**Introduction**: *Human Physiology* is the study and *science of function in humans*—how processes work at cell, organ, tissue and body system levels of organization or as Lauralee Sherwood says, what makes us tick! It is a wonderfully broad and demanding field that encompasses many disciplines including anatomy, animal physiology, biochemistry, cell biology, environmental and exercise physiology, histology, immunology, mathematics, medical physiology, molecular biology, nutrition, pathophysiology (the study of diseases), physics, and systems physiology! The focus varies based on the adjective used in front of the word *physiology*. For example, the goal of *comparative* physiology is to contrast functions across the animal kingdom. Exercise physiology studies adaptations to unique modes of exercise, primarily in humans. Environmental physiology investigates specific adaptations due to environmental stressors like high vs. low altitudes and cold vs. hot climates. Viral physiology or virology examines mechanisms in viruses, infectious, microscopic, genetic material in a protein coat, found in almost all ecosystems on earth. Certainly, there is much overlap among subdisciplines. Though we will discuss examples from many areas of physiology, our primary focus will be to study humans under normal, healthy conditions at the body systems level. Topic coverage includes homeostasis, basic cell physiology and genetics, and physiology of the gut, heart, vessels, blood, glands, brain, nerves, muscles and lungs. Nutrition and exercise physiology are incorporated with goals of making the material more applicable to daily activities and to promote optimal choices to enhance body awareness and health for a lifetime! Whatever your plans, ultimately my hope is that you enhance your appreciation and understanding of the intricate and miraculous nature of the human body!

**Prerequisites**: There are no prerequisites for BI 121 and those who are exploring or from any major are encouraged to enroll in the course. BI 121 helps U of O students satisfy their Natural Science Area of Inquiry requirement. However, because no assumptions are made about backgrounds in science or math and the course is taught largely to beginning, non-science majors at the 100-level, our approach will be more descriptive (what and where) and correlational (seeking how 2 or more variables are related) rather than mechanistic (how) and purpose-driven (why).

**Objectives**: By the end of the course, you should be able to complete these dozen learning objectives:
- describe the concept of homeostasis and identify key categories of variables balanced within the extracellular fluid compartment.
- apply a simplified homeostatic model to the regulation of unique input variables that ensure that body systems maintain homeostasis leading to cell survival.
- explain the basic structure and function of cells and cell organelles.
- compare and contrast anaerobic and aerobic metabolism and assign specific exercises to unique areas of the energy continuum.
- distinguish structures and functions of deoxyribonucleic and ribonucleic acids (DNA & RNA).
- discuss the flow of information from the nucleus to cytoplasm, from DNA to RNA to protein.
- paraphrase nutrition and exercise guidelines established by the US Government, the American Institute for Cancer Research, the American Heart Association and the American College of Sports Medicine.
- identify the common characteristics of the world’s longest-lived people in Blue Zones.
- analyze the nutrient content of your personal diet relative to national guidelines and make recommendations for self-improvement.
- articulate and debunk common myths about nutrition and exercise.
- summarize the basic structure and function of the gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, endocrine, nervous, skeletal muscular and respiratory systems.
- describe the physiology and inherent multi-organ risks of cigarette smoking and vaping.

**Texts & References:** BI 121 is designated as a low-cost course because all materials required cost less than 50 US dollars.

**Lecture:** You have a choice of textbooks for the lecture-discussion component of the course based on personal finances and your reading and studying styles. Below are the 2 choices:


OR


Sherwood’s *Fundamentals* (called the little book because Dr. Sherwood wrote a more advanced physiology text at a higher level) is over 600 pages, while Chiras’ book is more like a packet containing 170 pages. Sherwood’s text also contains cell physiology and genetics sections whereas Chiras’ book does not, as it is entirely at the body systems level. However, Chiras’ book contains a short nutrition chapter, whereas Sherwood’s does not. For nutrition, I will rely upon Sizer and Whitney’s (S&W) *Nutrition Concepts & Controversies* and many other sources (see below nutrition links and course outline), but it is not necessary that you purchase any additional references beyond books by Sherwood and/or Chiras. Sherwood & Chiras options are ~ the same price ($22-26) for the 180-d digital version access. Sherwood’s hard copy is far more expensive than Chiras’. Our lectures are in the middle between the lighter nature of Chiras and the more expanded details of Sherwood. Both are excellent writers.

