



**THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEW SOUTH WALES**

**SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY**

SECOND YEAR PHYSIOLOGY

**PHSL2101 PHSL2121
PHSL2501**

SESSION 1 2010

COURSE INFORMATION

EXAMINER AND COURSE CO-ORDINATOR

Co-ordinator: Dr. Lesley Ulman Room 210B (ph: 9385 3601)
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If you need to consult with the course convenor, appointments can be set up through email.

LECTURERS IN THIS COURSE

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If you require to consult with any of these staff, appointments can be made via email.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

This course is offered to second year students and is the first physiology course that you will encounter. The major aims of this course are to provide students with a basic understanding of the fundamental processes and mechanisms that serve and control the various functions of the body. It should be noted that, although introductory, this course in Human Physiology is comprehensive in scope. Areas treated in detail include both relatively simple cellular mechanisms (for example, the sequence of ion permeability changes in membranes that can result in the initiation and propagation of a nerve impulse along a nerve fibre) as well as more complex interactions between whole organ systems. The major areas of study include excitable tissues, muscle, blood, the cardiovascular system and neurophysiology.

It should also be noted that, where appropriate, subject areas are treated quantitatively as well as qualitatively, an approach that requires students to have at least a basic knowledge of mathematics and chemistry.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This is a 6 unit of credit course. There are 2-3, one hour lectures per week (Tues 9-10, Wed 9-10 and Fri 2-3). Lectures will provide you with the concepts and theory essential for understanding the fundamental processes of body function. The Fri 2-3 slot on some occasions will be used for a tutorial which aids in better understanding of lecture material. The practical classes are a major component of the course and comprise a weekly 3 hour laboratory session during which students typically work in small groups of about 5 and carry out the laboratory exercises outlined in this practical manual. These sessions will give an insight into how knowledge is obtained, and how the results of experiments depend not only on what we measure but how we measure it. Some of these sessions will be computer based, rather than of a practical nature and some may be self directed learning sessions based on the interactive physiology website.

APPROACH TO LEARNING AND TEACHING

Although the primary source of information for this course is the lecture material, effective learning can be enhanced through self directed use of other resources such as textbooks and UNSW Blackboard. Your practical classes will be directly related to the lectures and it is essential to prepare for practical classes before attendance. It is up to you to ensure you perform well in each part of the course: preparing for classes, studying for quizzes and exams and seeking assistance to clarify your understanding. Past exam questions are provided to assist you in preparing for examinations.

UNSW LEARNING OUTCOMES

UNSW aims to provide an environment that fosters students achieving the following generic graduate attributes:

1. the skills involved in scholarly enquiry
2. an in-depth engagement with the relevant disciplinary knowledge in its interdisciplinary context
3. the capacity for analytical and critical thinking and for creative problem-solving
4. the ability to engage in independent and reflective learning
5. information literacy - the skills to appropriately locate, evaluate and use relevant information
6. the capacity for enterprise, initiative and creativity
7. an appreciation of, and respect for, diversity
8. a capacity to contribute to, and work within, the international community
9. the skills required for collaborative and multidisciplinary work
10. an appreciation of, and a responsiveness to, change
11. a respect for ethical practice and social responsibility
12. the skills of effective communication.

Not every course addresses all these attributes evenly. In second year physiology, attributes 1-4 are most relevant. The following are more specific learning outcomes for this course designed to incorporate some of the generic graduate attributes listed above in a more context specific form.

SPECIFIC LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course students are expected to have gained a basic understanding of the fundamental processes and mechanisms that serve and control the various functions of the body. More specifically students should have a basic knowledge of:

Excitable tissues

- introduction to excitable cells and electrical signals in cells
- basic properties and structure of the cell membrane
- movement of ions across cell membranes
- types of membrane transport proteins
- generation of electrical potentials in cells and electrochemical equilibrium
- action potentials and their propagation
- neuromuscular transmission, central synaptic transmission, neurotransmitters and receptors.

