

**LIFS 3060: MICROBIOLOGY (Spring 2018-19)**

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**Entry Level:** Pre-requisite LIFS 2040 or LIFS2060 or with permission of the course director.

**Course schedule:** Mondays, Wednesdays: 12:00.-13:20 in LTB.

**Course objectives:** This course aims to introduce students to the fundamentals of identification, structure, physiology, and genetics of microorganisms; and the importance of microorganisms in human health, the environment, and in biotechnology.

**Learning outcomes:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Describe and comprehend important features of bacteria, fungi, protozoa and viruses.
2. Describe and comprehend important aspects of the physical and nutritional requirements of microorganisms.
3. Describe the methods used to measure microbial numbers and those to control the growth of unwanted microorganisms.
4. Identify the driving forces for the distribution of microbial diversity in the natural environment.
5. Discuss the roles of environmental microorganisms in the functioning of the biosphere and in the development of human civilization.
6. Describe important infectious diseases locally and internationally, in the past and present time.
7. Explain how pathogenic microbes cause human diseases and how the human body guards against microbial invasion.
8. Explain the biological principles underlying medical intervention of infectious disease.

**Course Assessment:**

Assessment Tasks	Contribution to Final Grade (%)	Learning Outcomes to be Assessed
Midterm exam	40%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Final exam	60%	1, 3, 6, 7,8

**Recommended Textbook:**

- **Prescott's Microbiology**, by Willey, Sherwood and Woolverton, 10<sup>th</sup> edition, 2017. (In University bookstore)
- **E-book version: Learnsmart standalone** can be purchased from McGraw Hill online, HKD 128 for one semester

Access "<http://www.mheducation.com.sg/9781259120640-asia-smartbook-online-access-for-prescotts-microbiology-group>".

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
1	30 Jan, 4 Feb	Introduction to microbiology (Chapters 1, 2)	BANFIELD
2	11, 13 Feb	Bacterial cell structure (Chapter 3)	BANFIELD
3	18, 20 Feb	Archaea and eukaryotic cell structure (Chapters 4, 5)	BANFIELD
4	25, 27 Feb	Fungi (Chapter 26), Protists (Chapter 25)	BANFIELD
5	4, 6 Mar	Viruses (Chapters 6, 27), Microbial Growth (Chapter 7)	BANFIELD
6	<b>11 Mar</b>	<b>Mid-term</b>	BANFIELD
6	13, 18 Mar	Microbial interactions (Chapter 32)	TANG
7	20, 25 Mar	Microbial genomics (Chapter 18)	TANG
8	27 Mar, 1 Apr	Control of microorganisms in the environment (Chapter 8)/ Antimicrobial chemotherapy (Chapter 9)	TANG
9	3 Apr, 8 Apr	Innate and adaptive immunity (Chapter 33, 34)	TANG
10	10, 15 Apr	Pathogenicity and infection (Chapter 35)	TANG
11	17, 24 Apr	Clinical microbiology and immunology (Chapter 36)	TANG
12	29 Apr, 6 May	Epidemiology and public health microbiology (Chapter 37)	TANG
13	8 May	Microbiology of food (Chapter 41)	TANG