

Syllabus – Endocrinology (Bio 110)

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Textbook: Vertebrate Endocrinology-4th Edition by D. Norris

Grading: 2 Midterm Exams = 60% (30% Each)
Poster Presentation = 30%
Poster Critiques = 10%
Exams will not be cumulative (although mastery of basic concepts will be assumed) and the poster will serve as the final. Test information will come mostly from class, but information in the text related to class presentations is fair game.

Daily Topics:

1. Sept. 2 General Principles of Endocrinology
What are hormones, types of release, homeostasis and feedback, causative vs. permissive, organizational vs. activational
Reading: pg. 1-15,
2. Sept. 4 Techniques for Studying Endocrinology
Extirpation/replacement, RIA, etc.
Reading: pg. 30-45
3. Sept. 9 General Principles of Endocrinology – Peptide Hormones
Reading: pg. 52-72
4. Sept. 11 General Principles of Endocrinology
Steroids, catecholamines and prostaglandins
Reading: pg. 47-51 and 72-103
5. Sept. 16 The Hypothalamic-Pituitary System I
Anatomy, Tropic Hormones
Reading: pg. 106-124
6. Sept. 18 The Hypothalamic-Pituitary System II
Tropic hormone regulation
Reading: pg. 124-149
7. Sept. 23 The Hypothalamic-Pituitary System III
Tropic hormone regulation; Vasopressin, and Oxytocin
Reading: pg. 149-154
8. Sept. 25 Melatonin and Thyroid Hormones I

- Biochemistry and Mechanisms of Action
Reading: pg. 154-164, 221-237
9. Sept. 30 Thyroid Hormones II
Biological functions
Reading: pg. 237-242, 259-265
10. Oct. 2 Adrenal Steroids
Adrenal anatomy, Aldosterone, Adrenal Medulla
Reading: pg. 272-278, 283-288, 292-295
11. Oct. 7 **1st Midterm**
12. Oct. 9 Reproduction I – Males
Spermatogenesis, Testicular function, Sex Differentiation
Reading: pg. 335-341
13. Oct. 14 Reproduction II – Females
Ovarian cycles, Pregnancy, Lactation
Reading: pg. 341-356
14. Oct. 16 Reproduction III – Comparative Aspects
Vitellogenesis, Sex determination, Clinical Diseases
Reading: pg. 322-335, 356-368, 371-374, 376-380
15. Oct. 21 Reproduction IV: Seasonal Breeding
Metabolism I – The Endocrine Pancreas
Pancreatic Anatomy, Insulin and Glucagon
Reading: pg. 415-423, 450-461
16. Oct. 23 Metabolism II – Pancreatic Functions
Metabolism, Gluconeogenesis, Diabetes, Feeding
Reading: pg. 444-450, 461-468
- Hormone chosen for final project**
17. Oct. 28 Gastrointestinal Hormones
Pepsin, Gastrin, Secretin, and Cholecystokinin
Reading: pg. 432-444
18. Oct. 30 Calcium and Phosphate Homeostasis
Parathyroid hormone, Calcitonin
Reading: pg. 486-500
19. Nov. 4 Field Endocrinology
20. Nov. 6 Stress I
Glucocorticoids and Catecholamines
Reading: pg. 278-283, 289-296
- Summary due for final project**
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day – No class
21. Nov. 13 Stress II
22. Nov. 18 Current Research in Endocrinology
23. Nov. 20 Current Research in Endocrinology
24. Nov. 25 **2nd Midterm**
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving – No Class Project: Self-study on how excessive eating
alters hormone release
25. Dec. 2 Poster Presentations
26. Dec. 4 Poster Presentations