

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO
MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

PHYSIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE TITLE: **DIRECTED READINGS**

COURSE CODE: **FISA 8542**

CREDIT HOURS: **1 CREDITS (18 HOURS)**

COURSE DURATION: **18 WEEKS**

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: **MIN.: 1 MAX.: 5**

COORDINATOR NAME: **STAFF**

COORDINATOR OFFICE HOURS: **TO BE ARRANGED**

COORDINATOR OFFICE: **N/A**

COURSE HOURS: **TO BE ARRANGED**

WHEN WILL BE OFFERED: ___ QUATERLY **X** SEMESTER
 ___ YEAR ___ SUMMER

PREREQUISITE: **FISA 8601; FISA 8602**

COURSE JUSTIFICATION: **There is a need to have a course in which graduate students can choose a specific area of physiology and perform a literature review.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course offers recent information regarding physiology above and beyond what is available in the basic textbooks. New advances in physiology will be discussed in detail, depending on the students enrolled in the course. Students will pick topics of interest to them, research the topic in detail and present a seminar, or a group discussion of information contained in the collection of papers. All students will be required to read background information about each seminar topic in advance of the seminar. Students will normally discuss methodologies, which integrate basic concepts, theories and research strategies

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS:

1. Describe and discuss the relevant new information presented in the literature and attempt to provide a unifying theory for the data discussed.
2. Describe the new information in detail, paying particular attention to new findings which may be of value to other areas of science.
3. Examine the molecular and cellular basis of the discovery presented in seminar or group discussion.
4. Analyze events that lead up to the discovery presented. Show how the investigators took advantage of previous knowledge to come to the new discovery.

The students should provide proficiency with the course objectives, that will be measured by analysis, integration and comparison of the above mentioned concepts, that will be evaluated through multiple choice questions, essay exams, term papers, presentations and/or publications.

COURSE TOPICS AND TIME DISTRIBUTION:

Course topics and time distribution will be determined by the instructor depending upon student interests.

TEACHING STRATEGIES:

METHODS:

Seminars
Group discussions
Assigned readings

AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES:

Power Point
Transparencies
Blackboard

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance
Class Participation

EVALUATION STRATEGIES:

Paper presentations 75%
Class attendance and participation 25%

EVALUATION SYSTEM:

- A 90-100 %
- B 80-89 %
- C 70-79 %
- D 60-69 %
- F 50-59 %

BIBLIOGRAFY:

Recent scientific papers chosen by the student under the advise of the instructor.

REASANOBLE ACCOMODATION STATEMENT:

Students with a health condition or situation that, according to the law, makes them eligible for reasonable accommodation have the right to submit a written application to the professor and the dean of their Faculty, according to the procedures established in the document Submittal Process for reasonable Accommodation of the Medical Sciences Campus. A free copy of this document may be obtained at the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, second floor of the School of Pharmacy building; phone 787-758-2525 ext. 5203. A copy may also be obtained at the Office of the faculty Deans as well as in the MSC web page. The application does not exempt the student from complying with the academic requirements pertaining to the programs of the Medical Sciences Campus.

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