



# Principles of Biomedical Sciences

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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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*As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty Six Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nation and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another. We recognize that in the course of your studies you will spend time learning in other traditional territories and Métis homelands. We wish you safe, productive and respectful encounters in these places.*

## Principles in Biomedical Sciences – Course Overview

*The Covid-19 pandemic has caused significant changes to delivery of medical curriculum. We are planning to include in-person educational experiences, where possible, during the 2021-22 Fall Term. However, due to pandemic circumstances, the College of Medicine undergraduate education program may need to:*

- *Modify curriculum content delivery outside of usual procedures and at short notice.*
- *Modify Course assessments which may need to be changed to a different format, or to have different weighting from that outlined in the syllabus.*

*As information becomes available, we will provide updates to students on any changes relating to content originally outlined in the syllabus.*

**If you are on campus at any time, ensure you know what is required and expected of you:** One of the critical lessons learned in dealing with COVID-19 is knowing that situations can change and we must be flexible and ready to adjust our safety protocols. Instead of listing all of the relevant information in your course outline, the university has created [a webpage](#) where all up-to-date information around returning to campus is listed. You are responsible for regularly checking the health and safety guidelines <https://covid19.usask.ca/about/safety.php#Expectations> and knowing what is expected of you throughout the fall term. The College of Medicine has specific COVID protocols that are also important for you to be aware of and follow on the [College of Medicine website](#).

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The practice of medicine requires grounding in scientific principles, as well as understanding how current medical knowledge is scientifically justified, and how that knowledge evolves. The principles that underlie biological complexity, genetic diversity, human development, micro and gross anatomy, and the influence of nutrition and environment guide our understanding of human health and disease. Curiosity, skepticism, objectivity, and the use of scientific reasoning are fundamental to the practice of medicine. This course will introduce students to the principles of physiology, histology, embryology, anatomy, genetics, oncology, nutrition, pharmacology, microbiology, immunology, and pathology that form the scientific basis of clinical medicine.

Completion of this course will contribute to attaining elements of the overall undergraduate program objectives ([Program Learning Objectives](#)).

## OVERALL COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the completion of the Principles in Biomedical Sciences course, students will be expected to:

1. Explain the normal form and function of the human body with introductory application to human health and disease.
2. Explain the basics of human nutrition and its role in supporting optimum health and to be able to advise patients on appropriate up-to-date dietary strategies.
3. Apply, at an introductory level, principles of genetics to the diagnosis and management of common genetic disorders and have an approach to basic genetic counseling.
4. Describe the basic principles of pharmacology, how various agents alter homeostasis and the pharmacological basis of therapeutics.
5. Explain the basic principles of general pathology, immunology and microbiology with introductory application to human health and disease.

In addition, each discipline-specific module in the course will also have its own specific objectives.

Information on literal descriptors for grading in the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan can be found in the [Pre-Clerkship Student Information Guide](#) – Student Assessment Section

More information on the Academic Courses Policy on course delivery, examinations and assessment of student learning can be found at: <http://policies.usask.ca/policies/academic-affairs/academic-courses.php> NOTE: The College of Medicine a specific policies and procedures for course delivery, exams and assessment that can found on the [Policies, Procedures and Forms](#) page of the College of Medicine website.

The University of Saskatchewan Learning Charter is intended to define aspirations about the learning experience that the University aims to provide, and the roles to be played in realizing these aspirations by students, instructors and the institution. A copy of the Learning Charter can be found at: [www.usask.ca/university\\_secretary/LearningCharter.pdf](http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/LearningCharter.pdf)

All learning objectives (course, module, and session) can be accessed on the College of Medicine/Curriculum website under the appropriate year and course. A print version is also available. Please access the link below for the most current objectives.

<https://share.usask.ca/medicine/one45/kbase/Curriculum%20Objectives.aspx>

## COURSE CONTACTS

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

The Principles of Biomedical Sciences Course is organized in 5 modules running concurrently. Session schedules for each of the modules will be posted on One45.

All information relating to this course is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

## **COURSE MODULES**

Physiology, Histology, Embryology, and Anatomy (PHE&A)

Genetics

Nutrition

Pharmacology

Microbiology, Immunology, Pathology (MIP)

## **COURSE DELIVERY**

Students will learn through a variety of methods, including:

- Large group sessions including lectures, interactive discussions, online materials, and case-based problem solving.
- Facilitated small group learning sessions.
- Independent self-directed reading and exercises.

## **COURSE MATERIAL ACCESS**

Course materials are available in One45. This syllabus, forms, and other useful documents will be posted there.

- If you have not been assigned a user name (NSID – U of S Network Service ID) and password for PAWS, contact Student Central (306) 966-1212 or contact IT Services Help Desk (306) 966-4817.

Course materials and electronic assignment submission will be done through Course Tools (Canvas).

## **RESOURCES**

Please see each individual module and/or section on the following pages for required and recommended resources.

## COURSE ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Course Component	Module Component	Module Weight	Component Requirement	Weighting in Final Principles Module Mark
PHEA Module	Assignments 9 Histology/12 Anatomy	15%	70% on module	20%
	Midterm	15%		
	Anatomy/Histology Practical Midterm	20%		
	Final Written Exam	25%		
	Final Practical Lab Exam	25%		
Genetics Module	Take-Home Assignments x 3	20%	70% on module	20%
	Teratology Paper	15%		
	Midterm	30%		
	Genetics Final Exam	35%		
Nutrition Module	Written Assignment	15%	70% on module	20%
	Midterm	35%		
	Nutrition Final Exam	50%		
Pharmacology Module	Quiz	15%	70% on module	20%
	Midterm	35%		
	Pharmacology Final Exam	50%		
MIP Module	Immunology Quizzes x 5	20%	70% on module	20%
	Pathology Take-Home Assignment	5%		
	Midterm Exam	30%		
	MIP Final Exam	45%		
Course Total Mark				100%

In order to provide students more individualized feedback following most exams students will receive individual feedback sheets that will detail the student's progress towards achievement of the course/module objectives.

### EXAM PROCTORING

Due to pandemic related circumstances, examinations during this course may be delivered remotely. In that event, proctoring software or other remote invigilation methods will be employed concurrently during the examination to ensure academic integrity of the assessment.

### MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULING

Midterm and final examinations must be written on the date scheduled.

Students should avoid making prior travel, employment, or other commitments for in-term exams and final exams. If a student is unable to write an exam through no fault of their own for medical or other valid reasons, they should refer to the College of Medicine [Deferred Exam policy and procedure](#).

