

BIOB32H3

Animal Physiology Laboratory

Winter 2015

Course Syllabus

“This course examines physiological mechanisms that control and coordinate the function of various systems within the body. The laboratory exercises examine properties of digestive enzymes, characteristics of blood, metabolic rate, kidney function, nerve function and action potentials, synaptic transmission, skeletal muscle function and mechanoreception.”

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Objectives

This course builds on the foundational knowledge of physiology you gained in the pre-requisite, lecture-based course, BIOB34. Here, we will put many of the concepts you learned to a practical test. You will conduct experiments and exercises designed to demonstrate these concepts in action, familiarize you with experimental and quantitative technique, and help you to appreciate the scientific work that originally elucidated these principles. Experiments don't always go as planned or produce flawless, perfectly understandable results. It takes time to develop the technical expertise and experience necessary to carry out the highest quality experimental work. And even then, results can sometimes be confusing...this is why we always repeat experiments many times before we are fully satisfied we understand the results.

In addition to the practical element, this course will highlight comparative differences among animals. You will be exposed to examples you have and have not already seen in order to understand how common physiological principles apply across taxa, and how some details relating to these principles can differ in relation to phylogeny (evolutionary lineage), ecology, and environment.

With this in mind, ***it is important that you be able to recall and reuse the information you gained in BIOB32. You will need to know this material in order to understand many concepts and examples presented in BIOB32 and to be able to correctly answer many/most exam questions. We are building from the lessons in BIOB34, not repeating them.*** If you do not remember material learned in BIOB34, you should review it. If you do not understand the context of comparative examples given in this course, you should review the basic information you learned or consult your textbook.

I am happy to answer questions about the material in this course. But I cannot be your study partner for a review of BIOB34.

General Information

Lab Technicians

Joanne Pearce, SW322

Prerequisite

BIOB34 – Animal Physiology

Textbook

BIOB34 is the required prerequisite course and assigned Animal Physiology (by Hill, Wyse, and Anderson) as its required textbook. I will assume you still have this textbook. However, *if you do not, don't panic*. Any recent (last 2-3) edition of a human or animal physiology textbook such as Eckert's Animal Physiology (Randall, Burggren and French), Human Physiology (by Silverthorn), Comparative Animal Physiology (by Withers), and Principles of Animal Physiology (by Moyes and Schulte) will provide you all the pertinent information. I will place copies of some of these various animal physiology textbooks on reserve in the library.

It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you read/review the assigned text from one of these textbooks. This reading will dramatically help with your studying for this course.

Lectures

Monday 11 AM - 12 PM, Room HW216

The first lecture will be on January 5th and will introduce the course material (see schedule below).

Blackboard

The course Blackboard site will be your primary resource for lecture notes, lab manuals, assignment instructions, course announcements, posted grades, and for asking content-based questions.

Lecture Notes

The lecture notes (the slides) will be posted on the course Blackboard site the day before (when possible), or immediately after, the lecture. Please let me know if there are any problems accessing these notes. If the lecture is not present on the site, it is not yet ready. You are *strongly* encouraged to take some notes while I talk about each slide. You are welcome to record lectures on your own devices to review at home.

Asking Questions

NOTE: Due to privacy concerns we can only respond to e-mails from official UofT e-mail addresses. E-mails from private addresses will be ignored.

Administrative/Logistical Issues

If you have questions about personal issues (e.g. missed lecture/lab/exam, illness, etc.), e-mail me (kwelch@utsc.utoronto.ca).

Lecture content

If you have questions about lecture content (e.g. “How does concept XXX relate to the difference between example A and example B?”), ***post your question to the course Blackboard discussion board***. I want all students to benefit from seeing my answer to your question. ***I will not respond to e-mail directly to me asking course content questions.***

Laboratory-related questions

All lab-related questions (e.g. “Am I supposed to refer to the lab-average results to answer question Y (and not my own group’s, given the strange result we got during experiment B?”), should be directed to your lab TA. I cannot answer questions about experiments I did not see you perform.