Muscle

- structure and mechanical properties of skeletal muscle
- sliding filament hypothesis, excitation-contraction coupling, myofilaments, role of calcium, cross bridge cycle
- structure and function of cardiac and smooth muscle

Autonomic Nervous System

- sympathetic and parasympathetic systems

Cardiovascular system

- function of the cardiovascular system
- pulmonary and systemic circulations
- blood vessels
- cardiac output
- electrical events in the heart
- mechanical events in the heart
- myocardial contractility, regulation of cardiac output
- haemodynamics, physical laws governing the CVS, Poiseuilles equation, streamline and turbulent flow
- control of the cardiovascular system

- regional blood flows
- microcirculation and lymphatics
- integration of cardiovascular physiology

Blood

- functions and composition of blood
- nutritional requirements of erythropoiesis
- blood groups, Rh Factor
- blood clotting

Neurophysiology

- overview of the organization, components, and maintenance, of the nervous system
- sensory transduction and neural coding
- neurophysiology of touch, hearing and vision
- neural control of posture and movement

ASSESSMENT

	%Total Marks
Mid-session Theory Exam (50min duration) Multiple choice and short essay questions on material covered in Session 1 weeks 1-7 inclusive – Friday 23rd April 2010	25%
End of Session Exam (2 hours duration) Short essay questions and multiple choice questions on all lecture and tutorial material covered in Session 1 and multiple choice questions on material pertaining to the practical classes in Session 1. You will not be able to take your prac books into the exam.	50%
Online Feedback Quizzes There will be two 30 minute online feedback quizzes, one in week 6 and one in week 12. These will be done on-line under supervision during your normal allocated practical time. Each quiz will consist of 15 multiple choice questions. The quiz in week 6 will include material covered in all lectures on Excitable Tissues and Muscle. The quiz in week 12 will cover all Cardiovascular lectures. Each quiz will be worth 7.5%. These quizzes will be open book. You may bring in any material with you that you wish.	15%
Practical Quizzes Conducted immediately before some of the practical classes on that day's work.	10%

TEXTBOOK

PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY by Cindy L. Stanfield and William J. Germann, Benjamin Cummings, 3rd edition, 2009. This book comes with an Interactive Physiology CD which is used in some self study sessions. Books are available from the UNSW bookshop.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Physiology is part of the School of Medical Sciences and is within the Faculty of Medicine. It is located on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Wallace Wurth building. General inquiries can be made to the school teaching administrator Carmen Robinson (9385 2464, carmen.robinson@unsw.edu.au) who is located on the Ground Floor of the Wallace Wurth Building room MG14.

Professor Gary Housley is Head of Department and appointments to see him may be made through email (G.Housley@unsw.edu.au).

There is an honours program conducted by the School. The Honours program is co-ordinated by Dr Patsie Polly (patsie.polly@unsw.edu.au). Any students considering an Honours year should discuss the requirements with the co-ordinator. Outstanding students may be considered for scholarships offered by the University and School and these are offered annually.

Postgraduate research degrees

The Department of Physiology offers students the opportunity to undertake a **Doctorate (Ph.D)**. For further information contact the co-ordinator, Dr Pascal Carrive (P.Carrive@unsw.edu.au).

Departmental Vacation Scholarships: The Department of Physiology supports several summer vacation scholarships each year to enable good students to undertake short research projects within the department. For further details contact the Administrative Officer.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance at practical classes/demonstrations is compulsory FOR ALL STUDENTS, and must be recorded in the class roll ON THE DAY OF THE CLASS. It is your responsibility to ensure that the demonstrator records your attendance and no discussions will be entered into after the completion of the class. Satisfactory completion of the work set for each class is essential and **IS A REQUIREMENT FOR PASSING PHYSIOLOGY**. Non-attendance for other than documented medical or other serious reasons **for more than 1 class per session** may make you ineligible to successfully complete this course. At the very least you may be required to pass an additional oral examination on the practical classes, as well as undertaking the normal practical exam and quizzes. Students who miss practical classes due to illness or for other reasons must submit a medical certificate to Dr. Lesley Ulman (Rm 210B) **WITHIN 7 DAYS (practical classes only)** of missing a class. If received after this time, no consideration will be given and the student will be marked absent from that class. **The following details must be attached: Name, Student number, Course number, Group number, Date of the class, Name of class missed.**

Practical exams are compulsory FOR ALL STUDENTS.