## RUBRICS

Where applicable, rubrics for all assignments will be posted on One45 for the relevant session. For those assignments submitted via Canvas they are also posted in Canvas. In the event of a discrepancy between the two versions, that posted on Canvas shall be taken to be correct.

## POLICY FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION & REMEDIATION

For successful completion of the Principles of Biomedical Sciences Course (hereafter called “Principles”) for the purposes of promotion, students must achieve a minimum grade of 70% in each of the five modules within the Principles course [(1) PHEA (Physiology, Histology, Embryology, Anatomy), (2) Genetics and Oncology, (3) Nutrition, (4) Pharmacology and (5) MIP (Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology) Modules]. Students not promoted on the basis of failure of this course will receive a grade of “F” on their transcripts.

A student’s grade for the overall course will be determined at the end of term based on a combination of the weighted graded assessments within each individual module as described in each module section of the syllabus.

The requirements for successful completion of the Principles Course are listed below. Please note that students must meet the overall Term I promotion standards in order to be promoted to Foundations I (see Student Information Guide):

- A) Students will be considered to have successfully completed the Principles Course if they have achieved a minimum 70% average grade in each of the five modules.
- B) Students who have not received the required 70% average grade in any of the five modules will be deemed to be experiencing academic difficulty. At the end of the term, the severity of academic difficulty will be determined based on a weighted grade deficit assessment (see Table 1 for grade deficit point allocation rubric). In order to intervene early with students in danger of experiencing academic difficulty we will meet with students having a midterm mark of less than 70% in any module in any of the midterm exams. These meetings will be between the student and the course chair and Year One Chair or designates, and the Academic Support team to discuss ways to improve academic performance. If the student receives a mark of less than 70% in a midterm exam in two or more modules, they will be required to meet with a larger course sub-committee of at least 3 people (made up of the Course Chairs; relevant Module Director(s); Year Chair, Academic Support Specialist or designates) to discuss ways to improve academic performance. Goal of such meetings is not meant to be punitive, but will be student-centered, and focused on developing a learning plan to overcome the learning deficits.
- C) At the end of term, any eligible student who has a final mark of less than 70% in any module may be offered remediation for the module(s) for which they did not achieve the standard. Students who are eligible for remediation will be required to meet with the Course Director and/or Year Chair and Academic Support Team to identify areas of weakness and develop a structured remediation and learning plan, and complete a supplemental assessment. Remediation will be followed by a supplemental comprehensive examination for that module. The determination of eligibility for remediation will be based on a grade deficit assessment (see Table 1 for grade deficit point allocation rubric). Students will be offered remediation up to and including the point where they have accrued a maximum of four grade deficit points for Principles.

Comprehensive supplemental examinations following remediation will be written in the first week of term II.

- D) A student will be considered unsuccessful in the Principles course if they accumulate **five grade deficit points** or have failed **one (1) supplementalexam in a module**, whichever comes first. The Year I Term I Promotions Committee and the Student Academic Management Committee will adjudicate further decisions regarding academic outcomes.

- E) Students who have not achieved the required 70% average grade in each of the five modules and who have written a supplemental examination, but who still have not achieved the required standard, will be required to meet with the Course Sub-Committee to determine a course of action, which may include additional opportunity to remediate if they have fewer than five deficit points as defined in Section (C); or may include a decision that the student has been unsuccessful in the course and will NOT be offered further supplemental examinations.
- F) Success in supplemental assessment will be accorded a maximum grade equivalent to the minimum requirement for that component of the course (70% for a Module).
- G) A mark of 0% will be given for any missed quiz or examination, unless otherwise arranged as per the College of Medicine Attendance Policy and Deferral Policy.

Students who are eligible for supplemental examination will be contacted by the Course or Module Director and should arrange to meet with the Module Director or designate to discuss educational issues and develop a learning plan.

**Table I: Grade Deficit Point Allocation**

	Overall Grade Achieved in Module before Remediation		
	Average < 70% and ≥ 60%	Average < 60% and ≥ 50%	Average < 50%
PHEA	I	II	III
Genetics	I	II	III
Nutrition	I	II	III
Pharmacology	I	II	III
MIP	I	II	III

I: one grade deficit point; II: two grade deficit points; III: three grade deficit points

### ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Course or Module Directors will provide all students with a summary of post-examination learning points focusing on clarification of concepts where significant numbers of students appeared to have difficulty. Actual examination papers will not be made available to all students, however in the event of specific module or examination failure, students may contact the appropriate Module Director, Course Director or Course Chair to arrange an opportunity to discuss their examination performance.

## MIDTERM AND FINAL ASSESSMENT DATES

PHE& A Midterm – September 21, 2021

Anatomy Practical Midterm Exam – September 25, 2021

MIP Midterm – October 1, 2021

Pharmacology Midterm – October 8, 2021

Genetics Midterm – October 15, 2021

Nutrition Midterm – October 22, 2021

Practical and Written final exams for the Principles Course will take place on November 26, 29, December 3 and 6. (see module sections of this syllabus)

## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR THIS TRANSITION TERM

During this transition term it is important that we undertake in-person elements of this class safely. In order to do this the university has developed a set of expectations and safety protocols that all students must adhere to if they are to engage in in-person activity.

### Throughout the Term:

- **Protect the Pack:** Right now, the impact of student choices and activities when not on campus cannot be separated from time spent on campus. In order to “protect the pack”, the university is asking all students who are doing in-person work to be mindful and do whatever possible to lower the risk that you will contract COVID-19 and bring it onto campus.
- **Know what is Required and Expected of You:** One of the critical lessons learned in dealing with COVID-19 is knowing that situations can change and we must be flexible and ready to adjust our safety protocols. Instead of listing all of the relevant information in your course outline, the university has created [a webpage](#) where all up-to-date information around returning to campus is listed. **You are responsible for regularly** checking the health and safety guidelines <https://covid19.usask.ca/about/safety.php#Expectations> and knowing what is expected of you throughout the fall term.
- **Follow all Guidance:** Students are expected to follow all guidance provided by the University’s Pandemic Recovery/Response Team (PRT), College/Department, professors, lab instructors, TAs, and any other staff member involved in the in-person academic program activities (e.g., Protective Services, Safety Resources).
- **Key Channels of Communication:** If there is a need for the class to pause meeting in-person for a period of time you will be notified. If this occurs, you will be provided with detailed information on what you will need to do in place of the in-person class sessions (e.g., read content posted in Canvas, complete learning activities in Canvas).

## Principles of Biomedical Sciences – Module Syllabus

This section of the course syllabus will describe the specific objectives, requirements, expectations and assessment procedures for each module within the Principles of Biomedical Sciences Course.