If you are on-campus taking the course, we have many resources on reserve in the Price Science Commons Library. Super nutrition resources with free links are listed below. Please contact me directly if you have questions about resources.

See also outstanding nutrition resources below:

https://nutritionfacts.org/, https://www.cspinet.org/eating-healthy
https://www.hsp.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/
https://www.berkeleywellness.com/healthy-eating/nutrition
https://www.nutrition.gov/, https://www.eatright.org
https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/wecan/tools-resources/nutrition.htm

+If you have access to the U of O campus, see also many supplemental reserved texts and resources in the Price Science Commons Library or the web listing: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/. Click on the Course Reserves tab, then sign in with U of O ID and password & type in BI 121.

Lab: The Lab Manual contains all of the background and the worksheets for our 6 labs. It is usually for sale at the U of O Duckstore (Bookstore) for ~10 US dollars, but for this term, it is free because I am posting the Lab Worksheets and Lab Backgrounds for you online on Canvas.


Requirements:
- **Read, take notes and study** the pages listed from your textbooks (LS, Lauralee Sherwood and/or DC, Daniel Chiras) on your course outline prior to the Lecture-Discussions and the same for your Lab Manual (LM) prior to your Lab-Discussions.
- Complete **Active Learning Questions** and submit by way of Canvas by 11:59:59 pm the night of the Lecture-Discussions.
- Participate in all **Lectures** by viewing .pdfs and videos online on Canvas prior to Lecture-Discussions.
- **Lecture-Discussions** each day are optional, but strongly encouraged, assuming you can make them based on your time zone and personal schedule.
- Complete **Lab Worksheets** and submit by way of Canvas by 11:59:59 pm the night of lab-discussions (except when noted otherwise).
- Participate in all **Labs** by viewing .pdfs and videos online on Canvas prior to the Lab-Discussions.
- **Lab-Discussions** are optional, but strongly encouraged, assuming you can make them based on your time zone and personal schedule.
- Complete weekly online **Canvas Quizzes** covering all Active Learning Q and Lectures and Worksheets and Labs for the week.

Details:
Though we will have scheduled 4 Lecture-Discussions from 10 - 11:50 am (US Pacific Daylight Time/PDT) Mon thru Thurs and 2 Lab-Discussions 1 - 1:50 pm (US PDT) Tues and Thurs each week by Zoom, since the course is listed as entirely Web-based, these are optional. I will do my best to accommodate you given your unique schedules, work and other duties, and to help you out with any questions you might have.
I know that several of you are in China and Europe and throughout the US, so in quite different time zones https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/! [The way I try to remember is Eugene + 8 hr = London and London + 8 hr = Tokyo! So Eugene + 16 hr = Tokyo!] Thus, if you need more help, I will be able to accommodate most of you in Europe, but will have to do extra odd times to help those in Japan and China and other parts of the world. Again, I will do my best.

The Canvas link for our course is https://canvas.uoregon.edu/courses/182279. All Active Learning Q, Lectures, Lab Worksheets and Labs will be posted by the preceding Friday on Canvas for the following week. All Active Learning Q for Lectures and Lab Worksheets for the Labs are to be submitted by way of Canvas. All Quizzes will be taken on Fridays on Canvas and grades tabulated and available on Canvas.

Keep in mind that a 4-wk summer course is 2.5 times more (10 divided by 4) intense than the regular academic year, 10-wk term, so content is definitely compressed. You must do your best to focus and to keep up consistently with the work! Remember, the benefits you gain will be directly proportional to the efforts you invest!

