

## The Chinese University of Hong Kong Department of Biomedical Engineering



## **Graduate Seminar - PhD Oral Defence**

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Title: Designing Biomaterial-Cell Interfaces with Tunable Ligand Presentation

**Dynamics to Regulate Cellular Behaviors and Functions** 

Cells can sense and respond to their microenvironment through transmembrane receptors that bind stimulative ligands. The presentation of ligands on biomaterial surfaces at the nanoscale can significantly affect cellular responses and behaviors, including T cell activation and exhaustion, stem cell differentiation, and macrophage polarization. Nanoengineering of biomaterial-cell interfaces to manipulate ligand presentation at the nanoscale is crucial for both basic and translational studies on cell-biomaterial interactions. In this dissertation, the researcher reports new strategies for preparing biomaterial interfaces with tunable ligand presentation dynamics to regulate cellular behaviors for various biomedical applications.