

**Moravian College**  
Biology Department  
Vertebrate Physiology - BIO 350  
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**Office Hours:** Thursdays 1-3pm, Fridays 12-2pm  
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**Lecture:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:20-11:10am  
Room PPHAC 117  
**Lab:** Mondays or Wednesdays 12:45-3:45pm  
Collier Room 303  
**Prerequisites:** BIO 112, CHEM 113, 114  
**Textbook:** Human Physiology, 11th Edition  
by Widmaier, Raff and Strang  
McGraw Hill Publishing  
**Lab Manual:** PhysioEx. 8.0– Laboratory Simulations in Physiology  
By Stabler, Zao and Gibson  
Benjamin Cummings

**Course Description:** Biology 350 examines the functions of the vertebrate organ systems, with special emphasis on the human body. Topics include the nervous, sensory, muscular, endocrine, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems. Laboratory work emphasizes experimental techniques and computer assisted analysis of human and animal physiology.

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- a) understand the basic anatomy of the nervous, muscular, endocrine, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems of the human body
- b) comprehend the relationships between structure and function in the various systems
- c) recognize the importance of control mechanisms that regulate homeostatic processes in animal and human physiology
- d) understand the physiological mechanisms behind the body's response to normal and stressed situations
- e) investigate the mechanisms described in the various systems using hands-on experimentation, computer simulations and computer-assisted physiology data acquisition

**Grading:** The grading system is as follows: (+/- will be administered as the professor deems appropriate)

A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

Your final grade will be based on the following criteria:

Three lecture exams: 100 points each = 300 points

Four laboratory reports: 50 points each = 200 points

Physiology lab design: 100 points

Cumulative final lecture exam: 200 points

800 points

\*\* Both lecture material and textbook readings are fair game for lecture exams.

\*\* Physiology lab design will be discussed as the course progresses.

\*\* **Please note:** it is within the instructor's purview to apply qualitative judgment in determining grades for an assignment or the entire course

### Expectations:

- a) Attendance: Regular lecture and lab attendance is expected. **Please be on time. No** make-up exams will be given unless you have an acceptable and documented reason (family emergency, illness, etc). If an emergency should arise, you must notify me prior to the exam and **not** after. If you plan to miss lab please notify me in advance.
- b) Cheating: will not be tolerated. Students will be held to the highest standards as specified by the Moravian College Honor Code. Violations of this code will be handled in the most severe manner allowed by college policy.
- c) Reading Assignments: should be completed prior to lecture as well as lab.
- d) Laboratory Assignments: must be typed and written **independently**. You may record data in the charts provided in the lab exercise handouts, but the final lab report must be typed and submitted no later than **two weeks** after the laboratory exercise has been completed (**lab reports will not be accepted if handed in after this two week time period has lapsed**). The last lab report that may be submitted for a grade will be of the Urinalysis Laboratory. You are expected to answer all questions and complete all data charts unless instructed otherwise. Please proofread your work prior to submission. If you and your lab partner submit lab reports that are too close to have been accomplished independently, the lab reports will be handed back to you for rewriting. If this occurs a second time (whether with the same report or a subsequent report), you and your lab partner will have earned a 0 for the assignment.
- e) Lab Preparation: You are expected to come to lab prepared for that day's exercise. For each lab session be sure to bring your textbook and PhysioEx manual. BIOPAC materials will be distributed in lab.
- f) Cell Phones and Pagers: Please turn them off (or at the very least, set on vibrate) before walking into the lecture hall and laboratory. No texting in lecture or lab please.
- g) Extra Help: If difficulties interpreting lecture or lab material arise, please contact me. I will be more than happy to help!!

\*\* As the professor of this course, I reserve the right to alter this syllabus at any time during the semester\*\*

## Lecture Schedule

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
January 19	Homeostasis – A Framework for Human Physiology	Chapter 1
January 26	Neuronal Signaling and Structure of The Nervous System	Chapter 6
February 2	Sensory Physiology Consciousness, The Brain And Behavior	Chapter 7 Chapter 8
<b>February 9</b>	<b>No Class</b>	
February 9	Muscle Physiology	Chapter 9
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	
February 16	Muscle Physiology (con't) Control of Body Movement	Chapter 10
February 23	Endocrine System: Hormonal Control	Chapter 11
<b>February 28-March 8</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	
March 9,16	Cardiovascular Physiology	Chapter 12
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	
March 23, March 30	Respiratory Physiology	Chapter 13
April 6, 13	Renal Physiology	Chapter 14
<b>April 9-13</b>	<b>Easter Recess</b>	
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Exam 3</b>	
April 20	Male Reproductive Physiology	Chapter 17
April 27	Female Reproductive Physiology	Chapter 17
<b>May 4-9</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>	

## Laboratory Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Laboratory Exercise</u>
January 19	Homeostasis	Exercises provided in lab
January 26	Neurophysiology of Nerve Impulses Reflexes and Senses	PhysioEx 8.0 Exercises provided in lab
February 2	Neuroanatomy and EEG (cow brain dissection)	Dissection materials provided in lab BIOPAC – EEG 1
February 9	Histology of Muscle Types Muscle Physiology	Exercise provided in lab BIOPAC – EMG 1
February 16	Muscle Physiology (con't)	PhysioEx 8.0 BIOPAC – EMG 2
February 23*	Histology of Endocrine Tissue Hormonal Control Rat Endocrine Exercise	Exercise provided in lab PhysioEx 8.0 Exercise provided in lab
<b>March 2</b>	<b>No Lab - Spring Break</b>	
March 9*	Cardiovascular Physiology (sheep heart dissection) Frog Cardiovascular Physiology	Dissection materials provided in lab PhysioEx 8.0
March 16	Cardiovascular Physiology  Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Exercise	BIOPAC – Blood Pressure BIOPAC – ECG and Pulse
March 23	Blood Typing and Comparison Blood Clotting Introduction to Respiratory Volumes and Capacities	Exercises provided in lab
March 30	Respiratory Physiology  Respiratory System Mechanics	BIOPAC - Respiratory Cycle BIOPAC - Pulmonary Fn. 1 PhysioEx 8.0
April 6	Urinalysis Renal Physiology – Function of the Nephron	Exercise provided in lab PhysioEx 8.0
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Easter Recess – No Lab</b>	
April 20*	Presentations of Physiology Lab Design	

April 27\*

Investigating Digestive Processes  
Chemical and Physical Processes  
of Digestion  
Immunity Exercise

Exercise provided in lab  
PhysioEx. 8.0

Exercise provided in lab

**\* Not eligible for lab report assignment.**

*\*\* The lecture and laboratory schedules may be subject to change as the course progresses\*\**