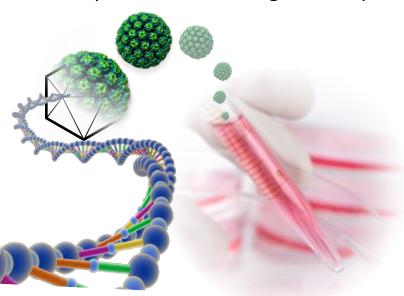


BIOTECHNOLOGY BIT 495/595: Virus Biotechnology: Pathogens to Therapeutics

Overview:

- Introduction to molecular mechanisms of viral replication and pathogenicity
- Methods in detection and characterization of viral infections
- Engineering viruses for biotechnology purposes
- Development of viral reagents for pharmaceutical and biomedical products



Lecture Topics:

- The variety of viruses (taxonomic diversity)
- Molecular biology of viral replication
- Viral pathogenesis and disease
- Working with viruses: Biosafety
- Vaccines and antiviral pharmaceuticals
- Virus engineering and gene therapeutics
- The art of detection: Viromics

Lab Topics:

1.	Rate of infection and MOI - Bacteriophage	1 week
2.	Virus infection of tissue cultures	1 week
3.	Cytopathic effect, virus replication and gene expression – Ranavirus	3 weeks
4.	Cell transduction and exogenous gene expression – Baculovirus	2 weeks