BIOL2220
Systems Physiology
Session 2, Infrequent attendance, North Ryde 2021

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update
The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
(BIOL2230 or BIOL257) or (20cp from (BIOL1110 or BIOL115) and ((BIOL1210 or BIOL108) or (BIOL1310 or BIOL114) or (BIOL1320 or BIOL122) or (BIOL1610 or BIOL116))) or ((PSYU1104 or PSYC104 or PSYU1101) and (PSYU1105 or PSYC105 or PSYU1102)) or ((ANAT1001 or HLTH108) and (ANAT1002 or HLTH109))

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit considers the maintenance of body homeostasis. We investigate the cardiovascular system including an examination of the electrical and mechanical functions of the heart, its interaction with the blood vessels, and the hormones and the autonomic nervous system that control heart function. Next we study the role of the renal system in the control of the chemical composition of the body, water balance and body fluid volume. An overview of the respiratory system and the gastrointestinal systems will follow. Practical classes involve measuring physiological parameters such as blood pressure and electrical conduction through the heart (the ECG) in humans.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Explain how the cardiovascular, renal and respiratory systems contribute to the maintenance of homeostasis
ULO2: Relate specific structural features of organs to essential system functions
ULO3: Interpret physiological processes using equations of physical, chemical, and electrical properties

ULO4: Analyse data, and synthesise and communicate the implications of experimental results

ULO5: Perform experiments safely with human subjects and accurately collect data, demonstrating adherence to Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee sanctioned protocols

ULO6: Identify situations in which organ systems interact to produce a co-ordinated response

General Assessment Information

Please note that this unit cannot be completed fully online. It will run online in August and September 2021 but experimental activities will run on-campus in October-November 2021.

Assessment details

A hurdle requirement is an activity for which a minimum level of performance or participation is a condition of passing a unit. The hurdle requirement in BIOL2220 in 2021 is that you must complete and submit all three practical assignments.

Assignment due dates and marks

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<th>% total mark</th>
<th>Date due for internal students</th>
<th>Date due for external students</th>
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<tr>
<td>Eight online quizzes</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>See quiz timetable below</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mid-semester test on cardiovascular and renal systems</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Offered in allocated practical sessions in week 7 (6, 7 or 8 September 2021)</td>
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<td>Practical assignments 1 and 2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Friday of the week following completion of practical ECG assignment – week 3 prac, deadline 20 August 2021 Blood pressure prac – week 4, deadline 27 August 2021</td>
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<td>Practical assignment – permeability and osmolarity 3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>29 September 2021 (post mid semester break)</td>
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**Practical classes and assignments**

Practical classes will run in mixed mode (online and on-campus). Online will be delivered by Zoom. First block of practicals will be offered online. Second block of practicals you will be able to come on campus and perform all practical aspects of the practicals. You will find detailed information concerning online and on-campus sessions (for internals and externals) on iLearn. You will be assigned a practical time slot and you are expected to attend all practical classes.

There are written assignments associated with the ECG, Cardiovascular System (Posture) and the Permeability practical classes. There will also be an online quiz that will include the content of the Digestion practical.

The details of each of the three practical assignments are in the practical manual which can be accessed through iLearn. The completed assignments must be submitted to Turnitin by 11.59 on due dates seen in the table above. No paper copies will be accepted.

**Mid-semester Test**

This test will include 35 multiple choice questions to be completed in 50 minutes. All of the cardiovascular section, the first three renal lectures (lectures 1-12) and the material presented in the completed practical classes may be included in the test. You must complete the test individually. During the test you will see only one question at a time. You will have only one chance to answer each question. You may not go back in the quiz to correct any answers. Think carefully before answering and budget your overall time carefully.

**Online quizzes**

All eight quizzes are in the form of multiple choice questions and will be available from 1pm on the Thursday until Wednesday midnight of the following week. The time limit to complete each quiz will vary with the number of questions. Only one attempt at each quiz is allowed. Similar to the mid-semester test you will see only one question at a time. You will have only one chance to answer each question. You may not go back in the quiz to correct any answers. Think carefully before answering and budget your overall time carefully.

**Quiz timetable**

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<tr>
<th>Quiz</th>
<th>Content</th>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Quiz opens 1pm</th>
<th>Quiz closes 23:59</th>
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<tr>
<td>Q1</td>
<td>Content of lectures 1-4</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5 August 2021</td>
<td>11 August 2021</td>
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### Final Exam

The exam is a two hour paper with multiple choice questions, and short answer questions. All the lecture and practical material is examinable.

