Structural DNA Nanotechnology

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TIME:  4:55 pm – 6:10 pm Monday & Wednesday (Lecture)
       6:20 pm – 7:35 pm Tuesday (Recitation)

PLACE:  508 Silver (lecture)
         404 Silver (recitation)

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 11 am – 12 pm & Thursday 11 am – 12 pm

PREREQUISITES: Biochemistry I

DESCRIPTION--This is a course on a new field of research, which has been growing exponentially since the start of the twenty-first century. The field deals primarily with the control of molecular structure on the nanometer scale through programming it by means of DNA secondary structures. The course will consist of a series of lectures by the instructor and then a series of presentations by the students of recent papers in the field.

GRADING--Students will be graded on 1 midterm exam, 1 final exam, on an oral presentation of a paper on an assigned topic from the recent literature, and on their contributions to the discussions of the presentations by other students. The relative weights are: Exams, 6; Presentation, 3; Discussion 2.

Exam Dates chosen in consultation with the class within fixed windows. Presentation Dates at end of Semester, topics and associated dates chosen by lottery.

TEXTBOOK--“Structural DNA Nanotechnology,” by Nadrian C. Seeman

LECTURE TOPICS--The following topics will be covered, in roughly the following order as time permits:

1. Introduction to Nucleic Acids and Structural DNA Nanotechnology.
2. Design of DNA Sequences.
3. Design of Motifs and Objects.
5. DNA Topological and Geometrical Targets.
6. Robust DNA Motifs.
7. DNA Arrays and Lattices in 1D, 2D and 3D; Crystallography.
8. DNA Nanomechanical Devices.
9. DNA Origami and Bricks.
10. Combinations of DNA Lattices and Devices.
12. Programming with DNA.
13. Variations on the Theme of DNA; interactions with other chemistry.