Course Title/Code: Biomedical Sciences Seminar (MMPH6134)

Department: School of Biomedical Sciences

Objective: • Recognize basics in biological research and scientific integrity
• Describe critical scientific reading and project selection
• Illustrate effective seminar presentation and writing in biological sciences
• Through critical scientific reading, presentation and debating to develop these abilities
• Explore the new development in different research areas through critical scientific reading and presentation

Content: Each literature review theme will be covered in a 2-hour session. The topics will be changing from time to time depending on advances in current scientific issues. The topics for the current year are:
1. Scientific Integrity and scholarship and arrangement of student presentations
2. Basics in Biological Research
3. Scientific reading
4. Good Image or Bad Image? How to prepare an image for publication?" 
5. Discussion by students - paper chosen by Dr. KM Yao (Sem 1) / Dr. KO Lai (Sem 2)
6. Effective seminar speaking and debate;
7. Discussion by students - paper chosen by Dr. RK Ng (Sem 1) / Dr. ASL Wong (Sem 2)
8. Debate 1
9. Effective writing in biological sciences
10. Discussion by students - paper chosen by Dr. B Gao (Sem 1) / Dr. LW Lim (Sem 2)
11. Debate 2
12. Discussion by students - paper chosen by CH Yu (Sem 1) / Dr. SKY Ma (Sem 2)
13. Discuss by students paper chosen by CM Qian (Sem 1) / Dr. LWT Cheung (Sem 2)
14. Stress in postgraduate study

Learning outcomes: On completion of the course, the students are expected to:
• understand basics in biological research, scientific integrity and project selection
• development of the basic skills in critical scientific reading, seminar presentation and writing in biological sciences
• learn new development in different areas of biological science.

Prerequisite: None

Duration: 1 semester; two hours every other week; 28 contact hours

Continuous assessment/examination ratio: 50% / 50%

Examination method/duration: Written examination / 2 hours

Remarks: Also offered to RPg from other Faculties at HKU