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# RNA Silencing and Regulatory Small RNAs

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**RNA Silencing**, also known as **RNA interference (RNAi)**, is an evolutionarily conserved, sequence homology-based regulatory mechanism operating in nearly all eukaryotes. Starting with an introduction on the historical background, this course will cover our current understanding on the **biogenesis and function of microRNA (miRNA) and other classes of endogenous small RNAs** in a variety of eukaryotic model systems. Through lectures, presentations and class discussions on the milestone works, this course will expose graduate and upper division undergraduate students to the **cutting-edge development in this exciting and fast-moving frontier of molecular & cell biology**. Students with an interest in cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, and other related areas are all welcome to take this opportunity.

