Physiology  

The School of Biological Science Physiology program offers training in mammalian, cellular and comparative physiology, pharmacology, and human anatomy. Students majoring in physiology are encouraged to gain research experience under faculty supervision. The undergraduate major provides general rather than specialized training in physiology. To become a professional physiologist usually requires the completion of an advanced degree in the field. An undergraduate major in physiology would provide an excellent foundation for those planning a career in teaching or research or a medical field such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, nursing or medical technology. Students considering a major in Physiology should discuss their program with the Program Director for Undergraduate Studies in Physiology. A grade of C or better is required in every Physiology course used to satisfy departmental requirements for a degree in Physiology. A student cannot repeat a course or its equivalent in which a grade of B or better was earned without the consent of the Department.

### Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Physiology Degree Requirements

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<td>Supportive Skills to include foreign language (two semesters at 200 level); or two from the following: ENGL 290 or ENGL 291 or ENGL 391 or ENGL 491; PLB 360 or MATH 282; CS 200, CS 201</td>
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<td>Requirements for Major in Physiology</td>
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1. Total of fourteen hours of biology, chemistry, mathematics and physiology elective course work are accounted for in the 41-hour Core Curriculum requirement.

2. If two years of a foreign language are taken to complete this requirement, the total hours will be 16. The elective hours are reduced by 10 hours.

3. Prerequisite is MATH 111 or MATH 108 and MATH 109. The elective hours are reduced by 4 hours for students who place into a course lower than calculus.

**Physiology Minor**

A minor in Physiology requires completion, with at least a C grade, of PHSL 410A, PHSL 410B (8 hours) and eight hours of 300 or 400-level courses offered by the Department.

**Junior-Senior Honors Program**

Juniors who have shown outstanding ability in biology courses and related subjects in their freshman and sophomore years may apply for acceptance into the honors program. Honors students do independent study in the physiological sciences (PHSL 491) during their junior and senior years.

**Physiology Courses**

**PHSL201 - Human Physiology** 201-3 Human Physiology. (University Core Curriculum) A course which relates the normal function of the human body to the disruptions which occur in a variety of disease states. Three lecture hours per week. Not open to students who have taken 310. With 208 (if not used for health) satisfies University Core Curriculum Science Group II requirement.

**PHSL208 - Lab Experiences in Physiology** 208-1 Laboratory Experiences in Physiology. (University Core Curriculum course) Laboratory course which provides experiences with small animal experimentation and measurements made on the human subject. One two-hour laboratory per week. Prerequisite: completion of, or current enrollment in, PHSL 201. With 201 (if not used for health) satisfies the University Core Curriculum Science Group II requirement. Lab fee: $20.


**PHSL240B - A & P for Nursing** 240B-4 Anatomy & Physiology for Nursing. A-B Sequence. Functional architecture of the human body. Continuation of A. Endocrine, Circulatory, Respiratory, Digestive and Urinary systems. Three hours lectures and one three-hour laboratory per week. Not for major credit. Prerequisites: PHSL 240A. Restricted to Pre-Nursing and Nursing majors. Lab fee: $25.
PHSL257 - Concurrent Work Experience 257-1 to 6 Concurrent Work Experience. Under exceptional circumstances, and with prior approval of the departmental chair, credit may be granted for practical experience or other work directly related to physiology. Mandatory Pass/Fail.

PHSL258 - Previous Work Experience 258-1 to 6 Previous Work Experience. Under exceptional circumstances, and after petition to the departmental chair, credit may be granted for practical experience or other work directly related to physiology. Mandatory Pass/Fail.

PHSL259 - Occupational Education Credit 259-2 to 8 Occupational Education Credit. Under special circumstances, advanced training in a paramedical or other field directly related to physiology can be used as a basis for granting credit in physiology. Such credit is sought by petition to the chair of department and requires approval of dean of the College of Science.

PHSL301 - Basic Anatomy w/ Lab 301-4 Basic Human Anatomy with Laboratory. Lectures, demonstrations and observations of the prosected body, plus experiences in the anatomy laboratory. Course is designed for students in nursing, mortuary science, biological science, and related disciplines. Three lecture hours and one two-hour laboratory per week. Lab fee: $20.

PHSL310 - Principles of Physiology 310-5 Principles of Physiology. (University Core Curriculum Course) Beginning course in human physiology designed for majors in physiology and other biological sciences, and recommended to pre-medical and other students considering biological sciences and health professions. Three lectures per week, one-hour discussion and one two-hour laboratory. Satisfies the University Core Curriculum Human Health requirement in lieu of 201. Prerequisites: CHEM 200, 201, 202 and 210, 211, 212 with grades of C or better. Lab fee: $20.

