

# Spring 2019 Tentative Course Syllabus

## MCB 199 LDR

### Undergraduate Open Seminar for MCB Leaders

**Course Instructor:**

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**Course Description:** Weekly meeting and planning session for members of MCB Leaders. MCB Leaders are a small group of accomplished students in MCB who serve as ambassadors to the School of MCB. Our mission is to help current and prospective students learn more about the University of Illinois, the College of LAS and the Molecular and Cellular Biology major. Outside class activities will be required. *Activity on MCB Social Media is strongly encouraged.*

**Credit:** 1 hour

**Grading:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. In order to earn a Satisfactory Grade in this course, students must miss no more than 2 course meetings (all of which must be excused) and participate in a minimum of 5 approved activities throughout the semester (50 min to 1 hr = 1 activity). Students are expected to keep track of events in which they participate and provide instructor with a log of those events at end of semester. Students are expected to be on time for class and to contact the instructor if they will be late for any reason.

**Absences:** All absences must be approved in advance (when possible) and in writing by the course instructor.

**Tentative Class Meetings on Wednesday 5:00 PM to 6:20 PM (subject to change):**

August 28	Introductions and ice breaker Course overview Discuss expectations, sign contracts Confirm contact/profile information Discuss communication (Group Me) Social Media – follow & encourage follows/post to snap chat MCB Leaders email address – protocol for using and answering Peer Mentoring Program – advertise/accept apps/make matches
September 4	New Student Welcome 4:30 to 6:15pm at Illini Union Rooms A, B C
September 11	Reflections on New Student Welcome Peer Mentoring Program – review apps/make matches Sign Up Genius for approved activities Planning for MCB Appreciation Day – set date Advanced course videos discussion and prep
September 18	<b>No Class to prep for Exam week</b>

September 25	Peer Mentoring Program – updates and social event plans Prospective Student Days – Sign Up Genius Reflections on Research Info Session and Majors/Minors Fair Planning for MCB Appreciation Day – choose image, charity & cookies Advanced course video assignments
October 2	What to expect at first O&B day on Oct. 14 Discuss Alumni Homecoming event/Research Symposium Peer Mentoring Program Planning for MCB Appreciation Day – schedule shifts Advanced course videos updates RSO document discussion
October 9	<b>No Class to prep for Exam week and Yom Kippur</b>
October 16	Reflections/reminders on Prospective Student Days Prep for Alumni Event and Career and Research Symposium Peer Mentoring Program – social event? Planning for MCB Appreciation Day Advanced course videos updates RSO document updates
October 23	<b>No Class – Tina at NACADA</b>
October 30	Reflections/reminders on Prospective Student Days Peer Mentoring Program – social event? Advanced course videos updates RSO document updates
November 6	<b>No Class to prep for Exam week</b>
November 13	Reflections/reminders on Prospective Student Days Peer Mentoring Program Advanced course videos updates RSO document
November 20	Reflections/reminders on Prospective Student Days Peer Mentoring Program Advanced course videos updates RSO document
November 27	<b>No Class for Thanksgiving Break</b>
December 4	Peer Mentoring Program Plan for last class meeting/semester wrap up
December 11	Last class meeting and celebration of our graduates Location to be announced

Fall 2019 Approved Activities (incomplete list):

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
LAS Lift Off	Friday, August 23	2:00pm to 4:00pm
MCB Express Advising Shift	Varies	Varies, 1 hour minimum
MCB New Student Welcome	Wednesday, September 4	4:00pm to 6:30pm
Undergraduate Research Workshop	Thursday, September 19	5:00pm to 6:30pm
MCB Appreciation Day	TBD – October?	TBD, 1 hour minimum
Majors and Minors Fair	Monday, September 23	1:30pm to 4:30pm
ACES & LAS Career Fair	Wednesday, September 26	10:00am to 7:00pm
O&B student panel/pick up	Monday, October 14	1:50pm to 2:50pm
O&B research lab and facility tour	Monday, October 14	3:00pm to 3:30pm
O&B student panel/pick up	Friday, October 18	1:50pm to 2:50pm
O&B research lab and facility tour	Friday, October 18	3:00pm to 3:30pm
O&B student panel/pick up	Friday, October 25	1:50pm to 2:50pm
O&B research lab and facility tour	Friday, October 25	3:00pm to 3:30pm
O&B student panel/pick up	Monday, November 11	1:50pm to 2:50pm
O&B research lab and facility tour	Monday, November 11	3:00pm to 3:30pm
Video Interview for Adv MCB Course	Schedule with instructor	Schedule with instructor
Other Activities as available	Varies	Varies, 1 hour minimum