PLEASE NOTE that missing any examination requires lodging a medical certificate with Student Central within **3 DAYS** (refer to UNSW Student Gateway @ www.student.unsw.edu.au for further details).

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION BY EMAIL

All students in courses PHSL2101, 2121 and 2501 are advised that e-mail is the official means by which the School of Medical Sciences at UNSW will communicate with you. All e-mail messages will be sent to your official UNSW e-mail address (e.g., z1234567@student.unsw.edu.au) and, if you do not wish to use the University e-mail system, you **MUST** arrange for your official mail to be forwarded to your chosen address. The University recommends that you check your mail at least every other day. Facilities for checking e-mail are available in the School of Medical Sciences and in the University library. Further information and assistance is available from DIS-Connect, ph. 9385 1777. Free e-mail courses are run by the UNSW Library.

BEHAVIOUR IN PRACTICAL CLASSES

Students must take due care with biological and hazardous material and make sure all equipment is left clean and functional. Those who don't adhere to these basic laboratory rules

will be marked absent. Closed shoes must be worn to all laboratory classes. A laboratory coat must be worn to some laboratory classes as indicated on the timetable. Punctual arrival is expected and mobile phones should be turned off before entering the class.

CONSENT FORMS

Practical classes involving your participation as a subject require you to sign a witnessed, informed consent form.

NOTICEBOARDS

Noticeboards for this course can be found on the 2nd floor of the Wallace Wurth building. Current timetables and information relevant to you will be displayed here. It is your responsibility to check these regularly.

All lectures are taped by the iletecture system and can be accessed via UNSW Blackboard. Textbooks and some reference materials are available through open reserve.

TEACHING RESOURCES IN PHYSIOLOGY

The Department of Physiology has chosen to use the UNSW Blackboard Learning platform (in replacement of WebCT) to provide teaching material for all of its courses. You can make use of iletecture recordings (audio only) taken of the lectures which are available on Blackboard Learning. Lecture notes and various learning materials will also be made available on BBL either before or shortly after the lecture.

This course has a 'Practice MCQ' section which holds a set of practice questions of the type which you will meet in your exam. They are available on student computers in G2/G4 and 106/108 Wallace Wurth. You can also download the file to your PC, a set of instructions and the file itself can be downloaded via BBL.

For BBL direct access point your browser to:

<http://lms-blackboard.telt.unsw.edu.au/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>

or go to the School's home page at:

<http://medicalsciences.med.unsw.edu.au/>, then select "Current Students" from the menu bar and click on UNSW Blackboard Learning, under "Quicklinks" in the left column. You will need to enter your Zpass credentials (zStudentNo and Zpass). You should have access to the available individual course links if you are properly enrolled. Please note that not every course you have enrolled in has chosen to use UNSW Blackboard Learning as a learning supplement.

System Requirement for BBL:

UNSW Blackboard supports the following web browsers for Windows XP or VISTA.

- Internet Explorer (IE) version 7 or 9
- Firefox 3.0x (must run version 3.0.3 and above)

UNSW Blackboard supports the following web browsers for Mac 10.4 or 10.5 (Mac OS 10.3 is not supported)

- Firefox 3.0.x (must run version 3.0.3 and above)
- Safari 2 or 3

Firefox is the preferred browser in both PC & Mac environment.

HANDWRITING

Students whose writing is difficult to understand will disadvantage themselves in their written assessment. Make every effort to write clearly and legibly. Do not use your own abbreviations.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR MISSED ASSESSMENTS / EXAMS

Please note the following Statement regarding Special Consideration.

