Hi Everyone,

We hope you’ve been enjoying the first couple of weeks of our bioinformatics 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 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, 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, which is on the course website. 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. 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.

6. **Grading:** See grading guidelines here. 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 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. 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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