043&past=1).)

1/20/23 (1) Paul Cohen, PhD

1/27/23 (2) Mike Dietrich, PhD

2/3/23 (3) HJ Park, PhD

2/10/23 Sr. Vice Chancellor's seminar ([link \(https://calendar.pitt.edu/search/events?event\\_types\[\]=41802681434043&past=1\)](https://calendar.pitt.edu/search/events?event_types[]=41802681434043&past=1).)

2/17/23 (4) Yan Ma, PhD

2/24/23 (5) Jonathan Coleman, PhD

3/3/23 Sr. Vice Chancellor's seminar ([link \(https://calendar.pitt.edu/search/events?event\\_types\[\]=41802681434043&past=1\)](https://calendar.pitt.edu/search/events?event_types[]=41802681434043&past=1).)

3/10/23 **University Spring Holiday - no seminar**

3/17/23 (6) James Woodward, PhD

3/24/23. (7) Brandon Blobner, PhD

3/31/23 **Accepted applicants day**

4/7/23 (8) Nick Nystrom - Peptilogics

4/14/23 (9) C C li seminar: Dr. John Mulvihill

4/21/23 (10) Michael Deem PhD

### **Accommodation for Students with Disabilities**

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and Disability Resources and Services, 140 William Pitt Union, 412-648-7890, as early as possible in the term.

## Academic Integrity

All students are expected to adhere to the school's standards of academic honesty. Cheating/plagiarism will not be tolerated. The School of Public Health's policy on academic integrity, which is based on the University policy, is available online in the Pitt Public Health Academic Handbook <https://publichealth.pitt.edu/academic-handbook> (<https://publichealth.pitt.edu/academic-handbook>). The policy includes obligations for faculty and students, procedures for adjudicating violations, and other critical information. Please take the time to read this policy.

### Sexual Misconduct, Required Reporting, and Title IX Statement

The University is committed to combatting sexual misconduct. As a result, you should know that University faculty and staff members are required to report any instances of sexual misconduct, including harassment and sexual violence, to the University's Title IX office so that the victim may be provided appropriate resources and support options. What this means is that as your professor, I am required to report any incidents of sexual misconduct that are directly reported to me, or of which I am somehow made aware.

There are two important exceptions to this requirement about which you should be aware:

A list of the designated University employees who, as counselors and medical professionals, do not have this reporting responsibility and can maintain confidentiality, can be found here: <https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix/make-report/report-form> (<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix/make-report/report-form>)

An important exception to the reporting requirement exists for academic work. Disclosures about sexual misconduct that are shared as part of an academic project, classroom discussion, or course assignment, are not required to be disclosed to the University's Title IX office.

If you are the victim of sexual misconduct, Pitt encourages you to reach out to these resources:

Title IX Office: 412-648-7860

SHARE @ the University Counseling Center: 412-648-7930 (8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. M-F) and 412-648-7856 (AFTER BUSINESS HOURS)

If you have a safety concern, please contact the University of Pittsburgh Police, 412-624-2121.

Other reporting information is available here: <https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix-compliance/make-report> (<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix-compliance/make-report>)

### Diversity Statement

#### Pitt Public Health Diversity Statement | Effective Academic Year 2021-22

The University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health considers the diversity of its students, faculty, and staff to be a strength and critical to its educational mission. Pitt Public Health is committed to creating and fostering inclusive learning environments that value human dignity and equity and promote social justice. Every member of our community is expected to be

respectful of the individual perspectives, experiences, behaviors, worldviews, and backgrounds of others. While intellectual disagreement may be constructive, no derogatory statements, or demeaning or discriminatory behavior will be permitted.

If you feel uncomfortable or would like to discuss a situation, please contact any of the following:

- the course director or course instructor
- the Pitt Public Health Associate Dean responsible for diversity and inclusion
- the University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 412-648-7860 or

<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix/make-report/report-form> (<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix/make-report/report-form>)

(anonymous reporting form)

## Accessibility

Canvas is ADA Compliant and has fully implemented the final accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. Please note that, due to the flexibility provided in this product, it is possible for some material to inadvertently fall outside of these guidelines.

## Copyright Notice

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## Statement on Classroom Recording

To ensure the free and open discussion of ideas, students may not independently record breakout room discussions and/or activities without the permission of all participants, and any such recording properly approved in advance can be used solely for the student's own private use.

## Library and Writing Center Services

As a University of Pittsburgh student, a wealth of resources for researching your project is available through the Health Sciences Library ([www.hslls.pitt.edu](http://www.hslls.pitt.edu) (<http://www.hslls.pitt.edu>)) and the school's dedicated librarian (Helena VonVille - <https://www.hslls.pitt.edu/staff/helena-vonville> (<https://www.hslls.pitt.edu/staff/helena-vonville>)). In addition, writing assistance is available through the University Writing Center ([www.writingcenter.pitt.edu/](http://www.writingcenter.pitt.edu) (<http://www.writingcenter.pitt.edu/>)).

## Health and Safety Statement

During this pandemic, it is extremely important that you abide by the [public health regulations](#)  [\(https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19.aspx\)](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19.aspx), the University of Pittsburgh's [health standards and guidelines](#) (<https://www.policy.pitt.edu/university-policies-and-procedures/covid-19-standards-and-guidelines>), and [Pitt's Health Rules](#) (<https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/healthy-community/pitts-health-rules>). These rules have been developed to protect the health and safety of all of us. The University's requirements for face coverings will at a minimum be consistent with CDC guidance and **masks are required indoors (campus buildings and shuttles) on campuses in which**

**COVID-19 Community Levels are High.** This means that when COVID-19 Community Levels are High, you must wear a face covering that properly covers your nose and mouth when you are in the classroom. If you do not comply, you will be asked to leave class. It is your responsibility have the required face covering when entering a university building or classroom. Masks are optional indoors for campuses in which county levels are Medium or Low. Be aware of your Community Level as it changes each Thursday. Read answers to frequently asked questions regarding face coverings. For the most up-to-date information and guidance, please visit the Power of Pitt site and check your Pitt email for updates before each class.

If you are required to isolate or quarantine, become sick, or are unable to come to class, contact both instructors as soon as possible to discuss arrangements.