*If you believe that your performance in a course, either during session or in an examination, has been adversely affected by sickness or for any other reason, you should notify the Registrar and ask for special consideration in the determination of your results. Such requests should be made as soon as practicable after the problem occurs. **Special consideration sought more than three days after an examination in a course WILL NOT be accepted except in TRULY exceptional circumstances.***

When submitting a request for special consideration you should provide all possible supporting evidence (eg medical certificates) together with your student number and enrolment details. Consideration request forms are available from Student Central in the Chancellery.

Students who miss an assessment must submit an application for consideration to Student Central and must also contact the course convenor immediately. If you miss an assessment and have applied for Special Consideration, this will be taken into account when your final grade is determined. You should note that marks derived from completed assessment tasks may be used as the primary basis for determining an overall mark e.g. by extrapolating from your percentile rank on those tasks. Where appropriate, supplementary examination may be offered, but only when warranted by the circumstances.

Normally, if you miss an exam (without medical reasons) you will be given an absent fail. If you arrive late for an exam no time extension will be granted. It is your responsibility to check timetables and ensure that you arrive with sufficient time.

Please refer to <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/SpecialConsideration.html> for further details regarding special consideration.

REPEATING STUDENTS

Practical class exemptions may be granted to repeat students but students **must** check with the course co-ordinator whether they have exemption **prior** to their first practical class. All students must be familiar with the material covered in the practical classes. All students must attend the practical exam at the end of session.

CONTINUAL COURSE IMPROVEMENT

Periodically student evaluative feedback on the course is gathered, using among other means, UNSW's Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) Process. Student feedback is taken seriously, and continual improvements are made to the course based in part on such feedback. Significant changes to the course will be communicated to subsequent cohorts of students taking the course.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Those students who have a disability that requires some adjustment in their teaching or learning environment are encouraged to discuss their study needs with the course co-ordinator prior to, or at the commencement of, their course, or with the Equity Officer (Disability) in the Equity and Diversity Unit (9385 4734 or

www.equity.unsw.edu.au/disabil.html). Issues to be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional exam and assessment arrangements. Early notification is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made. Information on designing courses and course outlines that take into account the needs of students with disabilities can be found at:

www.secretariat.unsw.edu.au/acboardcom/minutes/coe/disabilityguidelines.pdf

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to UNSW Student Gateway @ www.student.unsw.edu.au

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND PLAGIARISM

The School of Medical Sciences will not tolerate plagiarism in submitted written work. The University regards this as academic misconduct and imposes severe penalties. Evidence of plagiarism in submitted assignments, etc. will be thoroughly investigated and may be penalised by the award of a score of zero for the assessable work. Flagrant plagiarism will be directly referred to the Division of the Registrar for disciplinary action under UNSW rules.

Plagiarism is the presentation of the thoughts or work of another as one's own.* Examples include:

- direct duplication of the thoughts or work of another, including by copying work, or knowingly permitting it to be copied. This includes copying material, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document (whether published or unpublished), composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, web site, Internet, other electronic resource, or another person's assignment without appropriate acknowledgement;
- paraphrasing another person's work with very minor changes keeping the meaning, form and/or progression of ideas of the original;
- piecing together sections of the work of others into a new whole;
- presenting an assessment item as independent work when it has been produced in whole or part in collusion with other people, for example, another student or a tutor;
- claiming credit for a proportion a work contributed to a group assessment item that is greater than that actually contributed.†

Submitting an assessment item that has already been submitted for academic credit elsewhere may also be considered plagiarism.