### ✚ MODULE 1

## Physiology, Histology, Embryology, and Anatomy (PHE&A)

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### MODULE DESCRIPTION

This module covers basic principles of physiology, histology, embryology, and anatomy relevant to biomedical sciences. Each of these disciplines is presented as a section in this module. It is expected that the material covered in this module will be expanded upon, applied, and distributed into the courses presented throughout the rest of the undergraduate medical education program.

### GENERAL MODULE OBJECTIVES

See each individual section on the following pages. (Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy). Detailed learning objectives for each individual session can be found on One45.

### COURSE SCHEDULE

All information relating to this course is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

### REQUIRED RESOURCES

See each individual section on the following pages. (Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy)

### COURSE DELIVERY

The course is delivered using didactic sessions, anatomy labs, virtual microscopy, integrative cases, online content, in-class audience response quizzes, and other assignments.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>15%</b>
Histology and Anatomy Assignments	15%
<b>Exams</b>	<b>85%</b>
Midterm	15%
Anatomy Lab Practical Midterm	20%
Final Exam	25%
Final Practical Lab Exam	25%

*Assignment(s):* 9 Histology and 12 Anatomy Assignments

*Value:* 15% of the PHEA Final Grade

*Date:* Histology and Anatomy assignments dates are posted in One45

*Description:* For Histology assignments, students will label cells and histological structures using virtual slides.

For Anatomy Imaging assignments, students will identify anatomical structures using online medical images.

For the written Anatomy assignment, students will complete a series of short answer questions based on Anatomy concepts.

### *Midterm Exam*

*Value:* 15% of the PHEA Final Grade

*Date:* September 21, 2021

*Type:* Comprehensive In-Class; all sections (Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy) will be covered.

*Description:* Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all content up to and including September 14.

### *Anatomy Lab Practical Midterm*

*Value:* 20% of the PHEA Final Grade

*Date:* September 25, 2021

*Type:* Lab stations. All Anatomy content up to and including Lower Limb III. Histology content will be up to and including September 14.

*Description:* Anatomy and Histology stations. Anatomy: Thorax, Upper Limb and Lower Limb. Histology: Blood and Bone Marrow, Epithelium, Connective Tissue.

### *Practical Final Exam*

Value: 25% of the PHEA Final Grade

Date: December 3, 2021

Type: Lab Stations

Description: Anatomy and Histology sections. Head and Neck, Abdomen and Pelvis.

### *Final Exam*

Value: 25% of the PHEA Final Grade

Date: December 6, 2021

Type: Comprehensive In-Class; all sections (Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy) will be covered.

Description: Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all material with an emphasis on material after September 14 but including Head and Neck I.

## **COURSE EVALUATIONS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

The following changes reflect course quality review recommendations and student feedback:

1. We will continue many of the cadaver lab changes we made because of COVID, but will consider streamlining them to make class changes more efficient.
2. For Histology, we will be more careful to emphasize crucial structures.

## Physiology Section

### SECTION LEAD

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### SECTION DESCRIPTION

The section gives an overview about the functions of the normal body and how it handles extreme, but not yet pathological conditions. Thus, the students gain an understanding on the workings of the normal human body and the limits of its functioning. As much as possible the connections to pathological conditions is made, so the students can judge the grey zone between extreme, but still functioning, situations and appearance and genesis of pathological conditions.

### SECTION OBJECTIVES

By the completion of this module, students will be expected to:

1. Define basic terms used in Physiology.
2. Explain and apply the concept of homeostasis.
  - Recall numerically important physiological variables and perform simple calculations.
  - Relate the consequences of changes in normal physiology to selected disease states.
3. Describe in general terms the functions of the major body systems.
  - Explain how various cellular mechanisms determine the functions of the major organs.
  - Explain how cells interact with each other and how their activities are coordinated to produce organ functions.
4. Describe how organ systems interact and how their activities are coordinated.
  - Explain the mechanisms underlying neural and endocrine communication.

### SECTION SCHEDULE

All information relating to this section is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

## **REQUIRED RESOURCES**

There are no required resources. A recommended textbook throughout the first two years physiology is: WF Boron & EL Boulpaep (2012). Medical Physiology. Updated Second Edition. Saunders Elsevier.

To address deficiencies in the basic science background which some students might experience, online material Physicochemical Basis of Physiological Mechanisms will be posted after the first lecture. This online material can be used by these students whenever they feel a need throughout the upcoming Physiology lectures.

## **SECTION DELIVERY**

Didactic sessions with detailed clinical examples capping all lectures. These clinical cases deal with the physiological or pathophysiological basis of disease as it applies to the lecture's content in more detail. The cases are accompanied by a catalogue of questions, which will be discussed in class. The cases will be used to apply the physiological principles of the lecture in a clinical setting.

## **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

See Student Assessment section on Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy page.

## Histology Section

### SECTION LEAD

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### SECTION DESCRIPTION

To provide an introduction to normal cell and tissue structure in humans, this section of this module is presented in the following formats: Online lectures, online laboratory exercises and assignments using Virtual Microscopy, microscope room for active examination of slides and demonstration material. Release time is granted for Online Training sessions.

### SECTION OBJECTIVES

By the completion of this module, students will be expected to:

1. Define the vocabulary used to describe the structure of human cells, tissues, and organs.
2. Describe the appearance and function(s) of common cellular organelles, cytoplasmic components and extracellular matrices and appreciate that differences in organelles in each cell type has a functional meaning.
3. Describe cellular processes fundamental to life such as: cell division, protein synthesis, processing and secretion of proteins, assembly of plasma membrane components, energy production, endocytosis, apoptosis, necrosis.
4. Distinguish between light, fluorescence and electron micrographs and understand in a general way how these are used in the scientific literature.
5. Apply the information gathered in lectures, labs and assignments to integrate and synthesize how the 5 basic tissues contribute to the overall function, organization and complexity of organs and organ systems.
6. Apply knowledge of how cells differentiate to explain how tissues develop, grow and mature over the human lifespan.
7. Demonstrate knowledge of a few selected clinical problems that are manifested in visible changes to cells and tissues.

### Lab Objectives

1. Identify cells and tissues using Virtual Microscopy during participation in online laboratories and assignments.
2. Identify normal cells and tissues in histological preparations as a prelude for future clinical experiences in pathology and related areas.
3. Demonstrate mastery of identification at a basic level in laboratory practical.

## SECTION SCHEDULE

All information relating to this section is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

## REQUIRED RESOURCES

Textbooks: Both are available as Kindle editions.