Laboratories

Weekly Schedule

Section	Day	Time	Room	TA
PRA0001	Monday	1-4 PM	SW321	Sen Sivalingham
PRA0002	Monday	1-4 PM	SW323	Thanara Rajakulendran
PRA0003	Tuesday	11 AM-2 PM	SW321	Annik Carson
PRA0004	Tuesday	2-5 PM	SW321	Annik Carson
PRA0005	Tuesday	2-5 PM	SW323	Brandy Velten
PRA0006	Wednesday	11 AM-2 PM	SW321	Megan McPhee
PRA0007	Wednesday	11 AM-2 PM	SW323	Thanara Rajakulendran
PRA0008	Wednesday	2-5 PM	SW321	Megan McPhee
PRA0009	Wednesday	2-5 PM	SW323	Larissa Becirovic

Remember: Your TA is the first person you should turn to for answers about questions having anything having to do with the lab. They know your lab section and the details of what happened in lab that week even when the instructor doesn't.

Lab Manual

Available on Blackboard. Each lab manual will be posted at least 1 week prior to lab. You can record all data in manual pages, or on separate sheets stapled to your lab manual. You will need to download and read the manual for each week’s lab PRIOR TO attending the lab so that you understand what is expected of you in each laboratory session.

Materials and Lab Rules

You are required to purchase a lab coat before the week of January 12th. You must submit lab manual materials for grading in a DUOTANG folder. Disposable gloves are provided in lab.

Provincial law states that the **wearing of lab coats while inside the labs is mandatory at all times.** There is to be no food or drink (including water bottles) inside the labs. There will be periodic inspections to ensure these rules are followed. Those not complying will be removed from the class. It's the law, and we all have to follow it!

Attendance

Attendance at laboratories is mandatory.

Missing ONE lab (without prior legitimate excuse) may affect participation grade.

*Missing TWO or MORE labs may result in a student **NOT PASSING** the course.
This is a practical course and 'doing' the labs is the whole point.*

If you anticipate you might miss a lab (or if you already did), contact me as soon as possible (kwelch@utsc.utoronto.ca), to try to make the lab up. Due to lab space availability limits I cannot promise this can be done in all cases.

In case of absence due to illness, only fully completed official University of Toronto Illness Verification Forms will be accepted for consideration. I cannot accept other notes.

Download the official illness verification form at www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca.

Lateness

Students that are 10 minutes or more late for lab are considered absent.

Regardless of absence or lateness, you are still responsible for lab manual completion and all assignments (even if you miss a lab for legitimate reasons).

BioPac Lab Software

Many of the labs make use of BioPac equipment. Using the student software, you will have the ability to analyze computer recordings of lab data outside of lab time. You can obtain the software (MAC or PC) off of the lab laptops or download the software at:

http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~kwelch/BIOB32/bsl_analysis.zip (PC)

http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~kwelch/BIOB32/bsl_analysis_mac.zip (MAC)

Evaluation

Grade Breakdown

Lab Participation, **15%**

Lab manual assignments, **20%**

Quizzes (3 of them, dates announced >1 week in advance), **10%** (for all 3)

Midterm Exam, **15%**

Mini Lab Report, **5%**

Full Lab Report, **15%**

Final Exam, **20%**

Lab Participation (15%)

You will be graded on your attendance, timeliness, and participation in group research projects (this will include equipment setup, carrying out experiments, recording results, and cleaning up). You will also be graded on your apparent preparation for lab tasks. For example, if you fail to bring your lab coat, consistently fail to have read the lab manual instructions, or fail to bring the lab manual or other necessary items, your participation grade may be adversely affected.

