**MCB 4503 GENERAL VIROLOGY NOTE GRADING CHANGE**

**Instructors:** This course is taught by Drs. James E. Maruniak with the following guest lecturers: Polston, Small and Yamamoto. The lectures are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

**General description:** This course is for undergraduate students in microbiology and related disciplines. The course teaches basic information on families of viruses from humans, plants, insects, animals and bacteria. Lectures cover the basic information of the medical, clinical, diagnostic, biotechnological, and molecular aspects of these viruses.

**Prerequisites:** Any basic course in microbiology, genetics, biochemistry or molecular biology.

**Gatorlink Account** "All UF students are required to have an active Gatorlink account. You may obtain a Gatorlink account by logging on to **http://www.gatorlink.ufl.edu**, or by visiting the Circa lab located across from Turlington Hall and signing up.

**Textbook:** No textbooks are required for the virology course. The textbook at the library is Jawetz et al. Medical Microbiology, 26th Edition, ISBN 978-0-07179-031-4 (eBook\* available through UF libraries: http://uf.catalog.fcla.edu/uf.jsp?st=UF031735546&ix=pm&I=0&V=D&pm=1

\*Please note that you MUST be logged on to UF library website or Gatorlink VPN to access this eBook off-campus)

The course will use the internet to search for current information to answer questions during and after class period. Come prepared with your laptop computer and to interact with other students.

**Course grade:** The course grade will be determined by four exams, each counting 50 points. There are no regular make-up exams. If you miss an exam, one test score can be dropped; however, you can take a comprehensive makeup for one test at the end of the course during the regularly scheduled final exam. The last of four exams will be given on Apr. 13, 2016. If you miss the fourth test with an acceptable medical or family excuse, you can take a make-up test during the scheduled final exam. **All students must take the fourth or final exam with a passing grade or receive an incomplete grade.** The tests questions are multiple choice with one or more answers, fill-in blanks and drawings. Information for tests will be from lectures and handouts.

**Five team-based learning exercises in class will be announced ahead of time in which questions will be answered by groups of four for 10 points each exercise Letter grades are based on the percent of 200 total points**: A=100-90%, B+=89.9-88%, B=87.9-80%, C+=79.9-78%, C=77.9-70%, D=69.9-60% and below 60%=E.