

COURSE REPORT for VT23 2023-04-13

1. Course:

FMF0068, Advanced Cancer Biology, 2 credits, PhD course

2. Term and year:

VT 2023

3. Course coordinators:

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4. Number of students:

Registered: 12

5. Response Rate

9/12 =725%

7. Summary of students' views and suggestions

Suggestion: summarise the most important from course evaluation

A. Strong sides

- The students were very satisfied with the course in general (average=4,4 on a scale from 1=very dissatisfied to 5=very satisfied). More importantly, they feel that the course has contributed to gaining new knowledge (average 4.3 on a scale from 1=not at all, to 5=to a very high degree). When asked what was particularly good about the course, they named:
 - "comprehensive introduction of cancer biology from different aspects"
 - "The different lectures on different aspects of tumor biology and the journal clubs and research presentations."
 - "To hear about all the different areas of research within cancer biology, preclinical to clinical."
 - "The big variety of background that the people that gave lectures had"
 - "It gave a good recap/introduction/update to what felt like the entire area of research."
 - "Good lecturers, interesting, up-to-date topics."

- All lecturers received very high points on the overall quality of their lectures, between 3,4 to 4,8 , on a scale from 1=very bad to 5=to a very good. The clarity of the course material for each lecture was also highly valued with 3,8 to 4,8 points depending on the lecture, on a scale from 1=very bad to 5=to a very good.
- The different subjects discussed in the lectures were considered highly relevant with lectures receiving between 3,8 and 4,8 points on a on a scale from 1=very bad to 5=to a very good.
- Students thought the articles chosen for the Journal Club were of good quality (4,3), relevant to the course (4,6) and the group discussion was of high quality (4,8), on a scale from 1=very bad to 5=to a very good. The students commented: Good to do the tasks in advance and good discussions in the group! [a: 4, b: 5, c: 5]
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- The writing in all papers were good and realtively easy to follow. The scientific quality and relevance to this subject was up to discussion and those discussions were very good. The organization of the journal clubs was very good

B. Weak sides

- One student mentioned that they would have like a more general introduction to clinical research. Another one would have liked more on cancer diagnostics and in circulating tumour cells.
- One student mentioned that the course is very intense and packed, which meant that the lecturers wanted to tell them much more and it would be nice to have more time; but that they also mention that the days were already full with lectures or journal club.

8. Teachers responsible suggestions for improvement

Suggestion: shortly summarise planned improvements (short- and long-term) and motivate if improvements will not be made on a certain aspect.

Overall, the course has received a very good evaluation. For next year, I will consider to add some of the topics the students mentioned and talk to the teachers whose lectures received a lower point to improve it.

10. Signature of course responsible teacher and student representative

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