Wheater's Functional Histology by Barbara Young, Phillip Woodford and Geraldine O'Dowd (2013) [ISBN 978-0-7020-4747-3]

**OR**

Histology: A Text and Atlas (2016) by M.H. Ross and W. Paulina [ISBN 978-1-4511-8742-7]

## SECTION DELIVERY

Lectures will be delivered online and will include histology labs using virtual microscopy and the histology study room.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

See Student Assessment section on Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy page.

## Embryology Section

### SECTION LEAD

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### SECTION DESCRIPTION

This section provides a brief introduction into the earliest stages of human development. The focus will be on developmental processes starting from fertilization through the first 4 weeks of development and cellular differentiation. This will provide the necessary embryologic background in order to learn specific organ system and tissue development and differentiation in the Foundations of Clinical Medicine courses.

### SESSION OBJECTIVES

Detailed learning objectives can be found on One45 for the individual session.

### SECTION SCHEDULE

All information relating to this section is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

### REQUIRED RESOURCES

Larsen's Human Embryology 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. by Shoenwolf, Bleyl, Brauer, and Francis West [978-0443-06811-9]

### SECTION DELIVERY

Didactic sessions

### STUDENT ASSESSMENT

See Student Assessment section on Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy page.

## Anatomy Section

### SECTION LEAD

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### SECTION DESCRIPTION

To provide an introduction to gross human anatomy, this section of this module is presented in the following formats: lectures, interactive large group sessions, active cadaveric dissection, surface anatomy, and medical imaging. Depending on pandemic circumstance a majority of the section time may be spent in active cadaveric laboratory.

### SECTION OBJECTIVES

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

1. Define vocabulary that describes the gross structure of the human body.
2. Participate in and complete a cadaveric dissection of a human body.
3. Use the information gathered in the cadaver lab, in class, and in the assigned assignments to describe human anatomy.
4. Apply anatomical concepts to various clinical situations.
5. Identify normal anatomy through imaging techniques such as planar radiograms, CT and MR.

### SECTION SCHEDULE

All information relating to this section is available in One45. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

### REQUIRED RESOURCES

If pandemic rules allow, students will conduct dissections on preserved embalmed human bodies, specimens. In laboratory, students will need to bring the following materials (available from university bookstore).

If dissection is allowed, students will need one or two dissector kits per dissection group (available at various bookstore locations), which contain:

- Scalpel handle
- Forceps, blunt point
- Forceps, fine tip
- Dissecting needles or probes
- Scalpel blades (matching the scalpel handle in the dissector kit)
- Examination Gloves
- Eye protection if needed (e.g. glasses or goggles)
- Protective clothing (e.g. lab coat)
- Anatomy Atlas (one per cadaver, Grant's)

**\*NOTE Please do not buy the dissector kits at this time due to pandemic circumstances. Communication will be given to students as to when they need to buy this.**

Make sure you keep up with the learning objectives throughout and ask questions if something is unclear.

Required Textbooks:

Essential Clinical Anatomy by Moore KL, Agur MR [987 1145 1187496]

Grant's Atlas of Anatomy [978 0781796125]

Recommended Textbook:

Netters Atlas of Human Anatomy [9781455704187]

Recommended: Undergraduate Diagnostic Imaging Fundamentals E-Book

The Undergraduate Diagnostic Imaging Fundamentals, by Dr. Brent Burbridge (MD, FRCPC) is an e-book resource to augment the presentation for imaging of common clinical conditions. Guiding principles related to minimizing radiation exposure, requesting appropriate imaging, and static images are enhanced and discussed. Additionally, users can access other imaging from the Dicom viewer (ODIN) to further advance their experience with viewing diagnostic imaging pathologies.

<https://openpress.usask.ca/undergradimaging/>

## SECTION DELIVERY

The anatomy dissection course is partly instructor directed but mostly self, independent and experiential learning driven. As pandemic circumstances permit, laboratories may begin with a brief dissection demonstration by anatomy instructors as needed. Each lab will begin promptly with a brief dissection demonstration by anatomy instructors as needed. Students need to prepare for the lab in advance by prior reading of dissection objectives.

The class will be divided into several groups of 7-8 students per cadaver. At each lab session, half of a group will be dissecting while the other half may be assigned to ultrasound and surface anatomy sessions. All students are expected to attend the first 10-15 minutes of dissection demonstration. In addition the students who did not dissect will return to attend the last 20 minutes of the lab to learn what has been dissected through peer teaching.

If you must miss a laboratory session (dissection, ultrasound or surface anatomy), it is required that arrangements be made to make up the study during another time. Laboratory instructors are available for consultation during regularly scheduled office hours (8am-5pm).

### **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

See Student Assessment section on Physiology, Histology, Embryology and Anatomy page.

## Ultrasound Guided Medical Education: Anatomy

### LEAD

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### DESCRIPTION

The growing worldwide use of clinician-performed ultrasound (CPU) heralds a dramatic change in medical education, bedside medicine, and patient care. With steadily improving portability, accessibility and technology, ultrasound continues to be a rapidly growing part of healthcare worldwide. Likewise, the application of CPU in medical education is also increasing, with medical schools throughout Europe and North America integrating ultrasound-based learning throughout their undergraduate curriculum. As a learning tool, ultrasound through real and dynamic imaging, allows students to assess and explore key anatomic and physiologic concepts.

### OBJECTIVES

During the sessions, students will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate basic image generation skills.
2. Explain and describe human anatomical structure as seen in 2D ultrasound images.

### SECTION DELIVERY

The ultrasound-guided anatomy section is instructor directed (instructors will be supervising and assisting with image generation at each session) but also requires a significant amount of self, independent and experiential learning. Students need to prepare for the lab in advance by watching short tutorial videos (~15 minutes/session) that will introduce learners to the image generation techniques required for the given session.

As pandemic circumstances permit, the class will be divided into several groups of 4-5 students volunteer patient/ultrasound machine. As pandemic circumstance permit, while half of the groups will be undertaking their ultrasound guided anatomy session, the other half will be assigned to other activities (independent study). After an hour, the groups will swap activities. All groups are expected to return to the dissection lab and attend the last 20 minutes to learn what has been dissected.

## Genetics Module

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Office Hours: By appointment only

### MODULE DESCRIPTION

Genetics is playing an increasingly significant role in the diagnosis and management of patients. As such, it is important that students acquire knowledge of the basic principles and concepts in medical genetics. Students will also gain knowledge of the potential effects of prenatal exposure to teratogens. Through a series of case presentations, the students will begin to develop a gestalt for common genetic syndromes. Through a combination of didactic sessions, clinical case presentations, patient interviews and assignments, it is hoped that the medical students, as future physicians, will be able to apply this knowledge in a clinical setting. This course consists of a total of 15 hours of class time.