Other examples of plagiarism include:

- quotation without the use of quotation marks. It is a serious breach of these rules to quote another's work without using quotation marks, even if one then refers to the quoted source. The fact that it is quoted must be acknowledged in your work.
- unacknowledged use of information or ideas, unless such information or ideas are commonplace.
- citing sources (e.g. texts) which you have not read, without acknowledging the 'secondary' source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Appropriate citation of sources therefore includes surrounding any directly quoted text with quotation marks, with block indentation for larger segments of directly-quoted text. The preferred format for citation of references is an author-date format with an alphabetically arranged bibliography at the end of the assignment. Note that merely citing textbooks or website URLs is unlikely to yield a bibliography of satisfactory standard. The internet should be avoided as a primary source of information. Inclusion of appropriate journal articles, both primary research publications and reviews, is usually expected.

The inclusion of the thoughts or work of another with attribution appropriate to the academic discipline does *not* amount to plagiarism.

Students are reminded of their Rights and Responsibilities in respect of plagiarism, as set out in the University Undergraduate and Postgraduate Handbooks, and are encouraged to seek advice from academic staff whenever necessary to ensure they avoid plagiarism in all its forms.

The Learning Centre website is the central University online resource for staff and student information on plagiarism and academic honesty. It can be located at:

www.lc.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism

The Learning Centre also provides substantial educational written materials, workshops, and tutorials to aid students, for example, in:

- correct referencing practices;
- paraphrasing, summarising, essay writing, and time management;
- appropriate use of, and attribution for, a range of materials including text, images, formulae and concepts.

Individual assistance is available on request from The Learning Centre.

Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting, and the proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

* Based on that proposed to the University of Newcastle by the St James Ethics Centre. Used with kind permission from the University of Newcastle.

† Adapted with kind permission from the University of Melbourne.

GUIDELINES ON EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AFFECTING ATTENDANCE

Students should refer to the following website for information relating to extracurricular activities.

[http://medicalsciences.med.unsw.edu.au/SOMSWeb.nsf/resources/Course+Outline+NEUR+2/\\$file/Extra-curricularActivitiesSOMS.pdf](http://medicalsciences.med.unsw.edu.au/SOMSWeb.nsf/resources/Course+Outline+NEUR+2/$file/Extra-curricularActivitiesSOMS.pdf)

APPEAL PROCEDURES

Refer to UNSW Student Gateway @ www.student.unsw.edu.au.

GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION OFFICER

In case you have any problems or grievance about the course, you should try to resolve it with the Course Co-ordinator (Dr Lesley Ulman 9385 3601). If the grievance cannot be resolved in this way, you should contact the School of Medical Sciences Grievance Officer, Dr P.Pandey (9385 2483, P.Pandey@unsw.edu.au).

TIMETABLES

**PHYSIOLOGY 1A PHS2101, PHS2121, PHS2501
SESSION 1 2010**

LECTURES AND TUTORIALS

Week No. Commencing	LECTURE Tuesday 9-10 Mathews A	LECTURE Wednesday 9-10 Mathews A	LECTURE Friday 2-3 Lecture – Mathews A Tutorials – Biomed B, E, Mathews C, D, 102 & 310
2 8-Mar	Introduction ULMAN	Excitable Tissues 1 MOORHOUSE	Excitable Tissues 2 MOORHOUSE
3 15-Mar	Excitable Tissues 3 MOORHOUSE	Muscle 1 HEAD	<i>Tutorial – excitable tissues</i>
4 22-Mar	Excitable Tissues 4 MOORHOUSE	Muscle 2 HEAD	Muscle 3 HEAD
5 29-Mar	Excitable Tissues 5 MOORHOUSE	Excitable Tissues 6 MOORHOUSE	Good Friday
Easter Recess 2 April – 11 April			
6 12-Apr	Blood 1 ULMAN	Blood 2 ULMAN	<i>Tutorial – excitable tissues</i>
7 19-Apr	Autonomic Nervous System VICKERY	Blood 3 ULMAN	MIDSESSION EXAM
8 26-Apr	Cardiovascular System 1 ULMAN	Cardiovascular System 2 ULMAN	Cardiovascular System 3 ULMAN
9 3-May	Cardiovascular System 4 ULMAN	Cardiovascular System 5 MURPHY	<i>Tutorial – CVS</i>
10 10-May	Cardiovascular System 6 MURPHY	Cardiovascular System 7 MURPHY	Cardiovascular System 8 MURPHY
11 17-May	Cardiovascular System 9 MURPHY	Neurophysiology 1 VICKERY	Neurophysiology 2 VICKERY
12 24-May	Neurophysiology 3 VICKERY	Neurophysiology 4 VICKERY	<i>Tutorial – neurophysiology</i>
13 31-May	Neurophysiology 5 VICKERY	Neurophysiology 6 VICKERY	<i>Tutorial – neurophysiology</i>

