TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
College of Science & Technology
Life Sciences Department

BIMS 4333/BIOL 4590 – Medical Entomology
Syllabus - Spring 2010

COURSE: BIMS 4333/BIOL 4590 Medical Entomology
Lecture: MWF 9:00 – 9:50 am CI 127

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Medical Entomology focuses upon the critical roles that arthropods of medical and
veterinary play in regards to the host group’s health.

TEXTBOOK:
Medical and Veterinary Entomology. 1st edition, 202 or latest edition

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:
By successfully completing the requirements of this course, the student will:
a) Understand the variety of roles that arthropods play in regards to medical/veterinary
health;
b) Understand the various areas of study within medical entomology;
c) Have learned specific facts regarding the natural history; morphology, physiology and
behavior of medically important arthropods;
d) Have learned about current disease issues such as St. Louis encephalitis and West Nile
viruses in the United States through lecture information and by student literature
reviews as out of class assignments.
e) Have learned about current disease issues on an international scale such as malaria,
plague, yellow fever, dengue fever, typhus, and various arboviruses;
f) Understand past, current, and projected strategies for controlling arthropods of medical
/veterinary importance;
g) Understand the role of certain arthropods as employed in forensic applications.
h) Develop leadership skills as a project team leader;
COURSE GRADING:
The course grade will be based on the student’s performance in four areas:

a) 1 semester take-home exam - 200 pts
b) Team project presentations - 200 pts
c) Participation and attendance - 100 pts

-500 possible total points

(A) Take-Home Exam: This test will be assigned April 12th and will be due and handed in at the April 26th class meeting. It will be of an open book format with all responses to the question being the sole work and endeavor of each student. (200 pts)

(B) Team Project Presentation: A team comprised of no fewer than three (3) and no more than four (4) persons will make an oral presentation of 40-45 minutes (40 min. absolute minimum time) supported by visual aids which is focused on some aspect of medical or forensic entomology. (200 pts)

(C) Participation and Attendance: Ten points will be awarded at each random check on attendance during the semester for a total of approximately 100 possible points. (ca 100 pts)

GRADING SYSTEM*
A = 90 – 100%
B = 80 – 90%
C = 70 – 80%
D = 60 – 70%
F = 0 – 60%

*At the discretion of the instructor, curve points may be added to the student’s final overall class average. If curve points are given, each and every student will receive the same number of points. No extra credit work is permitted.

Student work: Each student is required to do independent work on each of the lecture and lab exams.

Plagiarism will result in failure of the course (F) and possible disciplinary action by the college and university.

Assignments handed in after the due date will be subject to penalty points deducted from the assignment grade.
NOTE: The official deadline for dropping any course during the 2010 Spring Semester is April 2, 2010.

IMPORTANCE NOTICE!

Every student is urged to keep abreast of any and all opportunities about scholarships, internship, and research opportunities.

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**Spring 2010**

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Academic Advising: The College of Science and Technology requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Faculty Center 178, and can be reached at 825-6094.