Neurophysiology, BIOL 418, Spring 2014

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Grades: 3 Exams: 50 questions (1.0 point each) = 150 points
Final exam: 100 questions (1.0 point each) = 100 points
Quiz Scores: 10 quizzes (10 points each) = 100 points
Lab exercises 5 worksheet sets (10 points each) = 50 points (tentative)
Total = 400 points

A 93 - 100%  A- 90 - 92%
B+ 87 - 89%  B  83 - 86%
B- 80 - 82%
C+ 77 - 79%
C 70 - 76%
D 60 - 69%
F < 60%*

The exams will cover any and/or all lecture material, laboratory exercises, and reading assignments.

Student learning objectives (SLOs)

1) Understand the various processes of exchange and transport across the cell membrane.
2) Understand resting membrane potential and the basis of excitability.
3) Understand signal transduction and receptor function.
4) Understand the functions and general organization of the nervous system.
5) Describe the organization of the 5 sensory systems.
6) Describe the hierarchical organization of the motor system.
7) Understand the principles of synaptic integration.

Last day to drop without permission: 1/31

Last day to drop without a serious and compelling reason: 2/14
**Tentative Lecture Schedule** (additional reading will be assigned in class)

1 Introduction to the Nervous System. Chapters 1 and 2.
2 Membrane Channels and Signaling. Chapter 6.
4 Action Potential I. Chapter 9.
5 Action Potential II
6 Neurons as Conductors: Propagation of the Action Potential. Chapter 8. **Exam 1**
7 Electrical and Chemical Synaptic Transmission. Chapter 10.
10 Biochemistry of Synaptic Transmission. Chapter 15. **Exam 2**
11 Learning and Memory I. Chapter 62.
12 Learning and Memory II. Chapter 63.
13 From Genes to Structure to Behavior. Chapters 3 and 17.
14 Nervous System Development I. Chapter 52.
15 Nervous System Development II. Chapter 53.
16 Axon Guidance I. Chapter 54.
17 Synapse Formation. Chapter 55.
18 Fine-Tuning Synaptic Connections. Chapter 56. **Exam 3**
19 Sensory Intro: Chapters 21 and 22.
20 Somatosensory system: Chapters 22-24
22. Vision II Kandel. Chapter 26
23 Hearing Kandel. Chapters and 30 and 31.
24 Olfaction and Other Sensory Systems. Chapter 32. **Cumulative Final Exam; Wed. May 14 10:00 – 11:50**