### MODULE OBJECTIVES

By the completion of this module, students will be expected to:

1. Apply the basic principles of genetics to the understanding, diagnosis and management of genetic diseases.
2. Construct and interpret genetic pedigrees.
3. Recognize the various patterns of inheritance.
4. Describe the types of testing (cytogenetic, molecular, screening, and prenatal) utilized in the investigation and diagnosis of genetic diseases.
5. Apply the Principles of Teratogenesis so as to better understand the risks from teratogen exposure.
6. Develop an approach to the dysmorphic patient.
7. Recognize the multifactorial etiology of cancer including possible genetic contributions.
8. Develop an approach to genetic counseling including counseling for teratogenesis.

Detailed learning objectives for each individual session can be found on One45.

### MODULE SCHEDULE

All information relating to this course is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

## REQUIRED RESOURCES

Schaefer, GB and Thompson, JN (2014) Medical Genetics an Integrated Approach. McGraw Hill Education: New York. Details of the pre-readings from this text for the lectures will be provided on One45. This is a recommended text which is available as an E-Book from the Health Sciences Library.

## MODULE DELIVERY

Through a combination of didactic lectures, clinical case presentations and assignments, this exposure to medical genetics should provide the foundation for medical students as future physicians to integrate and apply this knowledge in a clinical setting.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>35%</b>
Three (3) Take Home Genetics Assignments	20%
Teratology Paper	15%
<b>Exams</b>	<b>65%</b>
Genetics Section of Midterm	30%
Genetics Section of the Final Exam	35%

*Assignment 1:* Pedigree Assignment

Value: 5% of Final Grade

Due Date: August 20, 2021

Description: Take home assignment to complete two genetic pedigrees from completed family history forms.

*Assignment 2:* Patterns of Inheritance Assignment

Value: 7.5% of Final Grade

Due Date: September 3, 2021

Description: Take home assignment to identify various patterns of inheritance based on pedigree or case description.

*Assignment 3:* Teratology Paper

Value: 15% of Final Grade

Date: October 13, 2021

Description: Paper on a teratogen of student's choice. Assignment expectations and scoring rubric to be posted in Canvas.

*Assignment 4: Integrated Cancer Genetics, Genetic Testing and Screening Assignment*

Value: 7.5% of Final Grade

Due Date: November 5, 2021

Description: Take-Home assignment to integrate and apply knowledge gained in the Genetic Testing and Screen lectures to Cancer Genetics.

*Midterm Exam*

Value: 30% of the Genetics Final Grade

Date: October 15, 2021

Type: Comprehensive In-Class

Description: Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all content up to and including September 21.

*Final Exam*

Value: 35% of the Genetics Final Grade

Date: November 26, 2021

Type: Comprehensive In-Class

Description: Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all module content with an emphasis on material after September 21.

**COURSE EVALUATIONS QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS**

Based on student evaluations, there will be additional incorporation of case discussions earlier in the term to highlight key genetic principles. It is anticipated that this will assist the students in preparation for the format of questions on the final exam. There will be greater emphasis on information that the students need to know to be successful in the module and information that is important for future clinical experiences. The genetic testing lectures will be revised to incorporate application to clinical cases. The screening and prenatal testing lecture will be revised with some elements being reassigned to other lectures as the content is quite broad. Instructors have been asked to identify “key points” for their lectures and to develop practice questions so that the students have a better understanding of the type of questions which will be asked on the exams. Due to the limited time available to deliver the required content in this module, additional references (such as medical terminology, embryology of specific defects) will be provided to assist students with less prior genetics exposure.

## MODULE 3

### Nutrition Module

#### MODULE DIRECTOR

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Office Hours: By appointment only

#### MODULE DESCRIPTION

The module covers a broad overview of basic nutrition relevant to medical practice. Topics include: nutrition and chronic disease, macronutrients (protein, carbohydrates and fats), minerals, vitamins, phytochemicals, fiber, whole foods, healthy meal planning, vegan and vegetarian diets, liquids, Mediterranean diet, nutrient-drug and nutrient-nutrient interactions, nutritional supplements, nutrition through the life cycle and nutritional resources.

#### MODULE OBJECTIVES

By completion of this module, students will be expected to:

1. Describe the key components of a healthy diet.
2. Describe the risks and benefits of some common nutritional supplements.
3. Identify potential food/drug/nutrient interactions.

Detailed learning objectives for each individual session can be found on One45.

#### MODULE SCHEDULE

All information relating to this course is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

#### MODULE DELIVERY

The module will be taught through didactic lectures, case discussions and assigned reading material for self-study.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

<b>Assessments</b>	<b>15%</b>
Written Assignment	15%
<b>Exams</b>	<b>85%</b>
Midterm	35%
Nutrition Section of the Final Exam	50%

*Assessment: Nutrition Assignment*

Value: 15% of the Nutrition Final Grade

Date: November 15, 2021

Description: This assignment will involve a critique and analysis of a specific diet(s).

### *Midterm Exam*

Value: 35% of the Nutrition Final Grade

Date: October 22, 2021

Type: Comprehensive In-Class

Description: Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all content up to and including October 15.

### *Final Exam*

Value: 50% of the Nutrition Final Grade

Date: November 29, 2021

Type: Comprehensive In-Class

Description: Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all module content with an emphasis on content after October 15.

## COURSE EVALUATIONS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

The following changes reflect course quality review recommendations and student feedback:

1. I will plan to continue the overall organization of the module. I will continue to have an interactive format with discussion of clinical scenarios at the end of each session.
2. I will plan to put fewer statistics on the slides and instead refer to trends and associations whenever appropriate. I will plan to include more information on nutrition and dental health.

## MODULE 4

### Pharmacology Module

#### MODULE DIRECTOR

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#### MODULE DESCRIPTION

The module of pharmacology will briefly deal with the historical development of pharmacology and major drug discoveries. The module will provide knowledge about general principles of pharmacology including pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics, drug interactions, principles of therapeutics in specific age groups of patients, fundamental principles of toxicology, concepts of drugs modulating the autonomic nervous system and basic principles of chemotherapy.

#### MODULE OBJECTIVES

By the completion of this module, students will be expected to:

1. Describe the principal mechanisms by which drugs act in the body and differentiate between therapeutic effects and unwanted effects of drugs.
2. Describe the pharmacokinetic factors which affect the amount of drug and its duration of action in the body.
3. Apply the knowledge gained in this course to drugs taught under different systems.

Detailed learning objectives for each individual session can be found on One45.