PHSL320 - Reproduction & Sexuality 320-3 Reproduction and Sexuality. (Same as WGSS 321) Comprehensive course examining the physiological basis of mammalian reproduction and the behavioral aspects of sexuality. Human sexuality and reproductive function is the primary focus. Topics include hormonal control, anatomy, ovulation, sexual response and behavior, fertilization, pregnancy and parturition. Human specific topics include reproductive medicine, STDs, paraphilias, birth control and infertility. Prerequisite: BIOL 211.

PHSL401A - Adv Human Anatomy w/Lab 401A-5 Advanced Human Anatomy with Laboratory. A-B sequence. Laboratory dissection of the human body with lectures as needed. Primarily for students majoring in physiology, biological sciences, anthropology or pre-medical fields. Prerequisite: PHSL 301. Enrollment by consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

PHSL401B - Adv Human Anatomy w/Lab 401B-5 Advanced Human Anatomy with Laboratory. A-B sequence. Laboratory dissection of the human body with lectures as needed. Primarily for students majoring in physiology, biological sciences, anthropology or pre-medical fields. Prerequisite: PHSL 301. Enrollment by consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

PHSL410A - Mammalian Physiology 410A-4 Mammalian Physiology. Physical and chemical organization and function in mammals, with emphasis on the human. Physiology of blood and circulation, respiration, digestion, metabolism, excretion, endocrines, sensory organs, nervous systems, muscle and reproduction. Primary course for all students majoring in physiology or related sciences. Four lectures per week. May be taken in any sequence. Prerequisite: CHEM 210, 211, 212; PHYS 203B and PHYS 253B or PHYS 205B and PHYS 255B; PHSL 310 with grades of C or better.

PHSL410B - Mammalian Physiology 410B-4 Mammalian Physiology. Physical and chemical organization and function in mammals, with emphasis on the human. Physiology of blood and circulation, respiration, digestion, metabolism, excretion, endocrines, sensory organs, nervous systems, muscle and reproduction. Primary course for all students majoring in physiology or related sciences. Four lectures per week. May be taken in any sequence. Prerequisite: CHEM 210, 211, 212; PHYS 203B and PHYS 253B or PHYS 205B and PHYS 255B; PHSL 310 with grades of C or better.

PHSL412 - Teaching Methods 412-2 Teaching Methods and Strategies. This online course is designed to introduce instructional theories and methods to students interested in teaching physiology or other similar subjects. It will provide coverage of various methods of classroom instruction, course management, assessment and evaluation. Students should finish the course prepared to be competent in
critical teaching practices for lecture and lab courses as well as being proficient in promoting diversity and inclusiveness in the classroom.

**PHSL420A - Principles of Pharmacology** 420A-3 Principles of Pharmacology. Examines basic principles of pharmacology (pharmacokinetics) and the action of various classes of drugs on living organisms. Drug classes covered include those affecting most organ systems of the human body, such as the nervous, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and renal systems as well as drugs used for antibiotic and cancer chemotherapy. Three lectures per week. Prerequisites: PHSL 310 or PHSL 410A,B, CHEM 340 and CHEM 341 (or equivalent) with grades of C or better.

**PHSL420B - Principles of Pharmacology** 420B-3 Principles of Pharmacology. Examines basic principles of pharmacology (pharmacokinetics) and the action of various classes of drugs on living organisms. Drug classes covered include those affecting most organ systems of the human body, such as the nervous, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and renal systems as well as drugs used for antibiotic and cancer chemotherapy. Three lectures per week. Prerequisites: PHSL 310 or PHSL 410A,B, CHEM 340 and CHEM 341 (or equivalent) with grades of C or better.

**PHSL426 - Comparative Endocrinology** 426-3 Comparative Endocrinology. (Same as ANS 426, ZOOL 426) Comparison of mechanisms influencing hormone release, hormone biosynthesis, and the effects of hormones on target tissues, including mechanisms of transport, receptor kinetics, and signal transduction. Prerequisites: PHSL 310 or ANS 331 or ZOOL 220 with a grade of C. Laboratory/Field Trip fee: $15.

**PHSL430 - Cellular & Molecular Physiology** 430-3 Cellular and Molecular Physiology. This course will examine the molecular and cellular aspects of physiology, with special emphasis on the experiments used to examine the regulation of gene expression, protein activities, and cellular functions in eukaryotes. Topics include: mechanisms regulating gene expression, signaling pathways, cancer biology, and the use of experimental model organisms. Prerequisite: BIOL 211 & BIOL 213 or CHEM 350 & 351.

