PHYSIOLOGY (PHZB)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/).

PHZB 602. Physiological Concepts for General Life Sciences  2 Units
Description: This course covers the fundamental function of membranes; autonomic (ANS), hypothalamic, and central (CNS) neural control; and for integrated function of muscle, heart, circulatory, renal, endocrine, reproduction, and gastrointestinal organ systems. Emphasis is placed on physiological mechanisms for integrated feedback control of organ and tissue function in humans. Overall, this course offers a solid basis in physiological concepts for post-baccalaureate life-science graduate students to enhance their advanced studies of life sciences. This course teaches by combined didactic lecture and student problem-solving class sessions, and by concept-problem reviews. This course is offered only on a letter-grade basis. The Course Faculty reserves the right to make changes in this syllabus when necessary to meet learning objectives and course management.

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PHZB 604. Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine  3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): Permission from course director.
Description: This course will provide a comprehensive overview on this intriguing and highly debated topic. The course will focus on the biology of stem cells and their role in health and disease with emphasis on development, carcinogenesis and tissue engineering. Lectures on various aspects of stem cells from renowned experts will cover both embryonic, induced pluripotent and adult stem cells. Specific lectures will include stem cell types present in the blood, liver, brain, muscle, kidney, pancreas, prostate, lung, gut, skin, and eye. Fellows/graduate students will also be educated in therapeutic cloning as well as bio-ethical issues and existing laws governing stem cell research.

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PHZB 605. Systemic Physiology I  5 Units
Prerequisite(s): Admission to SIGS.
Description: The first of two human physiology courses that are offered the first year of the graduate programs in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics and other basic science departments at the SOM. This course contains four lectures and one hour of recitation/application of the preceding four lectures per week. Mandatory attendance is required for all class sessions.

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PHZB 606. Systemic Physiology II  5 Units
Prerequisite(s): Admission to SIGS.
Description: The second of two human physiology courses that are offered the first year of the graduate programs in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. This course contains four lectures and one hour of recitation/application of the preceding four lectures per week. Mandatory attendance is required for all class sessions.

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PHZB 607. Principles of Presentations: Self, Science, Interviews  3 Units
Description: This course will provide instruction in best practices for oral-based presentations. There will be multiple oral presentation topics covered, including: Basic Presentations; Using Visual Aids, Charts and Figures; Distilling and Presenting a Clear and Understandable Hypothesis and Specific Aims; Interviews; and Scientific Poster Presentations. Students will attend lectures, participate in small group discussions and present five different types of oral-based presentations. A mid-term and final exam (each 50% of overall grade) will be used to assess student understanding of the knowledge centered on making clear, concise and purposeful oral presentations.

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PHZB 608. Physiological Concepts Related to the Metabolic Syndrome  3 Units
Prerequisite(s): BIOI 240 and BIOI 242, or equivalents; CHEM 341 and CHEM 342, or equivalents.
Description: This course will provide students with the basic physiological and biochemical concepts necessary to understand the factors involved in the development of the Metabolic Syndrome. Students will 1) learn the risk factors for metabolic syndrome; 2) learn the diseases and medical complications associated with metabolic syndrome; 3) understand the role of insulin resistance, obesity, hypertension and atherosclerosis in the onset of metabolic syndrome; and 4) survey the current and future approaches to diagnosis and treatment of the metabolic syndrome.

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PHZB 609. Integrated Systemic Physiology  3 Units
Prerequisite(s): PHY 601 or PHZB 601 and consent of instructor.
Description: Designed to provide reinforcement, expansion and integration of basic physiologic concepts of human organ systems.

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PHZB 611. Advanced Human Cardiovascular Physiology 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): PHZB 605 or consent of instructor.
Description: Utilizes lectures on the physiological and biochemical processes in the heart, blood vessels and blood elements to provide more detailed mechanisms from molecular to systematic levels and normal to pathological states.
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PHZB 613. Physiology of the Blood 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 240 and BIOL 242, or equivalents.
Description: This course gives fundamental knowledge and advanced physiological principles that relate to the function of the blood as an organ tissue uncovers the pathophysiological mechanisms involved in development of various blood-related diseases, introduces the student to professions that are involved in blood health, and discusses the biomedical aspects of several problems that are frequently encountered in blood health. This course uses active learning methods to teach by assigned literature topics, guided group-discussion, didactic lectures, demonstrations and simulations, perception exercises, application visuals, and problem-based interactive sessions.
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PHZB 615. Clinical Physiology 6 Units
Prerequisite(s): PHZB 605 & PHZB 606.
Description: This is a 6-credit hour course that uses clinical situations to examine and reinforce mechanisms important to understanding systemic physiology. There are six areas covered: 1) electrical functioning of the heart, 2) blood pressure and circulatory control mechanisms, 3) ventilation and perfusion of the lungs, 4) gastrointestinal blood flow and acid production, 5) blood flow and oxygen utilization by the heart, and 6) control of the many endocrine functions. This course utilizes a combination of faculty-lead teaching techniques that include: team based learning (TBL), problem based learning (PBL), and in-class exercises. All course materials have been prepared by the supervising faculty and will be available to students online as needed.
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PHZB 616. Selected Topics in Physiology and Biophysics 1-12 Units
Description: Detailed discussion of physiological and biophysical problems of particular interest to students and staff. Topics will be announced in the schedule.
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PHZB 617. Seminar in Physiology and Biophysics 1 Unit
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PHZB 619. Research 1-20 Units
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PHZB 620. Thesis 1-6 Units
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PHZB 625. Experimental Physiology Methods 1 Unit
Prerequisite(s): Admitted into SIGS.
Description: Experimental Physiology Methods is a first course available to matriculating students in the initial year of graduate physiology programs. This course is designed to broadly introduce the use of the scientific methods on studying hypothesis-related research in physiology. This course is now designed to be taken by all matriculating graduate students, but only 1 credit hour (instead of the previous listing for 3).
Beginning doctoral students will take this course in concurrence with the general "methods course" by the Interdepartmental Programs in Basic Science each fall semester.
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PHZB 630. Biomedical Applications of Physiology in the Eye 3 Units
Description: This course gives the basic physics and advanced physiologic principles that relate to function of the eye as an organ system, uncovers the physics behind basic instruments used for diagnostics of eye health, introduces the student to various professions that are involved in eye health, and discusses the biomedical aspects of several problems that are frequently encountered in medical eye health. Overall, this course offers a solid background in physiology, pathophysiology, measurements methods, and biomedical aspects of the eye to well-prepare a student for pursuit of a career in professions related to eye health.
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PHZB 799. Dissertation 1-12 Units
Prerequisite(s): Permission of departmental chair.
Description: The terminal research course for the PhD degree to finalize data analyses and manuscript preparation for the doctoral dissertation.
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PHZB 816. Special Project-Physiology 1-16 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of Department Chair.
Description: A special course arrangement to provide an in-depth exposure to a specific area of physiology (such as circulatory mechanisms in shock) that involves the interaction of basic science research and clinically relevant problems.
Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.
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