#### MODULE SCHEDULE

All information relating to this course is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

#### REQUIRED RESOURCES

Recommended textbooks:

Goodman & Gilman's Manual of Pharmacology and Therapeutics (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Eds. By Hilal-Dandan & Brunton.

Principles of Pharmacology: The pathophysiologic Basis of Drug Therapy. By David E Golan (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition).

Applied Pharmacology. By Stan Bardal, Jason Waechter, Doug Martin. ISBN [978-1-4377-0310-8]

#### MODULE DELIVERY

The module will be taught through didactic lectures and by case presentations.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

**Assessments** **15%**

Quiz 15%

**Exams** **85%**

Midterm 35%

Pharmacology Section of the Final Exam 50%

*Assessment: Quiz*

Value: 15% of the Pharmacology Final Grade

Date: August 30, 2021

Description: Timed quiz to be done in Canvas.

*Midterm Exam*

Value: 35% of the Pharmacology Final Grade

Date: October 8, 2021

Type: Comprehensive In-Class

Description: Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all content up to and including October 1.

*Final Exam*

Value: 50% of the Pharmacology Final Grade

Date: November 29, 2021

Type: Comprehensive In-Class

Description: Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all module content with a focus on material after October 1.

## COURSE EVALUATIONS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

The following changes reflect course quality review recommendations and student feedback:

1. Continue with this well-received module.

## MODULE 5

### Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology Module (MIP)

#### MODULE DIRECTOR

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Office Hours: By appointment only

#### MODULE DESCRIPTION

To provide a deeper understanding of disease processes, this section of this module is comprised of the basic principles of microbiology, immunology and pathology.

#### MODULE OBJECTIVES

Detailed learning objectives for each individual session can be found on One45.

#### MODULE SCHEDULE

All information relating to this course is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

#### REQUIRED RESOURCES

See each individual section on the following pages. (Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology)

#### MODULE DELIVERY

See each individual section on the following pages. (Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology)

#### STUDENT ASSESSMENT

<b>Assessments</b>	<b>25%</b>
Immunology Quizzes x 5 (4% each)	20%
Pathology Take-Home Assignment	5%
<b>Exams</b>	<b>75%</b>
Midterm	30%
MIP Section Final Exam	45%

*Assessments:* Immunology quizzes (5), and Pathology take-home assignment.

*Value:* 25% of final grade (Immunology Quizzes 20%; and take-home Pathology assignment – 5%).

*Date:* Quiz and assignment due dates are posted in One45

*Description:* Pathology quizzes will be timed multiple-choice questions based on pre-reading and lecture material.

Pathology take-home assignment on Neoplasia consists of completing a worksheet.

For the Immunology quizzes, students will be asked to watch short videos related to the lecture material, either before or after the lecture. Then the students will answer a short quiz, based on the information provided in the video they watched. The quizzes consist of multiple choice, short answer and/or matching questions. Immunology quizzes are open-book and there are 5 in total worth 4% each.

### *Midterm Exam*

*Value:* 30% of the MIP final grade

*Date:* October 1, 2021

*Type:* Comprehensive In-Class; all sections (Microbiology/Immunology/Pathology) will be covered.

*Description:* Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all content up to and including September 24.

### *Final Exam*

*Value:* 45% of the MIP final grade

*Date:* November 26, 2021

*Type:* Comprehensive In-Class; all sections (Microbiology/Immunology/Pathology) will be covered.

*Description:* Question type may include: multiple choice, multiple choice multiple answer, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, matching, and extended written questions based on all module content with a focus on content after September 24..

## **COURSE EVALUATIONS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

The following changes reflect course quality review recommendations and student feedback:

1. We have worked with instructors to make the expectations for students more clear.
2. We have redistributed a few topics to other modules to streamline the MIP module.
3. We have reduced the number of instructors.
4. Reduced the number of lecturers for the Pathology section.

## Microbiology Section

### SECTION LEAD

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### SECTION DESCRIPTION

Microbiology is the study of micro-organisms (bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites). Infectious diseases are diseases caused by living organisms, mostly microscopic but occasionally large enough to be visible to the naked eye (e.g. some parasites) that infect or infest the human body. Infectious diseases play a unique role in human health and disease:

- They may be transmitted from person to person.
- They may be acquired from the environment, food / water or animals.
- There is a complex interaction between host, microbe and environment that determines whether or not infection and disease occurs.
- Infectious diseases often affect the community as well as individual patients.

In contrast to many other conditions you will study in systems, you will find there is an extra layer of complexity in the study of infectious diseases in that one pathogen may cause a variety of different diseases depending on the host, the site of infection etc. and a single disease entity may be caused by a variety of different pathogens, which in turn may result in different treatment requirements.

Within the MIP module, 15 hours are dedicated to a general, introductory foundation for microbiology and infectious diseases. Students are strongly urged to obtain and use the recommended text throughout their systems to supplement the sessions in MIP and assist them in developing a more robust understanding of infectious diseases.

### SECTION OBJECTIVES

By the completion of this module, students will be expected to:

1. Recognize local and systemic clinical features of infection, in general.
2. Recognize variation in micro-organisms in general terms, including differences between normal flora ecosystems, propensity to cause human disease and factors influencing virulence.
3. Describe methods of transmission of infectious disease being able to give common examples for each.
4. Describe methods of infection control including personal protection strategies and aseptic technique.
5. Describe the different classes and the spectrum of activity of commonly used antibiotics.
6. Begin to recognize the role/value of antibiotic stewardship in minimizing development of antibiotic resistant organisms

## SECTION SCHEDULE

All information relating to this section is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

## REQUIRED RESOURCES

Review of Medical Microbiology and Immunology (Lange ... Medical Books) Paperback. by Warren Levinson (Author). [978-0071818117]

Clinical Microbiology Made Ridiculously Simple: Mark Gladwin MD, William Trattler MD, C. Scott Mahan MD: [9781935660156]

The Spectrum app is free and can be downloaded both through the App Store and Google Play. There is also a web-version that can easily be accessed at <https://spectrum.app/saskatoon/>

## SECTION DELIVERY

This material is delivered as whole class sessions. Pre-reading as well as post-lecture reading will be required (and is essential) for all sessions. Sessions will be delivered from either Saskatoon or Regina and video conferenced to the other location. Whenever permitted by the instructor, sessions will be recorded for reference and review.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

See Student Assessment section on the Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology page.

## ImmunologySection

### SECTION LEAD

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### SECTION DESCRIPTION

The overall objective is to develop a minimal framework for how the immune system functions, so students will have the basis, using the information technology available, to integrate the information provided and interpret case studies that are related to the immune system.