Here is a quick review of requirements along with estimated time for completion:

1. **Complete Active Learning Q for each Lecture** on the day of each Lecture and submit that same night by way of Canvas by 11:59:59 pm (US Pacific Daylight Time/PDT). These 5 short questions are meant to make you think and to prompt you about what to be looking for in each lecture. If you have documented additional needs through our Accessible Education Center (AEC) https://aec.uoregon.edu/using-aec-connect, more time will be allotted for you to complete and submit the Active Learning Q for each Lecture. **Estimated time to complete = ~ 45 - 90 min** (most will be ~ 45 - 60 min), but depends upon AEC accommodations.

2. **Examine each Lecture .pdf and review the embedded links** so that you glean unique perspectives from articles, videos and other resources to help with your understanding. **Estimated time to complete = ~ 25 - 35 min.**

3. **Actively view and listen to each Lecture .mp4 with video and audio.** These have been compressed to 25-35 min from the normal lecture time of 1 hr and 50 min! Be focused and looking for answers to the Active Learning Q that you may have not picked up through your reading and by reviewing the Lecture .pdf. **Estimated time to complete ~ 25 - 35 min,** but perhaps 2x that, if you rewind and review a lot, so max ~ 50 - 70 min.

4. **Review the .pdf for each Lab** (we have 2 each wk). **View and listen to each Lab .mp4 with video and audio and answer the Worksheet Q for each lab.** Most Worksheets have very few Q and are meant to get you to think about procedures and your own personal data. If you do not have access to personal data, I will provide you with phantom/sample data you can work on (listed under Lab Resources on Canvas). Worksheets are to be submitted the night of each Lab by way of Canvas by 11:59:59 pm US PDT. There is one exception to this, the Nutrition Lab 3 that requires a more detailed personal analysis and write-up designed to help you apply what you find out in a practical way (!). The Nutrition Lab Worksheet is due Saturday at 11:59:59 pm of the 2nd week of classes.
If you have documented additional needs through our Accessible Education Center (AEC) https://aec.uoregon.edu/using-aec-connect, more time will be allotted for you to complete and submit the Worksheet for each Lab. *

**Estimated time to complete** = ~ 45 - 90 min (most will be ~ 45 - 60 min), but depends upon AEC accommodations.

5. **Complete each of the 4 weekly Quizzes.** Each Quiz for the week will contain 20 Q (multi-modal, multiple choice...) and have a 30-min window to complete, sometime between 12 N and 11:59:59 pm US PDT on Fridays. There will be one exception to that -- the last Quiz for Week 4 is due on Thursday by 11:59:59 pm US PDT. If you have documented additional needs through our Accessible Education Center (AEC) https://aec.uoregon.edu/using-aec-connect, more time will be allotted for you to complete the quizzes. **Estimated time to complete** ~ **20 - 30 min**, but depends upon AEC accommodations.

**Quiz Directions**: The quizzes are open book, but not open communication or conversation. You may use your textbook/s and lecture and lab notes, however, once you begin a quiz, you are not allowed to communicate with others, including classmates, family members or any humans (or telepathic animals!) by any communication means including by cell phone, texting, instant messaging, Zoom, e-mail or Morse code! You may not take pictures or use snipping tools to capture quiz questions. You will check a box and provide your electronic signature as pledges ensuring that your work is yours alone independently, and that you have not engaged in any communication, conversation or any dishonesty, plagiarism, preconceived scams, copying or revealing of quiz questions. I want you to know that 1st and foremost, I was raised to value and respect the utmost of integrity and that I hold you to the highest of possible standards! Even though you can use your notes, text/s and Lab Manual, you should be able to answer questions without referring to these and the time allotment will not enable you to search and discover answers while you are taking a quiz. Once you start a quiz, you will have 30 minutes to complete it, unless you have received additional time for AEC accommodations. Best of luck!