### Assessment Tasks

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<th>Name</th>
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<th>Hurdle</th>
<th>Due</th>
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<tr>
<td>Practical class assignments</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>scheduled in exam period</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mid-semester test</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2nd of October for externals</td>
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### Practical class assignments

Assessment Type 1: Lab report  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 16 hours  
Due: see assessment information  
Weighting: 15%

This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

There are three assignments based on practical classes. These are to be completed in the week
following the practical, and submitted to Turnitin. This is a hurdle and students have to submit all three assignments to be able to pass the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain how the cardiovascular, renal and respiratory systems contribute to the maintenance of homeostasis
- Interpret physiological processes using equations of physical, chemical, and electrical properties
- Analyse data, and synthesise and communicate the implications of experimental results
- Perform experiments safely with human subjects and accurately collect data, demonstrating adherence to Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee sanctioned protocols
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**Eight online quizzes**

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 8 hours
Due: see assessment information
Weighting: 20%

A number of online quizzes will be undertaken throughout the semester.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain how the cardiovascular, renal and respiratory systems contribute to the maintenance of homeostasis
- Relate specific structural features of organs to essential system functions
- Interpret physiological processes using equations of physical, chemical, and electrical properties
- Analyse data, and synthesise and communicate the implications of experimental results

**Final Exam**

Assessment Type 1: Examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 3 hours
Due: scheduled in exam period
Weighting: 50%
The final exam will be held in the formal examination period, and will be based on all lecture and practical material.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Explain how the cardiovascular, renal and respiratory systems contribute to the maintenance of homeostasis
• Relate specific structural features of organs to essential system functions
• Interpret physiological processes using equations of physical, chemical, and electrical properties
• Analyse data, and synthesise and communicate the implications of experimental results
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### Mid-semester test

**Assessment Type**: Quiz/Test  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 3 hours  
**Due**: 2nd of October for externals  
**Weighting**: 15%

A mid-semester test will be undertaken online before the mid-semester break.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Explain how the cardiovascular, renal and respiratory systems contribute to the maintenance of homeostasis  
• Relate specific structural features of organs to essential system functions  
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1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

• the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment  
• the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.
Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

Delivery and Resources

Lectures and practicals

There will be two lectures each week. Because of the need for social distancing there can sadly be no on-campus lectures for Systems Physiology this semester. Each week’s lectures will be made available through ECHO on the iLearn site by 10am Monday at the start of each week of semester.

For external students practical classes will be offered as blocks in weeks 2 and 8 of the semester. These will also operate remotely and be accessible online. When you enroll in the unit you will be assigned to one of these sessions for your practical class. Zoom links will be added to iLearn and it is important that you attend the online practical in your allotted time so that we can balance the student load across the classes.

You will find online lectures in ECHO on an “Introduction to Neurophysiology” and the “Autonomic Nervous System”. The background information contained in these lectures is required for understanding of concepts introduced in BIOL2220 so it is essential that all students who have not completed BIOL257 study these lectures in week one. These lectures will also be a helpful revision tool for students who have completed BIOL257.

Unit Material and Textbooks


iLearn

Your iLearn site will contain everything you need for this course, including discussion forums and class announcements. You should check this site regularly. You should also check your university email regularly for important announcements.

Past exam papers, and the final exam in 2021

The final exam will take place on-campus unless further instructions are given that it should run online. To help you prepare for the final exam you may wish to look at past exam papers. These can be accessed from the library using this link.


Note that the structure of the exam in 2021 will be similar to, but not identical to previous years.
# Unit Schedule

## Lecture schedule 2021

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<th>Week</th>
<th>Lecture topics</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>1. Overview of the cardiovascular system. 2. Electrical activity of the heart.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>3. Generation of the heartbeat. 4. Regulation of contraction of cardiac muscle.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>7. Function of the microcirculation/control of blood flow. 8. Regulation of cardiac output.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>9. Short term regulation of arterial blood pressure. 10 Structure and function of the renal system.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>11. Production of urine by the nephron. 12. Excretion as the outcome of filtration, reabsorption and secretion.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>15. Structure and function of the respiratory system. 16. The process of breathing.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>17. Alveolar ventilation and perfusion. 18. Gas exchange</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>19. Control of respiration. 20. Nutrition</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>21. Function and organisation of the gastrointestinal system. 22. Motility of the gastrointestinal system</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>25. Catch up and revision</td>
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## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- **Academic Appeals Policy**
- **Academic Integrity Policy**
- **Academic Progression Policy**
- **Assessment Policy**
- **Fitness to Practice Procedure**
- **Grade Appeal Policy**
- **Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public**
- **Special Consideration Policy**

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au)
Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

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IT Help

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