### SECTION OBJECTIVES

By the completion of this module, students will be expected to

1. Describe the components and functions of the innate immune system and how it is integrated with the adaptive immune system.
2. Describe the five characteristics of the immune system: universality, specificity, self-nonself discrimination, positive memory and immune class regulation.
3. Discuss the role of the immune system in allergy, autoimmunity, transplantation and cancer.
4. Describe how the immune system can be harnessed for vaccination and allergy/cancer immunotherapy.
5. Describe how antibodies are produced, as well as their structure and function.
6. Provide examples of genetic diseases affecting the immune system.

### SECTION SCHEDULE

All information relating to this section is available in **One45**. Please check One45 **DAILY** to ensure that you have the most current schedule information.

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Review of Medical Microbiology and Immunology (Lange Medical Books) Paperback. by Warren Levinson (Author). 978-0071818117

Immunology Made Ridiculously Simple: Massoud Mahmoudi: 978-0-940780-89-7

CANImmune app available for free download through the App Store or Google Play Store.

### **SECTION DELIVERY**

This module will be team taught and will utilize a variety of teaching strategies to include lecture, small group work and virtual microscopy. Student pre-reading is required in this module. Students are strongly encouraged to come to class prepared to participate in the learning activities.

### **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

See Student Assessment section on the Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology page.

### SECTION LEAD

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### SECTION DESCRIPTION

This section involves the study of the pathogenetic mechanisms and pathology involved in clinical disease processes as applied to patient management. As such, it will provide an overview of the general pathological conditions and principles common to underlying systemic afflictions of the body as applicable to the real life practices of medicine. The role of the laboratory in the day-to-day clinical management of patients in relation to systemic and oral pathologies will be explored. Students will be engaged actively in a variety of instructional experiences that will help interweave the threads of understanding which link the pathology of diseases through multiple disciplines.

### SECTION OBJECTIVES

By completion of this module, the students will be expected to:

1. Describe the basic principles of Pathology and laboratory medicine, including principles and effects of various physiological and analytic causes of variability in lab tests, quality care and patient safety, with special focus on medical error and disclosure policies.
2. Define autopsy, necropsy and the role of coroner.
3. Discuss the vascular, cellular events, mediators of acute and chronic inflammation, wound healing, repair, regeneration, hemorrhage, thrombosis and atherosclerosis with clinical correlates.
4. Describe types of amyloidosis with clinico-pathological correlates.
5. Discuss the basis of clinical presentation of tumors, the basic science of neoplasms including the genetic chemical basis of neoplasm
6. Differentiate between benign and malignant tumors.
7. Identify the cancer management modalities and their intent when used.

### REQUIRED RESOURCES

Robbins Basic Pathology, 9e (Robbins Pathology) [Hardcover] Vinay Kumar MBBS MD FRCPath (Author), Abul K. Abbas MBBS (Author), Jon C. Aster MD PhD (Author) [ISBN 978-1-4377-1781-5] Edition: 9

Recommended: [Undergraduate Diagnostic Imaging Fundamentals E-Book](#)

The Undergraduate Diagnostic Imaging Fundamentals, by Dr. Brent Burbridge (MD, FRCPC) is an e-book resource to augment the presentation for imaging of common clinical conditions. Guiding principles related to minimizing radiation exposure, requesting appropriate imaging, and static images are enhanced and discussed. Additionally, users can access other imaging from the Dicom viewer (ODIN) to further advance their experience with viewing diagnostic imaging pathologies.

<https://openpress.usask.ca/undergradimaging/>

### **SECTION DELIVERY**

See section delivery on the Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology page.

### **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

See Student Assessment section on the Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology page.

## IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT STUDENT INFORMATION

The following information is extremely important for your success in medical school. Please refer to the [UME Policies](#) page and the [Student Information Guide](#) for the following policies:

### UME CONTACT INFORMATION

### EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

### ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

### PROGRAM EVALUATION

### GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING FEEDBACK

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

### MD PROGRAM ATTENDANCE POLICY

### ASSESSMENT POLICY

### PROMOTION STANDARDS

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

### NON-INVOLVEMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN STUDENT ASSESSMENT

### APPEALS PROCEDURES

### STUDENT DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND MISTREATMENT PROCEDURE

### ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

### OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

### TECHNICAL STANDARDS – ESSENTIAL SKILLS & ABILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE STUDY OF MEDICINE

<https://medicine.usask.ca/policies/com-technical-standards.php#relatedForms>

Where a specific College of Medicine policy or procedure does not exist, the College refers to the U of S Academic Courses Policy at <http://policies.usask.ca/policies/academic-affairs/academic-courses.php>

## UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION POLICY

Any assignment submitted after 23:59 SK time on the specified date is deemed late (unless otherwise specified).

All due dates or timelines for assignment submission are published in the student course syllabus<sup>1</sup>.

A late assignment may still be submitted up to three consecutive calendar days (72 hours) from the original deadline for that assessment. The assignment must be submitted to the appropriate year Administrative Coordinator in Saskatoon, or the Pre-Clerkship Coordinator in Regina for years 1-2. Years 3-4 must submit to the Rotation Coordinator. The student, if submitting a late assignment that is deemed to be at or above the pass mark for that assignment will receive the pass mark for the assignment. If it is assessed as below the pass mark, the student will receive the actual grade assigned for the assignment.

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<sup>1</sup> Canvas routinely updates their systems on certain Wednesday evenings. In the event that Canvas is down for scheduled maintenance or due to technical difficulties, assignments are to be submitted by 0900 the following morning.

Any late assignments not submitted by 23:59 on the third day will receive a mark of 0%. After this period, all mandatory assignments must still be submitted, or the student will be deemed to be missing a course component, which will result in an incomplete course. Subsequent academic consequences will be determined at the promotions committee meetings.

In addition to the consequences specified herein, students submitting mandatory assignments late should anticipate a meeting to discuss professionalism, which may result in associated documentation.

**All requests for a deferral of an assignment due date must be received a minimum of 72 hours prior to the deadline.** All such requests must be sent to the Course Director or Rotation Coordinator and copied to the relevant Administrative Coordinator. The course director, in consultation with the year chair and appropriate course/module/rotation director will make a final decision and notify the student of the outcome. Exceptional, unforeseen circumstances will be considered on an individual basis as above.

### CITATION FORMAT

Unless otherwise specified by the course or module director, the expected citation format is that of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). Examples of this citation format are available at [www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform\\_requirements.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html)

### RECORDING OF THE LECTURES

Most lectures will be recorded and posted to the course Canvas site under Course Materials. However, each lecturer reserves the right to choose whether or not their lectures will be recorded. Lecture recordings are not intended to be a replacement for attending the session but rather to enhance understanding of the concepts.