WK	DAY	DATE	GP	PRAC TIMES Tues 10-1 (gps 1,2&3) Tues 2-5 (gps 4,5&6) Wed 10-1 (gps 7,8&9)	GP	PRAC TIMES Tues 10-1 (gps 1,2&3) Tues 2-5 (gps 4,5&6) Wed 10-1 (gps 7,8&9)	GP	PRAC TIMES Tues 10-1 (gps 1,2&3) Tues 2-5 (gps 4,5&6) Wed 10-1 (gps 7,8&9)
2		9/3 10/3	All gps	NO PRACTICALS				
3	Tues am	16/3	1	SAFE HANDLING OF BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS	2	EXCITABLE CELL PHYSIOLOGY	3	SELF STUDY SESSION – INTERACTIVE SELF STUDY SESSION 1
	Tues pm	16/3	4		5		6	
	Wed am	17/3	7		8		9	
4	Tues am	23/3	3	Lab M210	1	Lab 202	2	
	Tues pm	23/3	6		4		5	
	Wed am	24/3	9		7		8	
5	Tues am	30/3	2		3		1	
	Tues pm	30/3	5		6		4	
	Wed am	31/3	8		9		7	
EASTER BREAK 2nd – 11th April								
6	Tues am Tues pm Wed am	13/4 13/4 14/4	All gps	ONLINE FEEDBACK QUIZ 1				
7	Tues am	20/4	1	INTRODUCTION TO CVS	2	SKELETAL MUSCLE	3	MICROCIRCULATION
	Tues pm	20/4	4		5		6	
	Wed am	21/4	7		8		9	
8	Tues am	27/4	3	Lab 2	1	Lab 204	2	Lab M210
	Tues pm	27/4	6		4		5	
	Wed am	28/4	9		7		8	
9	Tues am	4/5	2		3		1	
	Tues pm	4/5	5		6		4	
	Wed am	5/5	8		9		7	
10	Tues am	11/5	1	ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL EVENTS IN THE CARDIAC CYCLE	2	NERVE CONDUCTION & REFLEXES	3	SENSORY PHYSIOLOGY
	Tues pm	11/5	4		5		6	
	Wed am	12/5	7		8		9	
11	Tues am	18/5	3	Lab 204	1	Lab M210	2	Lab 202
	Tues pm	18/5	6		4		5	
	Wed am	19/5	9		7		8	
12	Tues am Tues pm Wed am	25/5 25/5 26/5	All gps	ONLINE FEEDBACK QUIZ 2				
13	Tues am	1/6	2	ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL EVENTS IN THE CARDIAC CYCLE	3	NERVE CONDUCTION & REFLEXES	1	SENSORY PHYSIOLOGY
	Tues pm	1/6	5		6		4	
	Wed am	2/6	8		9		7	
				Lab 204	Lab M210		Lab 202	

Compulsory lab coats required for “shaded” classes

LECTURE OUTLINES

EXCITABLE TISSUES

1. Introduction to excitable cells and electrical signals in cells. Brief review of electricity and chemical properties of ions. Electrical and chemical properties of the cell membrane.
2. How substances cross the cell membrane: diffusion; exocytosis and endocytosis; via membrane transporters. Facilitated diffusion and ion channels. Primary and secondary membrane transporters. The $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+/\text{ATPase}$.
3. How electrical potentials are generated. Membrane potential. Nernst equation. Action potentials. Ionic currents and channels mediating a nerve action potential.
4. Action potential propagation and myelination. Cell to cell communication. Receptors. Chemical synaptic transmission.
5. Neuromuscular transmission. Central synaptic transmission. Neurotransmitters and receptors. Inhibitory and excitatory synaptic responses. Termination of neurotransmitter action. Neurotransmitter transporters.
6. Excitable tissues practical class conclusion and wrap up of major course objectives.

