

BIME 6006

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY FOR BIOENGINEERS

Spring 2026

CLASS DAYS and TIME: January 4 – May 2nd

Tuesday: 9:00am – 10:15am and 10:30am – 11:45am

Thursday: 9:00am – 10:15am

CLASSROOM: Academic Learning and Teaching Center (AL&TC) 2.211

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Course Description: The objective of this course is to introduce students to human physiology with emphasis on physical principles, guiding rules, and quantitative approaches. The course will focus on

cellular function and physiological processes as applied to human systems including cardiovascular, respiratory, musculoskeletal, nervous, digestive, renal, reproductive and endocrine systems.

Required/Recommended Textbooks: Lecture slides

Time & Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 am – 11:45 am, Room T/R; AL&TC 2.211

Please see attached room selection from room scheduling. You have AL&TC 2.211 for almost all the days except four. You have AL&TC 1.101 for the following dates: 3/25, 3/27, 4/1, 4/3

Grading scale: Letter, A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (<60)

Semester Credit Hours: 3 Credit Hours

Clock/Contact Hours: Lecture (40 hrs); Exams (4 hrs)

Total clock/contact: 44 hrs

Prerequisites: Undergraduate Biology or equivalent

READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY - YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS CONTENTS.

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By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Understand the basic concepts of human physiology.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

The main teaching modalities used in this course include:

- 1) Didactic lectures designed to convey information to the students in traditional lecture format
- 2) In-class discussion on specific topics.

Computer Access – Students may need access to a computer and the internet to obtain course materials if applicable.

Reading Assignments – Reading assignments may be provided during the lecture.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory. Students are expected to attend all classes and to be on time. In cases of illness or other serious event, the student is responsible for all materials presented on that day. There will be no make-ups for missed lectures.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

In accordance with policy 4.2.3, **Request for Accommodation Under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA)**, any student requesting accommodation must submit the

appropriate request for accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, form 100) to his/her appropriate Associate Dean of their School and a copy to the ADA Coordinator. Additional information may be obtained at <http://uthscsa.edu/eo/request.asp>.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM

Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline as prescribed by the UT System Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an exam for another person, signing attendance sheets for another student, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act. Additional information may be obtained at

<http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/academicdishonestypolicy/>

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Title IX Defined:

Title of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. It reads “no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

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UT Health San Antonio is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. As required by Title IX, UT Health San Antonio does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, and it encourages any student, faculty, or staff member who thinks that he or she has been subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment (including sexual violence) or sexual misconduct to immediately report the incident to the Title IX Director.

In an emergency, victims of sexual abuse should call 911. For non-emergencies, they may contact UPD at 210-567-2800. Additional information may be obtained at <http://students.uthscsa.edu/titleix/>

EMAIL POLICY

All course communication will be conducted by e-mail using the student’s LiveMail account. Students are expected to check their e-mail accounts regularly and are responsible for materials, assignments, notifications, and test materials distributed by e-mail.

USE OF RECORDING DEVICES

The use of recording devices is allowed.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones may not be used in class and must be shut off during class. Laptops or tablets can be used in class for class—related purposes and note taking. They may not be used for e-mail, web surfing, or any activity not related to class.

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Date		Topic	Lecturer
Jan 14, 2025	9:00-10:15	Homeostasis	Dr. Bopassa
Jan 14, 2025	10:30-11:45	Genetic Code	Dr. Gould
Jan 16, 2025	9:00-10:15	Cell Structure	Dr. Bopassa
Jan 21, 2025	9:00-10:15	Proteins & Enzymes	Dr. Bopassa
Jan 21 2025	10:30-11:45	Biochemistry & Metabolic Pathways	Dr. Bopassa
Jan 23, 2025	9:00-10:15	Diffusion & Movement Across Membranes	Dr. Bopassa
Jan 28, 2025	9:00-10:15	Body Fluid Compartments	Dr. Bopassa
Jan 28, 2025	10:30-11:45	Signal Transduction & Control of Cellular Function	Dr. Bopassa.
Jan 30, 2025	9:00-10:15	<i>Review for Exam 1</i>	Dr. Bopassa
Feb 4, 2025	9:00-10:15	EXAM 1	Dr. Bopassa
Feb 6, 2025	10:30-11:45	Skeletal Muscle	Dr. Paukert
Feb 11, 2025	9:00-10:15	Bioelectricity	Dr. Paukert
Feb 11, 2025	10:30-11:45	Central & Peripheral Nervous System	Dr. Paukert
Feb 13, 2025	9:00-10:15	Sensory Physiology	Dr. Paukert
Feb 18, 2025	9:00-10:15	Somatic Nervous System	Dr. Gould
Feb 18, 2025	10:30-11:45	Smooth & Cardiac Muscle	Dr. Bopassa
Feb 20, 2025	9:00-10:15	Autonomous Nervous System	Dr. Gould
Feb 25, 2025	9:00-10:15	<i>Review for Exam 2</i>	Dr. Bopassa
Feb 27, 2025	9:00-10:15	EXAM 2	Dr. Bopassa
Mar 4, 2025	9:00-10:15	Blood	Dr. Bopassa
Mar 4, 2025	10:30-11:45	Circulatory System & the Heart	Dr. Bopassa
Mar 6, 2025	9:00-10:30	The Heart as a Pump	Dr. Bopassa
Mar 11 & 13,		Spring Break – No Class	
Mar 18, 2025	9:00-10:15	Regulation of Blood Pressure	Dr. Bopassa
Mar 18, 2025	10:30-11:45	Vascular & Lymphatic Systems	Dr. Bopassa
Mar 20, 2025	9:30-10:15	The Kidney as a Selective Filter	Drs. Bopassa/Shi
Mar 25, 2025	9:00-10:15	Filtration & the Renal Corpuscle	Drs. Bopassa/Shi
Mar 25, 2025	10:30-11:45	Transport & the Renal Tubule	Drs. Bopassa/Shi
Mar 27, 2024	9:00-10:15	Concentrating Urine	Dr. Gould
Apr 1, 2025	9:00-10:15	<i>Review for Exam 3</i>	Dr. Bopassa
Apr 3, 2025	9:00-10:15	EXAM 3	Dr. Bopassa
Apr 8, 2025	9:00-10:15	Respiratory System: Mechanics & Ventilation	Dr. Shapiro
Apr 8, 2025	10:30-11:45	Respiratory System: Gas Exchange and Transport	Dr. Shapiro
Apr 10, 2025	10:30-11:45	Respiratory System: Control & Perturbed States	Dr. Shapiro
Apr 15, 2025	9:00-10:15	Immune System & Body Defense	Dr. Gould
Apr 15, 2025	10:30-11:45	Acid Base Balance	Dr. Paukert
Apr 17, 2025	9:00-10:15	Endocrine System	Dr. Gould
Apr 22, 2025	9:00-10:15	Hypothalamic-Pituitary Axis	Dr. Gould
Apr 22, 2025	10:30-11:45	Digestive System I	Dr. Lee
Apr 24, 2025	10:30-11:45	Digestive System II	Dr. Lee
Apr 29, 2025	9:00-10:15	Sex Determination & Male Reproductive System	Dr. Gould
Apr 29, 2025	10:30-11:45	Female Reproductive System	Dr. Gould
May 1, 2025	9:00-10:15	<i>Review for Exam 4</i>	Dr. Bopassa
May 6, 2025	9:00-10:15	EXAM 4	Dr. Bopassa