

BIOL4510 / KINE4510
Cellular and Molecular Basis of Muscle Physiology
Tuesday and Thursdays
11:30 – 13:00 ACE001

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Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. Cardiac Physiology
3. Cell Biology: Structural and Morphological Properties of Cardiac Myocytes
4. Contractile Proteins
5. Sarcoplasmic Reticulum
6. Ion Channels, Exchangers and Pumps
7. Excitation-Contraction Coupling
8. Cell Signalling Regulation of Heart Function
9. Extracellular Matrix
10. Embryonic Basis of Heart Development
11. Stem Cells
12. Circadian Rhythms
13. Aging

Textbook

There is no assigned textbook. All material (lecture notes, reading material) will be posted on WebCT.

Office Hours

Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (2:00 – 5:00). Students must schedule an appointment (via WebCT).

Marking Scheme

Midterm Test 1 33.3%
OCTOBER 7 (in class – room to be determined)
Material covered from September 9 – September 25

Midterm Test 2 33.3%
NOVEMBER 6 (in class – room to be determined)
Material covered from October 2 – October 30

Any requests for remarking of exams must be dealt with by the course director within 7 days of the item being returned. Any discrepancy after that period will not be considered. No exam written in pencil or where liquid paper was used will be re-evaluated.

There are no deferred midterm exams.

Anyone who misses a midterm exam and receives approval from the Course Director, the percent weighting will be put on the Final Exam.

Final Examination 33.3%
Non-cumulative
Material covered from November 4 – November 27

The format of all exams will be:

- One word or short answers
- Label diagrams
- One page answers

There will be no sample exams posted, so please do not ask me for any.

Policy on Missed Midterm and Final Examinations

Midterm exams are **not** optional.

1) The student must contact the **course director** in person, by email within **48 hours** of the missed examination. The student must clearly state the following:

- full name
- student number, course and section
- reason for missing the exam

2) If the student cannot contact the course director during this 48 hour period, documentation in writing accounting for the delay **must** be provided.

3) Appropriate documentation verifying the circumstances for the missed test or examination must be provided at the time specified by the course director. Failure to provide appropriate documentation will result in a grade of zero on the missed exam.

What is appropriate documentation?

a) **Medical circumstances** – exams missed due to medical circumstances must be supported by an attending physician's statement or a statement by a psychologist or counselor. The physician's statement **must** include the following:

- i. full name, mailing address, telephone number of the physician.
- ii. state the nature of the illness and its duration (i.e., specific dates covered), and
- iii. an indication of whether the illness and/or medication prescribed would have **SERIOUSLY** affected the student's ability to study and perform over the period in question.

NOTE: the physician's office may be contacted to verify that the forms were completed by the physician.

b) **non-medical circumstances** – exams missed due to non-medical circumstances must be supported by appropriate documentation, i.e., death certificates, obituary notice, automobile accident reports, airline/bus ticket/receipt for emergency travel (with date of booking on ticket), etc. Airline/train/bus ticket/receipts for emergency travel must indicate destination, departure, and return dates. Having to work at the time of the exam or forgetting the room number are not considered to be valid excuses for missing the exam.

4) The manner in which the missed test (which has been legitimately documented) is handled will be at the discretion of the course director.

You should be aware that if you miss the tests before the official drop date, you will not have the requisite 10% feedback on your course work to determine if you need to drop the course or not. As a result, it is in your best interest to write the tests at the time they are scheduled by the course director.

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