Please remember that course recordings belong to your instructor, the University, and/or others (like a guest lecturer) depending on the circumstance of each session, and are protected by copyright. Do not download, copy, or share recordings without the explicit permission of the instructor.

For questions about recording and use of sessions in which you have participated, including any concerns related to your privacy, please contact the UME administrative coordinator for this course. More information on class recordings can be found in the Academic Courses Policy <https://policies.usask.ca/policies/academic-affairs/academic-courses.php#5ClassRecordings>.

### REQUIRED VIDEO USE:

At times in this course you may be required to have your video on during video conferencing sessions, in order to support observation of skills, to support group learning activities, or for exam invigilation. It will be necessary for you to use of a webcam built into or connected to your computer.

For questions about use of video in your sessions, including those related to your privacy, contact your instructor.

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For more information about copyright, please visit <https://library.usask.ca/copyright/index.php> where there is information for students available at <https://library.usask.ca/copyright/students/rights.php>, or contact the University's Copyright Coordinator at <mailto:copyright.coordinator@usask.ca> or (306) 966-8817.

## INTEGRITY DEFINED (FROM THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY SECRETARY)

Although learning in a remote context is different, the rules and principles governing academic integrity remain the same. If you ever have questions about what may or may not be permitted, ask your instructor. Students have found it especially important to clarify rules related to exams administered remotely and to follow these carefully and completely.

The University of Saskatchewan is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity (<https://academic-integrity.usask.ca/>). Academic misconduct is a serious matter and can result in grade penalties, suspension, and expulsion.

### Prepare for Integrity

Students are expected to act with academic integrity.

- Students are encouraged to complete the Academic Integrity Tutorial to understand the fundamental values of academic integrity and how to be a responsible scholar and member of the USask community (tutorial link: <https://libguides.usask.ca/AcademicIntegrityTutorial>).
- Students can access campus resources that support development of study skills, time and stress management, and ethical writing practices important for maintaining academic integrity and avoiding academic misconduct.

### Responses to Misconduct

Students are expected to be familiar with the academic misconduct regulations (<https://governance.usask.ca/student-conduct-appeals/academic-misconduct.php#About>).

- Definitions appear in Section II of the academic misconduct regulations.
- The academic misconduct regulations apply regardless of type of assessment or presence of supervision during assessment completion.

- Students are advised to ask for clarification as to the specific expectations and rules for assessments in all of their courses.
- Students are urged to avoid any behaviour that could result in suspicions of cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation of facts. Students should note that posting copyrighted course materials (e.g., notes, questions, assignments or exams) to third party websites or services or other forum or media without permission is an academic or non-academic misconduct offense.

Non-academic offenses are dealt with under the [Standard of Student Conduct in NonAcademic Matters and Regulations and Procedures for Resolution of Complaints and Appeals](#).

### EXAMINATIONS WITH ACCESS AND EQUITY SERVICES (AES)

Students who have disabilities (learning, medical, physical, or mental health) are strongly encouraged to register with Access and Equity Services (AES) if they have not already done so. Students who suspect they may have disabilities should contact the Student Affairs Coordinator at the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) for advice and referrals. In order to access AES programs and supports, students must follow AES policy and procedures. For more information, check [www.students.usask.ca/aes](http://www.students.usask.ca/aes), or contact AES at (306) 966-7273 or [aes@usask.ca](mailto:aes@usask.ca).

Students registered with AES may request alternative arrangements for mid-term and final examinations.

Students must arrange such accommodations through the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) by the stated deadlines. Instructors shall provide the examinations for students who are being accommodated by the deadlines established by AES.

### STUDENT SUPPORTS

#### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs offers confidential support and advocacy at arm's length from the academic offices.

For more information please contact:

COM Student Affairs Coordinator (Saskatoon), Edith Conacher at [edith.conacher@usask.ca](mailto:edith.conacher@usask.ca) or (306) 966-4751

COM and the School of Rehabilitation Science Coordinator (Saskatoon), Bev Digout at [bev.digout@usask.ca](mailto:bev.digout@usask.ca) or (306) 966-8224

Administrative Assistant (Saskatoon), Kacia Whilby at [kacia.whilby@usask.ca](mailto:kacia.whilby@usask.ca) or (306) 966-7331

#### ACADEMIC HELP FOR STUDENTS

The University Library offers a range of learning and academic support to assist USask undergrad and graduate students. For information on specific services, please see the Learning page on the Library web site <https://library.usask.ca/support/learning.php>.

Remote learning support information <https://students.usask.ca/remote-learning/index.php>

Class and study tips <https://students.usask.ca/remote-learning/class-and-study-tips.php>

Remote learning tutorial [https://libguides.usask.ca/remote\\_learning](https://libguides.usask.ca/remote_learning)

Study skills materials for online learning <https://libguides.usask.ca/studyskills>

A guide on netiquette, principles to guide respectful online learning interactions  
<https://teaching.usask.ca/remote-teaching/netiquette.php>

## **TEACHING, LEARNING AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

Teaching, Learning and Student Experience (TLSE) provides developmental and support services and programs to students and the university community. For more information, see the students' web site <http://students.usask.ca>.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact Student Central (<https://students.usask.ca/student-central.php>).

## **ABORIGINAL STUDENTS' CENTRE**

The Aboriginal Students' Centre (ASC) is dedicated to supporting Aboriginal student academic and personal success. The centre offers personal, social, cultural and some academic supports to Métis, First Nations, and Inuit students. The centre is also dedicated to intercultural education, bringing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students together to learn from, with and about one another in a respectful, inclusive and safe environment. Students are encouraged to visit the ASC's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/aboriginalstudentscentre/>) to learn more.

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND STUDY ABROAD CENTRE**

The International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC) supports student success and facilitates international education experiences at USask and abroad. ISSAC is here to assist all international undergraduate, graduate, exchange and English as a Second Language students in their transition to the University of Saskatchewan and to life in Canada. ISSAC offers advising and support on matters that affect international students and their families and on matters related to studying abroad as University of Saskatchewan students. Please visit [students.usask.ca](https://students.usask.ca) for more information.

## **RECOMMENDED TECHNOLOGY FOR REMOTE LEARNING**

Students are reminded of the importance of having the appropriate technology for remote learning. The list of recommendations can be found at <https://students.usask.ca/remote-learning/tech-requirements.php>.

Remember, there are [many supports available](#) to help you thrive in the remote learning context.