GENERAL INFORMATION:

ATTENDANCE
I do not REQUIRE attendance in lecture. However, given the amount of material covered at each session, I strongly RECOMMEND it. March 23rd is the last day to withdraw or change from credit to audit. Before making any change, please be sure to speak to me and determine the effect of a W or AU(X) grade on your financial aid, immigration status, or other situations. New college and federal rules require faculty to withdraw students for non-attendance.

TESTS
There will be six scheduled quizzes. Each quiz will be on the material covered in the previous 2 - 3 lectures (see schedule on reverse side). Your lowest quiz score will be dropped, so that only 5 quizzes will be used in computing your final grade. The format of each quiz will consist mostly of multiple-choice questions and one or several essay-type questions. They may also include fill-in-the-blank questions. There will be 2 scheduled exams: a mid-term and a final. Each will be cumulative. While taking tests, be courteous to your classmates: turn off beepers and cell phones. Failure to do so will lead to points being deducted from your score. In addition to quizzes and exams, the other component of your grade will be a written assignment centering on a case study in infectious diseases. Any breach of the academic honesty policy (as per the Student Code of Conduct) will lead to a grade penalty and possible referral to the appropriate campus or program administrator.

Under extreme extenuating circumstances I may allow an exam to be taken early or at a different time. This will be by PRIOR discussion and arrangement only.

POINT DISTRIBUTION
Mid-term exam  100
Final Exam  100
5 Quizzes (40 pts each)  200
Case Study  30
430

GRADE SCALE
90%  A
80%  B
70%  C
60%  D
Below 60%  F

COURSE OBJECTIVE
Upon completion of this course, the student (you) will have an understanding of the fundamental principles of microbiology, the role of microorganisms and the immune system in disease, and the beneficial role that microorganisms play in nature and human endeavors.

PRE-AND COREQUISITES
And now for some fine print: prerequisites for this course are 3 hours of chemistry and 4 hours of biology (including laboratory). The co-requisite for this course is Microbiology laboratory (MCB 2010L).