

| Day | Session | Time | Format | Topics* | Lecturer |
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| 1 | Registration | 08:30 - 09:00 | | | |
| | Biology as a computing paradigm | 09:00 - 10:15 | Lecture | introduction to molecular biology with a focus on information processing, essential concepts in molecular biology, central dogma, evolution and information processing | |
| | Experimental methods in biomedical research | 10:15 - 11:30 | Lecture | experiment design, controls and replicates, molecular biology and high-throughput methods | |
| | | 11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee break | | |
| | | 11:45 - 13:00 | Hands-on | critical reading of molecular biology manuscripts and team-based discussion; hypothesis, evidence and methods | |
| | Essential bioinformatics | 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch | | |
| | | 14:00 - 15:15 | Lecture | genome assembly, alignment and sequence search; dynamic programming, computational issues and search strategies, multiple sequence alignment, parallelization | |
| | | 15:15 - 16:30 | Hands-on | guided exercises on main bioinformatics repositories, BLAST flavors | |
| | Microbiome research | 16:30 - 16:45 | Coffee break | | |
| | | 16:45 - 18:00 | Lecture | microbiome and hologenome, bacteria in human health and the environment | |
| 2 | Microbiome research | 09:00 - 10:15 | Lecture | metagenomics, concepts and approaches, 16S and deep-sequencing, environmental human microbiome analysis, computational challenges | |
| | | 10:15 - 11:15 | Hands-on | critical reading of microbiome analysis manuscripts; team-based discussion | |
| | | 11:15 - 11:30 | Coffee break | | |
| | Cancer biology | 11:30 - 12:30 | Hands-on | guided exercises on microbiome data analysis | |
| | | 12:30 - 13:45 | Lecture | cancer as a disease, tumor stages, critical pathways, chemo-, radio- and immunotherapy, metastasis and resistance | |
| | | 13:45 - 14:45 | Lunch | | |
| | | 14:45 - 16:00 | Lecture | bioinformatics approaches to cancer and therapy | |
| | | 16:00 - 17:00 | Hands-on | critical reading of experimental cancer manuscripts using bioinformatics approaches; team-based discussion | |
| | | 17:00 - 17:15 | Coffee break | | |
| | | 17:15 - 18:00 | Hands-on | guided exercises on cancer data analysis | |

* Topic details are for reference only