

Year 1 – Block 1: Human Gross Anatomy

Course Description and Goals:

The major goal of Block 1 is to help each student learn the human gross anatomy that is most relevant to the current and likely future requirements of medical practice. Students learn the basic names, features, functions and relationships of anatomic structures and acquire skills of critical judgment necessary to develop the ability to use anatomical knowledge to evaluate the health of patients and solve clinical problems. The block is taught exclusively through laboratory sessions and small group conferences designed to promote student participation in group learning and the development of good self-educational behaviors and attitudes.

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Evaluation of Student Performance and Examination Policies:

Student performance is evaluated utilizing: five quizzes consisting of written multiple choice questions; a mid-block and a final examination each consisting of both written multiple choice questions and laboratory practical questions; and a peer-evaluation of professional behaviors and attitudes exhibited by each student in the laboratory sessions.

The five quizzes, in the aggregate, are worth 20% of the overall block grade; the mid-block examination is worth 30% of the overall block grade; the final examination is worth 40% of the overall block grade; and the peer-evaluation of professional attitudes and behaviors is worth 10% of the overall block grade.

Attendance and participation in at least 90% of scheduled conferences is required. If a student accumulates recorded unexcused absences greater than 10% but less than 15% of the total number of scheduled conferences, his or her overall block grade will be reduced by 2%. If a student accumulates recorded unexcused absences greater than 15% of the total number of scheduled conferences, his or her overall block grade will be reduced by 4%.

Based on medical school policy, a grade of Honors (H) is earned when the overall Block grade is $\geq 92\%$, a grade of Pass (P) is earned when the overall Block grade is $< 92\%$ and $\geq 70\%$, and grade of Fail (F) is earned when the overall Block grade is $< 70\%$.

Disability accommodation:

Any student needing an accommodation must contact Dr. Sterling at (215) 707-4613 to discuss the specific situation. Temple University Disability Resources and Services can be contacted at (215) 204-1280.