TEXT BOOK: Required Text – “Hole’s Human Anatomy and Physiology”; (13th ed.; 11th or 12th ed. Is OK) Authors: Shier, Butler, and Lewis


COURSE OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

This course will introduce you to the structure and function of the human body. The Fall Semester (A&P I) will cover the skeletal framework, joints, muscular system and begin the nervous system. The skeletal system is the foundation for an understanding of the joints and action of the muscles. Thus it is critical for the student to thoroughly learn the skeletal system early in the semester.

THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER WILL CENTER ON CELL BIOLOGY. The reason for this is that without a basic knowledge of cell biology it will be impossible for us to study the functioning (physiology) of the human body. For example, topics such as bone growth, muscle hypertrophy, nerve regeneration or cardiovascular adaptations with exercise could not be appreciated without discussing what is happening at the cell level. A basic overview of general chemistry will be presented to allow students with little chemistry background to get “off on the right foot.”

At the end of this first semester of A&P the student will: have a good elementary foundation in molecular and cellular biology; know in depth the skeletal framework and physiology; know individual skeletal muscles and their origin, insertion and action(s); have a beginning understanding of the nervous system and neurophysiology. This will require serious effort on the part of the student.

EXAMS/GRADING: The exams will be based on LECTURE material. The relevant reading in the book should be read prior to and after lectures. The text book should reinforce lecture notes and serve as a reference source. Take time to get familiar with the organization of the text. There will be supplemental handouts in class to help with any lecture material not covered in the text. There will be four or five exams (including the final Exam) which are of “equal weight”.

STUDY GUIDE: (1) Read the chapter before class to get familiar with topic (at least “be on the same planet” as the lecture begins); (2) Take notes in class as best you can (exams are based on lecture material); (3) After class reread through chapter and reorganize your class notes – it is best to have a second notebook that you recopy the material in an edited form which is more suited to study from. This is not as time consuming as it sound and it will reinforce the material, as well as indicate to you areas that were unclear. HELP SESSIONS will be available two nights per week and a number of afternoons. These will be in the labs and the times will be announced the first day of class. Take your questions to the help session and thus “fill in” the blanks in your notes where you were confused. If you discipline yourself to put the work in day to day you will do fine in this course. If you put things off and wait to “cram” before a test you will not do well. (READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH AGAIN! YOU NEED TO START FROM DAY ONE!)
ATTENDANCE POLICY: Class attendance is an absolute must for success in Human A&P.

GRADING: The final grade will be based on averaging the five grades (4 exams and lab grade). The scale I have used here at PSU is a modified curve and follows:

- 90% = A
- 88% = A-
- 85% = B+
- 80% = B
- 75% = B-
- 72% = C+
- 68% = C
- 64% = C-
- 60% = D+
- 55% = D
- Below 55% = F

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TENTATIVE TOPIC SCHEDULE
(Background Reading is given in parenthesis; I will give specific page reading assignments day by day)

WEEK 1  INTRODUCTION TO ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY  (Chapters 1, 2)
Overview of course objectives
Review of basic chemistry
Importance of cell biology to anatomy and physiology

WEEK 2  CELL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION   (Chapter 3)
Biological molecules/Biochemistry
Cell diversity
Nucleus
Cellular organelles: Structure and function
Cell membranes/diffusion/active transport
Mitosis/cell cycle

WEEK 3  CELLULAR METABOLISM   (Chapter 4)
Proteins: structure and significance
Enzymes
Aerobic and anaerobic energy systems
Genetic code/DNA
Transcription and translation
Molecular genetics

EXAM I (CELLS AND METABOLISM)

WEEK 4  TISSUE LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION  (Chapter 5)
Development and differentiation
Histogenesis/cell potentiality
Four major tissue types: Epithelial, connective, muscular, nervous

WEEK 5  INTEGUMENT/BODY ORGANIZATION  (Chapters 1, 6)
Skin structure and function
Pigmentation
Anatomical language: The terminology of anatomy
Directional terms/body planes

EXAM II (TISSUES)

WEEK 6 - 9  SKELETAL SYSTEM AND JOINTS  (Chapters 7, 8)
Bone development and growth
Structure and function of bone
Axial and appendicular skeleton: Specific bone landmarks on each bone
Joint structure: Major joints will be studied with specific ligaments, cartilage
And functional aspects considered

EXAM III (SKELETAL AND ARTICULAR)

WEEK 10 – 11  MUSCULAR TISSUE: PHYSIOLOGY  (Chapter 9)
Muscular structure: Gross and microscopic
Contractile proteins/muscle function
Muscle physiology: Excitation-contraction coupling
Fiber types
Motor types
Recruitment of muscle fiber types
Adaptations with exercise: Cell level
Innervation/motor end plate

WEEKS 12-14  MUSCLES: ORIGIN, INSERTION, ACTION  (Chapter 10)
Major skeletal muscles are studied in detail
Origin, insertion and actions for each muscle will be covered

WEEKS 12-14  INTRODUCTION TO NERVOUS TISSUE AND NEUROMUSCULAR SYSTEMS  (Chapter 11)
Neurons; Neuroglial cells
Neurophysiology; Myelin; Neurotransmitters; Synapses

FINAL EXAM  DURING FINALS WEEK        GOOD LUCK!