Department of Biology Course Outline

BIOL 3060 4.0
Animal Physiology Fall, 2019

Course Description

Fundamental concepts in animal physiology. Area that will stressed include biophysical, biochemical, cellular and anatomical mechanisms critical for animal function.

Prerequisites

SC/Biol 2030 4.0; SC/Biol 2020 4.0; SC/Bio 2021 4.0

Course Instructors and Contact Information

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Schedule

Lectures:
Day: Time: Room:
Monday 1:30-2:30PM CLH G
Wednesday 1:30-2:30PM CLH G
Friday 1:30-2:30PM CLH G
Laboratories:
Time: 3 hrs/week beginning the week of Sept 23. Days to be assigned.

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LABORATORY SCHEDULE

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<td>Sept. 23-27</td>
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<td>Properties of Membranes</td>
<td>Required</td>
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<td>Sept. 30-Oct 4</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Introduction to Powerlab and Labchart</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Oct. 7 – 11</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Compound Action Potentials</td>
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<td>Oct. 21-25</td>
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<td>Sensory Nerve Action Potentials</td>
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<td>Oct 28-31</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Skeletal Muscle</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Nov 4-7</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Physiology of Frog Heart (Cardiac Muscle)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Nov 11-14</td>
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<td>Vascular Smooth Muscle</td>
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<td>Nov. 18-21</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Sensory Physiology</td>
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<td>Nov. 25-28</td>
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<td>Lab review in lab period</td>
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<td>All lab reports to be returned</td>
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<td>Dec. 2</td>
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<td>LABORATORY EXAM, 15% final grade.</td>
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<td>Each section on its customary day of the week.</td>
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<td>Marks will be posted during the week of Dec 14th.</td>
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Written reports are required for FOUR laboratories. You are required to write a report on Lab #1, worth 2% of the final grade. This exercise will introduce you to detailed laboratory report writing and you will be given extensive feedback by your TA that should help you with the other laboratory reports. The three other reports are worth 6% each and you can choose ANY THREE exercises to write up from Lab #3 – Lab #8 (ie. any three of the six exercises marked “YES” above). TAs will set due dates and late penalties for report submissions. No reports will be accepted after December 7th (the last day to submit term work).

You are reminded that Senate Policy on Academic Dishonesty applies to all written work handed in. Copying or close paraphrasing from a lab partner, computer software, the internet or books are all considered plagiarism, and suspected cases will be reported. It is recommended that students set up an account at TurnItIn.com. Each submitted lab
report should be accompanied by an originality report from TurnItIn, OR a complete collection of all the source material used in compiling your report (i.e., dated printouts of your literature/library searches, hand-written and typed drafts, and photocopies of references). Papers that do not include either the TurnItIn report or the required documentation will NOT be marked.

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE APPARATUS YOU USE.

### Evaluation

Midterm Test (Oct 11th 2019, in class) = 10% (1 hour). This test is designed to allow student to gauge their level of understanding.
Midterm Test (Nov 1, 2019, outside class time) = 20% (2 hour).
Laboratory work: Laboratory reports = 20%
Laboratory exam (TBA) = 15%
Final examination = 35%
Total = 100%

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“Final course grades may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles.”

### Important Dates

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**Drop Deadline:** Fri. Nov. 8, 2019 (last day to drop without course on transcript)
**Course Withdrawal:** Sat. Nov. 9 to Dec. 4, 2018 (course still appears on transcript with “W”)

**NOTE:** for additional important dates such as holidays and reading days please refer to the “Important Dates” section of the Registrar’s Website at http://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates
Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
Understand the physiological principles underlying signaling in excitable cells such as nerve, muscle, sensory and endocrine tissues. Have a working understanding of the molecular and structural basis of electrical, contractile and sensory processes.

Course Content
Experiential Education and E-Learning
A good deal of information related to the topics discussed in class is available on the web. Students are encouraged to find course-related material on the web.

Other Information
Links for websites illustrating the concepts in class will often be provided in the lectures and in the notes.

Course Policies
For those missing the midterm (for appropriate reasons such as illness) students will have their final exam mark represent 65% of the final grade. Supplemental final exams will be provided for students missing the exam for appropriate and documented medical reasons.

