

Course ID:	Course Title:	Fall 2021
ZOO 261	Human Physiology I	Prerequisite: BIO 133
		Credits: 3

Class Information		Instructor Information		Important Dates	
Delivery:	In Class	Instructor:	Michele Nawata, Ph.D.	First Day of Classes:	September 8, 2021
Days:	Wed/Fri	Email:	michele.nawata@ambrose.edu	Last Day to Add/Drop:	September 19, 2021
Time:	1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Phone:	403-410-2000, ext. 6906	Last Day to Withdraw:	November 22, 2021
Room:	A2210 (lecture) A2151 (lab)	Office:	L2109	Last Day to Apply for Extension:	November 23, 2021
Lab/Tutorial:	3 hrs/wk, Fridays 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Office Hours:	By appointment	Last Day of Classes:	December 13, 2021
Final Exam:	Friday, December 17 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm A2210				

Important Dates and Information

For a list of all important dates and information regarding participating in classes at Ambrose University, please refer to the Academic Calendar at <https://ambrose.edu/academic-calendar>.

Course Description

The basic structure and function of body systems – including cellular physiology, as well as nerve, muscle, sensory, reproductive and endocrine systems.

Expected Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should:

- 1) Have developed an enhanced understanding and appreciation for the complexities of the human body.
- 2) Understand the functioning of the following human body systems: nervous, endocrine, muscular and reproductive.
- 3) Be able to describe the biochemical and cellular mechanisms underlying physiological processes.
- 4) Be able to apply critical thinking to problem-solve issues in physiology related to maintenance and disturbances in homeostasis.
- 5) Be able to collaborate with peers to perform and analyze experiments and discuss observations in human physiology.

Textbooks

A textbook is not required for this course. Supplemental material will be posted on Moodle. The following textbooks are recommended as an optional resource:

Human Physiology, 14th edition (2016 or later), by Stuart Fox. McGraw-Hill.

Vander's Human Physiology: The Mechanisms of Body Function, 15th edition (2019 or earlier), by Eric Widmaier, Hershel Raff, Kevin Strang. McGraw-Hill.

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Date	Lecture Schedule (subject to change)
September 8	Introduction, homeostasis
September 10	Tissues, chemical composition
September 15	Cell structure
September 17	Genetic control
September 22	Enzymes, energy, cell respiration
September 24	Cell metabolism, extracellular environment
September 29	Transport, membrane potential, signaling
October 1	Nervous system
October 6	No class (Deeper Life Conference)
October 8	Midterm I
October 13	Nervous system
October 15	Central nervous system
October 20	Central nervous system
October 22	Autonomic nervous system
October 27	Autonomic nervous system
October 29	Sensory physiology
November 3	Sensory physiology
November 5	Midterm II
November 10	No class (reading week)
November 12	No class (reading week)
November 17	Endocrine system
November 19	Endocrine system
November 24	Presentations
November 26	Muscle
December 1	Muscle
December 3	Reproduction
December 8	Reproduction
December 10	Review

Tentative Lab Schedule

Date	Lab Schedule (subject to change)
September 10	No lab
September 17	Scientific method, cells/tissues
September 24	Molecules, enzymes
October 1	Diffusion, osmosis, transport
October 8	Nervous system
October 15	CNS
October 22	ANS
October 29	Reflexes
November 5	Special senses
November 12	No lab (reading week)
November 19	Endocrine
November 26	Muscle
December 3	Reproduction
December 10	Wrap-up

Evaluation

The lecture portion of this course will be evaluated by one presentation, two midterm exams and one final exam. The final exam is cumulative. The lab portion of this course will be evaluated by lab exercises and quizzes.

Midterm I (20%)

Midterm II (20%)

Final exam (30%)

Presentation (10%)

Lab exercises, quizzes (20%)

Presentation

This consists of a short oral presentation with a formal write-up. Topics and further details will be provided in class.

Attendance:

Exams, lab exercises, and quizzes will be based on material presented and discussed in the lectures. Therefore, attendance at all lectures is strongly recommended. Attendance at all labs is **mandatory**. Lab exercises must be handed in during lab period. Any missed lab without a valid excuse cannot be made up.

Grade Summary:

The available letters for course grades are as follows:

Percent (%) to Letter Grade Conversion	Grade	Grade Point	Description
92% - 100%	A+	4.0	Excellent
85% - 91.9%	A	4.0	
80% - 84.9%	A-	3.7	
77% - 79.9%	B+	3.3	Good
73% - 76.9%	B	3.0	
70% - 72.9%	B-	2.7	
67% - 69.9%	C+	2.3	Satisfactory
63% - 66.9%	C	2.0	
60% - 62.9%	C-	1.7	
55% - 59.9%	D+	1.3	Minimal Pass
50% - 54.9%	D	1.0	
0% - 49.9%	F	0	Fail

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform University-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are not mailed out.

Other:

Please be familiar with and adhere to the Ambrose University Academic Policies (below) regarding **Electronic Etiquette** and **Academic Integrity**.

