 Hi Everyone,

We hope you've been enjoying the first couple of weeks of our bioinfomatics class!

We are starting section next week, and have a few related announcements:

1.  **Section Scheduling:**There will be two sections.  One will be Wednesday 3-4pm (the first meeting will be 29 Jan 2013).  The second section is still unscheduled.  If you cannot attend the Wednesday section, please contact Cong at [cong.li@yale.edu](mailto:cong.li@yale.edu" \t "_blank) to help him find a time that can work for all of you.

2.  **Weekly assignment for section:**The readings for the first section are based on Jim Noonan's lectures.  There are [two papers](http://info.gersteinlab.org/Cbb752b14" \l "Session_1:_Next_Gen_Sequencing_.28Experimental.29" \t "_blank), and we would like you to write 1-2 paragraphs summarizing each paper.  Section attendance is required.

3.  **Presentations:**In the Wednesday section, each student will give a 15-20 minute presentation on one of the papers during the semester.  **Please email us if you would like to present one of the first two papers in the section next Wednesday.**

The second section will likely be much smaller, and will have a discussion format.  The written assignment will be the same, and you will be graded on a combination of the written assignments and your participation in discussions.

4.  **Lecture slides/Course Website:**We are posting the lecture slides in the [class schedule](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Av2J5_8MyluFdF90LTg3S0RsSXU0YjdHVEx1WFljZHc&usp=sharing" \l "gid=1" \t "_blank), which is on the [course website](http://info.gersteinlab.org/cbb752b14" \t "_blank).  The course website has all of the important information for the class.

5.  **Quizzes:**There will be four quizzes in the course, as listed on the [class schedule](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Av2J5_8MyluFdF90LTg3S0RsSXU0YjdHVEx1WFljZHc&usp=sharing" \l "gid=1" \t "_blank).  The first quiz will be on 5 Feb 2013.  The quizzes will be 20 minutes, and will cover concepts addressed in the lectures.  The four quizzes together account for 33% of your grades.  Quizzes will be similar in format to those given in [previous years](info.gersteinlab.org/Cbb752b14#Pages_from_previous_years).

6.  **Grading:**See grading guidelines [here](http://info.gersteinlab.org/Cbb752b14" \l "Grade_Categories" \t "_blank).  The weights of different assignments will be slightly different for CBB/CPSC and for MBB/MCDB students.  For representative examples of what the problem sets and final projects will be like, see the [websites](info.gersteinlab.org/Cbb752b14#Pages_from_previous_years) for previous iterations of the course.

7.  **Registration:**If you still have any questions about which version of the course you should take, please email us or [Professor Gerstein](mailto:mark.gerstein@yale.edu" \t "_blank).  We are happy to talk with you to help you figure out which version of the class is best.

Best,

Michael and Cong  
  
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