**Grading:**
The grading for the course is as follows:

10% Lecture Attendance & Participation (determined by online Lecture viewing and completion of Active Learning Q on Canvas)

10% Lab Attendance & Participation (determined by online Lab viewing and completion and submission of Worksheets on Canvas)

80% Quizzes (20% for each of the 4 weekly Quizzes)

**Organization**: I would like to implement a reverse classroom plan, where you complete Active Learning Q, review each Lecture (.pdf & .mp4) online on your own time, and then attend the optional Lecture-Discussion. Also, you complete the Lab Worksheets and review each Lab (.pdf & .mp4) video online at your leisure. Then you have the option of attending the Lab-Discussion. Your efforts outside of these optional discussions will make you well prepared and enable us all of us to engage in each topic at a deeper level and more fully interact and learn together. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information or resources.
Course: Introduction to Human Physiology, BI 121, 04 cr (CRN 40985) MTWRFSU (00 WEB) + strongly encouraged, but optional Zoom Lecture Discussions MTWR (10:00 – 11:50 am, US Pacific Daylight Time/PDT) and strongly encouraged, but optional Zoom Lab Discussions TR (1:00 – 1:50 pm, US PDT), Summer, 2021.

Website: https://canvas.uoregon.edu/courses/182279

Lecturer & Lab Instructor: Office; Hours; E-Mail; Phone: V. Pat Lombardi; WEB; Zoom appointments by e-mail; lombardi@uoregon.edu; 541-346-6055 (office/message).


OR


1st Supplemental Text: Readings listed in [ ] below:


+See many supplemental reserved texts/resources in Science Library or web listing: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/ Click on the Course Reserves tab, then sign in with U of O ID and password & type in BI 121.

Tentative Outline:


Jul 23 (F) **Quiz 1 on Canvas.** Covers Lectures 1 – 4 and Labs 1 & 2. Open 12 n until 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.


Jul 27 (T) **Lab 3. Nutrition Analyses.** Record your diet for at least one day on p 5-7 and analyze it using the Diet Controller/Diet Organizer or ASA 24 National Cancer Institute Calorie Counter & Food Diary/Cronometer Nutrition Tracker, HealthyOut, My Fitness Pal or Other Smart Phone Software. **Readings:** pp 3-1 to 3-20 (LM). **Assignment:** Lab 3 Worksheet. Submit on Canvas by 11:59:59 pm, US PDT, by Saturday, Jul 31st.

Jul 28 (W) **Lecture 7. Cardiovascular System.** I. Circulatory: Cardiovascular & Lymphatic. II. Cardiac Physiology: Anatomy, Adult Heart & Fetal Blood Flow. **Readings:** ch 9, pp 228-234; ch 10, pp 281-7 (LS); Module 4, pp 25-29; 33-34 (DC). **Assignment:** Active Learning Questions Lecture 7. Submit on Canvas by 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.


Jul 29 (R) **Lab 4. Heart Rate, Blood Pressure & Cardiovascular Disease Risk.** **Readings:** pp 4-1 to 4-8 (LM). **Activity:** Jeopardy Game to prepare for Quiz 2! **Assignment:** Lab 4 Worksheet. Submit on Canvas by 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.

Jul 30 (F) **Quiz 2 on Canvas.** Covers Lectures 5 – 8 and Labs 3 & 4. Open 12 n until 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.


Aug 3 (T) **Lab 5. Blood Chemistry: Blood Glucose & Blood Typing.** **Readings:** pp 5-1 to 5-6 (LM). **Assignment:** Lab 5 Worksheet. Submit on Canvas by 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.


Aug 5 (R)  **Lab Activity:** Jeopardy Game to prepare for Quiz 3! No write-up or assignment! Best of luck!! :)

Aug 6 (F)  **Quiz 3 on Canvas.** Covers Lectures 9 – 12 and Lab 5. Open 12 n until 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.


Aug 10 (T)  **Lab 6:** Pulmonary Function Tests. **Readings:** pp 6-1 to 6-8 (LM). **Assignment:** Lab 6 Worksheet. Submit on Canvas by 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.


Aug 12 (R)  **Quiz 4 on Canvas.** Covers Lectures 13 – 15 and Lab 6. Open 12 n until 11:59:59 pm, US PDT.

**Grading:** 10% Lecture Attendance & Active Learning Questions submitted on Canvas 10% Lab Attendance & Worksheets submitted on Canvas 80% 4 Weekly Quizzes on Canvas each worth 20%

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