Ambrose University Important Information:

Communication

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters (cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions.

Exam Scheduling

Students who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a Revised Examination Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the Academic Calendar. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) the student has three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Standards of Behaviour in the Classroom Setting

Learning is an active and interactive process, a joint venture between student and instructor and between student and student. Some topics covered within a class may lead to strong reactions and opinions. It is important that Students understand that they are entitled to hold contradictory beliefs and that they should be encouraged to engage with these topics in a critical manner. Committing to this type of "active learning" significantly increases the learning experience for both teacher and student, and reflects the Christian imperative to pursue truth, which lies at the heart of the Ambrose educational experience. However, active discussion of controversial topics will be undertaken with respect and empathy, which are the foundations of civil discourse in the Classroom Setting. Primary responsibility for managing the classroom rests with the instructor. The instructor may direct a student to leave the class if the student engages in any behaviour that disrupts the classroom setting. If necessary, Ambrose security will be contacted to escort the student from class. Please refer to your professor regarding their electronic etiquette expectations.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to acknowledge to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. The academic calendar can be found at <https://ambrose.edu/content/academic-calendar-2>.

Privacy

Personal information (information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual) may be required as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Coursework Extensions

Should a request for a time extension on coursework exceed the end of the term, a *Coursework Extension Application* must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Registrar. The extension (if granted) will be recorded on the student record. Extensions are granted at the discretion of the instructor and are normally granted for 30 days beyond the last day of the term.

Normally, Course Extension Applications will be considered only when all of the following conditions are met:

- the quality of prior course work has been satisfactory;
- circumstances beyond your control, such as an extended illness or death of a family member, make it impossible for you to complete the course work on time; and
- you submit *Coursework Extension Application* to the Office of the Registrar on or before the deadline specified in the Academic Schedule.

If granted, time extensions do not excuse you from a final examination where one has been scheduled for the course.

A temporary grade of TX will be assigned until a final grade is submitted in accordance with the new deadline. A final grade of F will apply to:

- all course work submitted after the end of the semester unless a coursework extension has been granted; and all course work submitted after the revised due date provided by an approved extension to coursework.

Academic Success and Supports

Accessibility Services

Academic accommodation is provided to Ambrose students with disabilities in accordance with the Alberta Human Rights Act and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Provision of academic accommodation does not lower the academic standards of the university nor remove the need for evaluation and the need to meet essential learning outcomes. Reasonable accommodations are tailored to the individual student, are flexible, and are determined by considering the barriers within the unique environment of a postsecondary institution. It can take time to organize academic accommodations and funding for disability-related services. Students with a disability who wish to have an academic accommodation are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services as early as possible to ensure appropriate planning for any needs that may include accommodations. Staff can then meet with students to determine areas to facilitate success, and if accommodations are required, ensure those accommodations are put in place by working with faculty.

Ambrose Writing Services

Ambrose Writing services provides academic support in the four foundational literacy skills—listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It also assists students with critical thinking and the research process. Throughout the academic year, students can meet with a writing tutor for personalized support, or they can attend a variety of workshops offered by Academic Success. These services are free to students enrolled at Ambrose University. Academic Success serves all students in all disciplines and at all levels, from history to biology and from theatre to theology. To learn more, please visit <https://ambrose.edu/writingcentre>

Ambrose Tutoring Services

Ambrose Tutoring Services provides support in specific disciplinary knowledge, especially in high-demand areas such as chemistry, philosophy, math and statistics, and religious studies. These tutors also coach students in general study skills, including listening and note-taking. During the academic year, Ambrose Tutoring Services offers drop-in tutoring for courses with high demand; for other courses, students can book a one-to-one appointment with a tutor in their discipline. These services are free to students enrolled at Ambrose University. To learn more, please visit <https://ambrose.edu/tutoring>.

Mental Health Support

All of us need a support system. We encourage students to build mental health supports and to reach out when help is needed.

On Campus:

- Counselling Services: ambrose.edu/counselling
- Peer Supportive Listening: One-to-one support in Student Life office. Hours posted at ambrose.edu/wellness.
- For immediate crisis support, there are staff on campus who are trained in Suicide Intervention and Mental Health First Aid. See ambrose.edu/crisissupport for a list of staff members.

Off Campus:

150 Ambrose Circle SW, Calgary, AB T3H 0L5
T 403-410-2000 TF 800-461-1222
info@ambrose.edu
ambrose.edu

- Distress Centre - 403-266-4357
- Sheldon Chumir Health Care Centre - 403-955-6200
- Emergency - 911

Sexual Violence Support

All staff, faculty, and Residence student leaders have received *Sexual Violence Response to Disclosure* training. We will support you and help you find the resources you need. There is a website with on and off campus supports – ambrose.edu/sexual-violence-response-and-awareness.

Off Campus:

- Clinic: Sheldon Chumir Health Centre - 403-955-6200
- Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse - 403-237-5888

Note: Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records.