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# Readings

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This textbook is recommended for the course:

[Buy at Amazon](#) Zvelebil, Marketa J., and Jeremy O. Baum. *Understanding Bioinformatics*. Garland Science, 2007. ISBN: 9780815340249.  
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LEC #	TOPICS	READINGS
1	Course Introduction; Overview	No readings for this lecture.
2	Local Alignment; Statistics	National Center for Biotechnology Information. " <a href="#">The Statistics of Sequence Similarity Scores</a> ." BLAST Tutorial. Metzker, Michael L. " <a href="#">Sequencing Technologies—The Next Generation</a> ." <i>Nature Reviews Genetics</i> 11, no. 1 (2010): 31–46.
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5	Read Alignment	<p>Langmead, Ben, Cole Trapnell, et al. "<a href="#">Ultrafast and Memory-efficient Alignment of Short DNA Sequences to the Human Genome.</a>" <i>Genome Biology</i> 10, no. 3 (2009): R25.</p> <p>Li, Heng, and Richard Durbin. "<a href="#">Fast and Accurate Short Read Alignment with Burrows-wheeler Transform.</a>" <i>Bioinformatics</i> 25, no. 14 (2009): 1754–60.</p> <p>Trapnell, Cole, and Steven L. Salzberg. "<a href="#">How to Map Billions of Short Reads onto Genomes.</a>" <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> 27, no. 5 (2009): 455.</p> <p><a href="#">Burrows-Wheeler Aligner</a></p>

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