

## EMNERAPPORT – CCBIO SEMINAR SERIES CCBIO 902

ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT – CCBIO

Emnekode: <i>COURSE CODE:</i>	<b>CCBIO 902</b>	Semester / år:	<b>2022</b>
Emnenavn: <i>COURSE NAME:</i>	<i>Seminar Series</i>	<i>SEMESTER / YEAR:</i>	
Emneansvarlig: <i>COURSE COORDINATOR:</i>	<b>Lars A Akslen, Donald Gullberg, Jim Lorens</b>	Godkjent:	
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### INNLEDNING / INTRODUCTION:

Kort beskrivelse av emnet, inkl. studieprogramtilhørighet. Kommentarer om evt. oppfølging av tidligere evalueringer.

*SHORT COURSE DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING WHICH STUDENTS/CANDIDATES MAY ATTEND. COMMENTS TO CHANGES BASED ON PRIOR EVALUATIONS.*

CCBIO 902 Seminar Series is a Msc/PhD course open for students fulfilling the pre-requirement of, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in biology or molecular biology, or equivalent as well as a course for registered graduate students at the medical faculty of UiB. It runs in parallel with BMED 380, organized by Department of Biomedicine. In the Master's Programme in Biomedical Sciences, BMED 380 is listed as an approved optional course. Whereas BMED 380 is a weekly course with seminars on Thursdays, CCBIO 902 is monthly (last Thursday every month). Please see link to 2022 schedule here:

<https://www.uib.no/en/biomedisin/67862/bbb-seminars#spring-2022>

<https://www.uib.no/en/biomedisin/67862/bbb-seminars#autumn-2022>

The goal of the course is to provide the participants with an overview of different disciplines and subjects in cancer biology and to give them training in listening to scientific presentations in English, as well as in interpreting, reflecting over, writing and discussing scientific information using the English language.

In this course, the students follow the seminars held in Auditorium 4 (BBB). The course lasts for two consecutive semesters. In exceptional cases, and if the application is accepted by the course coordinator, a student can finish the course in their third semester. Students can enrol in the course both in the autumn and spring semester.

For the full description of the BMED 380 course, please see: <http://uib.no/course/BMED380>

### Changes due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 relevant for the spring semester of 2022:

The pandemic still had an impact on many of the courses in the spring semester of 2022. For BMED380/CCBIO902 the impact was however limited, and experience was already good with providing the seminars online if required. While the possibility of providing online seminars has its advantages, going forward we will still aim for in person seminars being the norm. Hybrid seminars will however be avoided as they generally tend to result in a lower in person turnout.

### STATISTIKK / STATISTICS (admin.):

Antall vurderingsmeldte studenter: <i>NUMBER OF CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR EXAMINATION:</i>	<b>0</b>	Antall studenter møtt til eksamen: <i>NUMBER OF CANDIDATES ATTENDED EXAMINATION:</i>	<b>0</b>
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In general, the speakers in CCBIO 902 are of high quality with a large international contribution of speakers (pre-pandemic). Due to the pandemic, speakers have tended to be more local and with a larger proportion of speakers from Scandinavia/Europe than before the pandemic.

#### **SAMMENDRAG AV STUDENTENE SINE TILBAKEMELDINGER / SUMMARY OF EVALUATIONS GIVEN BY THE STUDENTS**

Spørreundersøkelse via Mitt UiB, annen evaluering, tilbakemelding fra tillitsvalgte og/eller andre.

*COURSE EVALUATION ON MITT UIB, OTHER EVALUATIONS, RESPONSES FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES AND/OR OTHERS.*

The students have commented positively on the course in direct communications, either in person or via email, although this information has not been gathered systematically and cannot be considered as official student feedback on the course itself. Attending graduate students in general appreciate the high quality of the CCBIO 902 speakers.

#### **EMNEANSVARLIG SIN EVALUERING OG VURDERING / EVALUATION AND COMMENTS BY COURSE COORDINATOR:**

Faglæreres vurderinger av emnet. *TEACHER COMMENTS.*

Eksempel: Kommentarer om praktisk gjennomføring, undervisnings- og vurderingsformer, evt. endringer underveis, studieinformasjon på nett og Mitt UiB, litteraturtilgang, samt lokaler og utstyr.

*EXAMPLE: COMMENTS ABOUT PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS, IF NECESSARY. FUTURE CHANGES/CHANGES IN PROGRESS, STUDY INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET AND MITT UIB, LITERATURE ACCESS, LOCALES AND EQUIPMENT.*

The use of Auditorium 4 seems to be a good fit for the course. Its size is also suitable for the current average number of attendants.

The serving of pizza in connection with the seminars is much appreciated both by students and invited speakers and contributes to creating a good atmosphere for continued scientific discussions after the seminar.

Although no students have formally fulfilled the criteria for achieving ECTS point the seminar series still fulfils an important function:

- offering high quality speakers in subjects relevant for cancer biology on a regular basis in a predictable manner (last Thursday in every month during semesters);

- offering a forum for graduate students in cancer biology to meet and network.

#### **MÅL FOR NESTE UNDERVISNINGSPERIODE – FORBEDRINGSTILTAK / PLANNED CHANGES FOR THE NEXT TEACHING PERIOD – HOW TO BE BETTER:**

The main challenge for the next period is to guarantee continued budget (NFR funded part of CCBIO ends 20230630), as the success of the course highly depends on the quality of the invited speakers. How to make do with less funding and still provide a monthly high-quality seminar with pre-pandemic level of international speakers will thus be a challenge.