765-510: ADVANCED PLANT GENETICS 2018 (25 80'-lectures; 3 exams)

Mon - Thurs 12:35-1:55

Topics (~ number of classes: dates) Instructor

I. Introduction (3: T 9/6, M 9/10, T9/13)

Gallavotti

- Brief history of plant genetics
- Chromosomes, chromatin and life cycle
- Review of mendelian genetics

II. Linkage analysis, molecular markers and recombination (3: M 9/17, T 9/20, M 9/24) Gallavotti

- Markers
- Detection and estimation of linkage from testcross and F2 data
- Interval mapping, bulked segregant analysis, near isogenic lines
- Mapping with recombinant inbreds
- Synteny: orthologous and paralogous genes
- Meiotic and somatic recombination

III. Mutations (2: T 9/27, M 10/1)

Gallavotti

- Spontaneous and induced
- McClintock's transposable elements and related transposons
- Retrotransposons, T-DNA, and heterologous tagging
- Gene editing

EXAM 1 (30%; covers classes 1-8: Topics I-III) Thur. Oct. 4

IV. Aneuploidy and polyploidy (1: M 10/8)

Maliga

- Aneuploidy and genetics of polyploids

V. Genetic screens (1: T 10/11)

Gallavotti

- Genetic interactions and screens

VI. Plant domestication (1: M 10/15)

Gallavotti

- Domestication of crop species: maize, rice, tomato

VII. Map-based gene isolation (2: T 10/18, M10/22)

Dong/Gallavotti

- Theory and strategies
- Practical exercise: positional cloning of a recessive mutant

VIII. Guest lecture (1: T 10/25)

Lawton

- Physcomitrella: a unique recombination system

IX. Haploid use and production (1: M 10/29)

Maliga

- Haploids

X. Extrachromosomal inheritance (2: T 11/1, M 11/5)

Maliga

- Organelle genetics
- Transmission
- Recombination
- Nuclear cytoplasmic interactions
- Cytoplasmic male sterility & hybrid production

EXAM 2 (30%; covers classes 9-17: Topics IV-X) Thurs. Nov. 8

XI. Epigenetics (3: M 11/12, T 11/15, M 11/19)

Gallavotti/Dong

- Paramutation
- Cosuppression and transgene silencing in transgenic systems
- Methylation and chromatin remodeling

XII. Genomics (3: M 11/26, T11/29, M 12/3)

Messing/Gallavotti/Lam

- Guest lecture: history of plant genomics
- Genomic resources and new tools for genetic analysis
- Genomics of duckweed

XIII. Developmental Genetics (2: T 12/6, M 12/10)

Gallavotti/Dong

- Paper/discussion

FINAL EXAM (40%: 20/40 from classes 18-25, Topics XI-XIII; 20/40 from classes 1-19, Topics I-X) Mon. Dec. 17 @ 12:30 PM in 138B Foran

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