MUSCLE

1. Structure of skeletal muscle. Mechanical properties of whole skeletal muscle, summation and tetanus.
2. Sliding filament hypothesis; excitation-contraction coupling; the myofilaments; the role of calcium; cross bridge cycle.
3. The structure and functions of cardiac and smooth muscle.

AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM

1. Organization of the sympathetic and parasympathetic systems; differences between autonomic and somatic synapses; receptor classes and second-messenger systems; levels of reflex control; diverse effects of the autonomic nervous system.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

1. Introduction to the cardiovascular system. Role of the circulation. Circulation of blood through heart, pulmonary and systemic circuits.
2. Blood vessels. Types of vessels; arteries, veins, capillaries and their functions. Cardiac output; normal values and method of measurement. Distribution of body fluid.
3. Electrical events in the heart. Conduction through the heart. Cardiac action potentials: pacemaker and non-pacemaker. The ECG.
4. Mechanical events in the heart. Relation of mechanical events to electrical events. Relation of pressures and volumes of cardiac chambers to ECG. Points of opening and closing of valves.

5. Myocardial contractility. Intrinsic regulation of cardiac output (Anrep and Bowditch effects).
6. Haemodynamics. The distribution of pressure, resistance and vessel surface area throughout the CVS. Physical laws governing the CVS. Poiseuille's equation, streamline and turbulent flow.
7. Control of the cardiovascular system. The autonomic nervous system and effects on CVS. Central control of CVS. Cardiovascular reflexes; arterial baroreceptors, arterial chemoreceptors, atrial and great vein baroreceptors.
8. Regional blood flows. Local control of blood flow; intrinsic mechanisms (metabolic and myogenic) and autoregulation. Extrinsic control - neural and humoral. Major factors regulating coronary, cerebral, pulmonary and muscle circulation.
9. Microcirculation and lymphatics. Capillary morphology. Exchange across the capillary wall. Starling forces and fluid balance. Role of lymphatics. Integration of cardiovascular physiology.

BLOOD

1. Functions and composition of blood. Leucocytes, erythrocytes, plasma proteins, erythropoiesis.
2. Nutritional requirements of erythropoiesis, B₁₂ Fe. Anaemia. Blood groups: ABO and Rh and incompatibilities.
3. Blood clotting – vascular spasm, platelet plug formation, coagulation, clot retraction and clot replacement, clotting abnormalities, anticlotting agents

NEUROPHYSIOLOGY

1. Overview of the organization of the peripheral and central nervous system. The roles and structural features of neurons and glia. The blood-brain barrier and functions of cerebro-spinal fluid.
2. Principles of stimulus transduction and neural coding of the environment. Receptors for touch, temperature and pain. Pathways for somatosensory information to cortex, and somatotopic organization.
3. Hearing & Balance: structure and function of the outer, middle and inner ear, and their roles in the transduction of sound. Structure and function of vestibular system: semicircular canals, utricle and sacule.
4. Forming an image in the eye and optical defects. Classification and distribution of photoreceptors. Colour vision and colour blindness.
5. Topographic organization of sensory and motor cortex. The motor unit, motor neuron and Ia spindle afferent and control of muscle force.
6. Definition of a reflex; the myotatic reflex; Golgi tendon organ; spinal inhibitory interneurons; role of reflexes in posture and movement. Roles of cerebellum, basal ganglia and motor cortex in planning and conducting movements.