TAs will periodically check your lab notebook to ensure that you are taking adequate notes, recording data, and will grade assignments in the lab manual. You are responsible for completing all lab manual assignments (e.g.

for lab #4) for a given lab by the start of the next lab section (e.g. by start of lab #5). Your TA can 'spot-check' your lab manual at any time. They will also require you to submit your lab manual for grading at a few select points during the term. Your TA will discuss the timing of this with you in lab.

Quizzes (x3) (10% total)

Quizzes will be brief (5-10 questions), composed of multiple choice and/or short answer questions, and will be administered at the beginning of **your lab**. The date of quizzes will be announced during the lecture the preceding week (≥ 1 week ahead of time). Quizzes will cover material from the last few labs AND material covered in the lab manual for the lab taking place that week (so, make sure you read the lab manual ahead of time). Quizzes are different for each lab section but are all of equal difficulty.

Lab Reports (5% and 15%)

Specific instructions on what is expected in this report will be made available online prior to the lab itself. This is not a group project but will require sharing of results from other groups.

Important Note

During the winter 2015 term, we will be using the program "Turnitin" for the submission of assignments (e.g. lab report). More information will be provided once all of the details have been worked out. For now, you should be aware of the following policy for the use of Turnitin at the University of Toronto.

"Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site".

Late Policy

Late penalties are: ≤ 1 day late (15%), ≤ 3 days late (30%), ≤ 5 days late (50%) and > 7 days late (100%).

Exams (Midterm: 15%; Final: 20%)

The midterm will take place **TBD**.

The final exam will take place **TBD**.

All exams/quizzes are closed-note. Software intended to detect plagiarism within lab reports will be used. The UTSC academic ethics/cheating policies will be enforced.

The midterm and final exams will consist of multiple choice, T/F, and matching questions as well as a select few short-form written answer questions. The midterm will cover It will cover material from **lectures 1-6 and labs 1-5**. The final exam will be cumulative. Approximately 1/3 of the material covered will be from the first half of the course (covered on the midterm) with about 2/3 of the material covered from after the midterm. The final format of the exams will be announced once the exams are scheduled.

Exam questions will come from the lectures, lab manual, select readings posted to the intranet, carryover materials from BIOB34, and from concepts and data presented in the labs. You are not responsible for material from a textbook that was not covered in the lectures (BIOB34 or BIOB32) or the labs.

Lecture and Laboratory Schedule

Week of	Lecture	Suggested Reading/Review	Laboratory Exercise
Jan. 5	#1 Introduction to Comparative Physiology	---	---
Jan. 12	#2 Acquiring Energy; Digestive Physiology	Chapter 2 “Molecules and Cells in Animal Physiology”: Sections “Enzyme Fundamentals” through “Evolution of Enzymes” Chapter 6 “Nutrition, Feeding, and Digestion”	#1: Properties of Digestive Enzymes
Jan. 19	#3 Respiratory Physiology and High Elevation Adaptation		#2: Blood: A Comparison Between Two Vertebrates
Jan. 26	#4 Maintaining Water Balance		#3: Water Diuresis/Osmoregulation
Feb. 2	#5 Metabolism and Energetics I		#4: Metabolic Rate in Invertebrates
Feb. 9	#6 Metabolism and Energetics II		#5: Metabolic Rate in Vertebrates
Feb. 16	NO LECTURE OR LAB: READING WEEK		
Feb. 23	#7 Scaling With Body Mass; Thermal Physiology		#6: Metabolic Rate, Specific Dynamic Action, and Acclimation to Cold
Mar. 2	#8 Thermal Physiology; Measuring Electrical Phenomena		#7: Extracellular Recordings of Action Potentials I
Mar. 9	#9 Action Potentials		#8: Extracellular Recordings of Action Potentials II
Mar. 16	#10 Synapses and the Neuromuscular Junction		#9: Skeletal Muscle I & II
Mar. 23	#11 Skeletal Muscle		#10: Excitation of Crustacean Muscle
Mar. 30	#12 Sensing the Environment		#11: Mechanoreceptors

* Disclaimer: The above schedules, procedures and policies are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.