**PHSL433 - Comparative Physiology** 433-3 Comparative Animal Physiology. (Same as ZOOL 433) Variations of the physiological processes in animal phyla, comparison with human physiology, and review of basic physiology principles and comparative aspects of mechanism and function. Prerequisite: BIOL 211, BIOL 212 & BIOL 213 or PHSL 310 with a grade of C or better.

**PHSL440A - Biophysics** 440A-3 Biophysics. Biomathematics, biomechanics and biontransport. Three lectures per week. Prerequisites: MATH 141 or 150; PHSL 310; PHYS 203 A&B and 253 A&B or PHYS 205 A&B and 255 A&B. May be taken in B,A sequence with consent of instructor.

**PHSL440B - Biophysics** 440B-3 Biophysics. Bioelectrics and bio-optics applied to physiological problems. Three lectures per week. Prerequisites: MATH 141 or 150; PHSL 310; PHYS 203 A&B and 253 A&B or PHYS 205 A&B and 255 A&B. May be taken in B,A sequence with consent of instructor.

**PHSL450 - Advanced Human Sexuality** 450-3 Advanced Human Sexuality. (Same as WGSS 449) Advanced, comprehensive course intended to supplement and expand the critical examination of topics covered in PHSL 320, Reproduction and Sexuality. The objectives of this class are to examine the physiological and behavioral basis of human reproduction and sexuality. Examining how humans reproduce from a physiological perspective including all aberrations and clinically relevant dysfunctions, as well as, the spectrum of human sexual behaviors including typical and atypical sexual behavior, paraphilias and diversity of human relationships. Prerequisite: PHSL 320.

**PHSL460 - Electron Microscopy** 460-2 Electron Microscopy. Lecture course designed to introduce the student to the theory and principles of electron microscopy. Two lecture hours per week. Restricted to senior standing or permission of instructor.

**PHSL462 - Biomedical Instrumentation** 462-3 Biomedical Instrumentation. Diagnostic and therapeutic modalities related to engineering. Cardiovascular, neural, sensory and respiratory instrumentation. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**PHSL470 - Biological Clocks** 470-3 Biological Clocks. Study of the temporal aspects of diverse physiological and behavioral functions which possess diurnal and sectional periodicity. Species covered will include many eukaryotic organisms including plants, but will mainly stress mammals. Oscillations in sleep-wake cycle, locomotion, reproduction, hormonal secretion and numerous other processes will be
explored. In addition, the effects of biological clocks in humans and the effect of jet lag and depression
will be examined. Prerequisite: PHSL 310.

**PHSL480 - Cancer Journal Club** 480-1 to 3 Cancer Journal Club. Goal of the journal club is to discuss
current primary journal articles about cancer, often with an emphasis on ovarian cancer. Each semester
a theme is selected to guide selection of articles. Grade is based on: 1) presentation; 2) participation; 3) 
short essay on each journal article that is discussed. Each student presents at least one journal article 
per semester and is expected to participate in the discussion of each paper that is presented. Faculty and 
graduate students also present articles for discussion to provide examples of how to read and discuss 
primary scientific literature. Student will, with instructor approval, choose either 1 cr/hr for a research 
paper component for which they write a 10 page research paper reviewing current literature related to 
the journal club's theme for the semester or a different cancer theme as determined by the instructor, 
or select 2 cr/hrs for journal club participation as outlined above, or 3 cr/hrs for completing both course 
components. Prerequisite: PHSL 310 with a B or better or concurrent enrollment.

**PHSL490 - Senior Seminar** 490-1 Senior Seminar. Readings, writings, presentations and discussions of 
current topics in physiology. One hour per week. Not for graduate credit. Restricted to senior standing or
consent of instructor.

**PHSL491 - Independent Research for Honors** 491-3 to 8 Independent Research for Honors. Supervised 
readings and laboratory research in physiology directed by a member of the physiology faculty.
Undergraduate honors students only. By special arrangement with the instructor in the physiology 
department with whom the student wishes to work.

**PHSL492 - Special Problems in Physiology** 492-1 to 8 Special Problems in Physiology. Supervised 
readings and laboratory research in physiology directed by a member of the physiology faculty. Open to 
undergraduate students only. By special arrangement with the instructor in the physiology department 
with whom the student wishes to work. No more than 3 hours may be counted as electives towards the 
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