BIOLOGY 365  Animal Physiology Course Outline

Fall 2020 A01

Department of Biology, University of Victoria

Course Description:
The course will cover fundamentals of animal physiology including: principles of cellular signaling, endocrinology, neuronal function and nervous system organization, cellular movement and muscle contraction, circulation, respiration, digestion, salt/water balance and renal function. Laboratory exercises will provide the opportunity to gain experiential learning for the study of physiological processes.

Course instructors and coordinators:
Dr. Raad Nashmi  raad@uvic.ca  “BIOL 365” in the subject line
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Dr. Kerry Delaney  kdelaney@uvic.ca  “BIOL 365” in the subject line

Time and Place:  Sept 9 – Dec 4, 2020; Tues, Wed, Fri 10:30am – 11:20am; synchronous online lectures on Zoom found at uvic.zoom.us
Join the lecture by accessing through uvic.zoom.us with your Netlink ID and passphrase.

Office hours: by appointment

Text book (required):

Course material:
All course material is found at http://bright.uvic.ca/
All course content and materials are made available by instructors for educational purposes and for the exclusive use of students registered in their class. The material is protected under copyright law, even if not marked with a ©. Any further use or distribution of materials to others requires the written permission of the instructor, except under fair dealing or another exception in the Copyright Act. Violations may result in disciplinary action under the Resolution of Non-Academic Misconduct Allegations policy (AC1300).

Prerequisites: All students in Biology 365 must have taken BIOL 184 and 186, or 190B; and 225; and BIOC 299 or 300B or 300A as a pre- or co-requisite.

Labs: You must attend the lab section in which you are assigned through Zoom during the week of Sept. 14. Join the lab session by accessing through uvic.zoom.us with your Netlink ID and password. Contact the lab coordinator Kimberley Curry for any general lab concerns.

Senior Lab instructor:
Kimberley Curry  (office: CUNN 110, phone: 250-721-7136, email: cellbiol@uvic.ca)
office hours: by appointment
Laboratory safety: You must follow all safety regulations as specified by your lab instructor.

Evaluation:

- Lectures 70%
  - First midterm exam 15% (tentatively October 9, 2020)
  - Second midterm exam 20% (tentatively November 17, 2020)
  - Final exam 35% (scheduled by Records)

- Labs 30%

Students MUST pass BOTH the laboratory and the lecture components of the course in order to earn a passing grade.

Note: Sept 25 is the last day for adding courses in the first term and Oct 31 is the last day for withdrawing from first-term courses without penalty of failure.

Midterm and Final Exams:
Exams will be based on information covered in lectures and may include questions that overlap with material covered in the lab. Students are responsible for any material discussed in class, drawn on board, etc, that may not be in the textbook. Hence, attendance in class is strongly recommended. The final exam will be cumulative.

Failure to write a midterm test will result in a grade of 0% for the exam. If you miss a midterm test for a valid reason (illness, accident, family affliction, or sporting commitments as a UVic athlete), please contact the instructor as soon as possible (no later than 48 hrs from the date of the exam). No documentation is required for illness but provide suitable documentation for any other reasons. If you qualify for a missed midterm test, you will be accommodated so that you will not incur any penalty.

The final exam can be deferred in cases of documented illness, accident, family affliction, or sporting commitments as a UVic athlete. If you miss or expect to miss the exam for any of these reasons, please notify the instructor. No documentation required for illness but supporting documentation is required for other mentioned reasons.

You must also fill out a Request for Academic Concession form, available from the Records office, as soon as possible in order to have your request for deferral considered. Travel plans are not a valid reason for missing the midterm test or the final exam. No supplemental final exam will be given in this course as per Biology Dept. policy.

Grading: The final grade for the course, will be submitted as a percentage grade (rounded to the nearest whole percent by our spreadsheet program).

Please do not ask me to raise your grade and please do not ask us for extra-credit work to raise your grade; no such work is available.

Academic regulations and policies:
Please read the appropriate section of the current UVic Academic Calendar regarding your rights and obligations. In particular students are to attend to ADD/DROP dates published in the Calendar and posted on the Undergraduate Records website. Students must not assume they will be dropped automatically from any course they do not attend.

UVic's Policy on Academic Integrity:
Students are encouraged to read the University's policy on academic integrity:
https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/index.php#/policy/Sk_0xsM_V
We reserve the right to use plagiarism detection software or other platforms to assess the integrity of student work.