Penalties for late lab assignments will be discussed in the laboratory section.
Lectures may be audio-recorded.

University Policies
Academic Honesty and Integrity
York students are required to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and they are subject
to the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty (http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-honesty-senate-policy-on). The Policy affirms the responsibility of faculty members to foster acceptable standards of academic conduct and of the student to abide by such standards. There is also an academic integrity website with comprehensive information about academic honesty and how to find resources at York to help improve students’ research and writing skills, and cope with University life. Students are expected to review the materials on the Academic Integrity website at - http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/

Numerous students in Faculty of Science courses have been charged with academic misconduct when materials they uploaded to third party repository sites (e.g. Course Hero, One Class, etc.) were taken and used by unknown students in later offerings of the course. The Faculty’s Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards (CEAS) found in these cases that the burden of proof in a charge of aiding and abetting had been met, since the uploading students had been found in all cases to be wilfully blind to the reasonable likelihood of supporting plagiarism in this manner. Accordingly, to avoid this risk, students are urged not to upload their work to these sites. Whenever a student submits work obtained through Course Hero or One Class, the submitting student will be charged with plagiarism and the uploading student will be charged with aiding and abetting.

Note also that exams, tests, and other assignments are the copyrighted works of the professor assigning them, whether copyright is overtly claimed or not (i.e. whether the © is used or not). Scanning these documents constitutes copying, which is a breach of Canadian copyright law, and the breach is aggravated when scans are shared or uploaded to third party repository sites.

**Access/Disability**

York University is committed to principles of respect, inclusion and equality of all persons with disabilities across campus. The University provides services for students with disabilities (including physical, medical, learning and psychiatric disabilities) needing accommodation related to teaching and evaluation methods/materials. These services are made available to students in all Faculties and programs at York University.

Student's in need of these services are asked to register with disability services as early as possible to ensure that appropriate academic accommodation can be provided with advance notice. You are encouraged to schedule a time early in the term to meet with each professor to discuss your accommodation needs. Please note that registering with disabilities services and discussing your needs with your professors is necessary to receive the necessary academic accommodations to meet your needs.

Additional information is available at the following websites:

- Counselling & Disability Services - http://cds.info.yorku.ca/
- Counselling & Disability Services at Glendon - http://www.glendon.yorku.ca/counselling/personal.html
- York Accessibility Hub - http://accessibilityhub.info.yorku.ca/

**Ethics Review Process**

York students are subject to the York University Policy for the Ethics Review Process for Research Involving Human Participants. In particular, students proposing to undertake research involving human participants (e.g., interviewing the director of a company or government agency, having students complete a questionnaire, etc.) are required to submit an Application for Ethical Approval of Research Involving Human Participants at least one month before you plan to begin the research. If you are in doubt as to whether this requirement applies to you, contact your Course Director immediately.

**Religious Observance Accommodation**

York University is committed to respecting the religious beliefs and practices of all members of the community, and making accommodations for observances of special significance to adherents. Should any of the dates specified in this syllabus for an in-class test or examination pose such a conflict for you, contact the Course Director within the first three weeks of class. Similarly, should an assignment to be completed in a lab, practicum placement, workshop, etc., scheduled later in the term pose such a conflict, contact the Course director immediately. Please note that to arrange an alternative date or time for an examination scheduled in the formal examination periods (December and April/May), students must complete an Examination Accommodation Form, which can be obtained from Student Client Services, Student Services Centre or online at http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/exam_accommodation.pdf (PDF)

**Student Conduct in Academic Situations**

Students and instructors are expected to maintain a professional relationship characterized by courtesy and mutual respect. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the instructor to maintain an appropriate academic
atmosphere in the classroom and other academic settings, and the responsibility of the student to cooperate in that endeavour. Further, the instructor is the best person to decide, in the first instance, whether such an atmosphere is present in the class. The policy and procedures governing disruptive and/or harassing behaviour by students in academic situations is available at - http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/disruptive-andor-harassing-behaviour-in-academic-situations-senate-policy/