

# Organization of GBIO0002 Homework Assignments

## Genetics and Bioinformatics

- Form groups of 2-3 people: the same group for all assignments!
- Homeworks should be submitted via the available electronic submission system

### **Style 1: Literature project**

This involves choosing a paper from the literature that extends or provides additional background on the material of the course (chapter) and then summarizing the paper, its objectives, results.

Do not copy the paper, but show you have understood the main ideas of the paper and “discuss” the paper. Such a discussion could include thoughts on what was the key idea, strengths or weaknesses of the methods/experiments, comments on the writing, ways to extend the work, flaws in the argument/data/experiments, etc. Anything is fine, as long as it demonstrates some real thought.

A selection of papers will be provided, but if you have another interesting paper to discuss, please send your suggestion to the TA. The course instructors will then decide whether the paper is eligible or not.

All literature projects will be presented and discussed in class. No report is needed. Only slides will do.

### **Style 2: Classic Q/A**

Via representative questions, the idea is to further understand concepts provided in class. Occasionally, simulated or real-life data problems may be provided, that have been analyzed and for which the results require an interpretation. Use the material provided in class but be not afraid to consult the literature. As long as you can answer the given questions, everything is allowed. When you do use the literature, please provide references.

Please follow instructions in class, regarding how to draft your report.

### **General information regarding homework reports**

Every homework assignment involves writing a short report of no more than the equivalent of 5 single-spaced typed pages of text, excluding figures, tables and bibliography. It should contain an abstract (e.g., depending on the homework style: description of the paper content, description of the problem) and a discussion part (see before). If citations are made to other papers, there should be a bibliography! Only one report per group is needed.

### **Evaluation**

Homeworks count for 60% of your final score. Hence it is worthwhile to spend time on them...

Solutions will be provided to everyone, once the homeworks have been corrected. Opportunities will be created to discuss the homeworks in class or in private.