

Program: Physiology
Course Name: GI Function
Course Number: 531
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Credits: 1
Semester: Fall, every year
Times: Meets once weekly for 2 hours each session
Location: 215MRB

Prerequisites: All students are required to have a background in chemistry and biology.

Description: The goals of the course are to provide students with an overview of GI function and to introduce the students to current research issues in gastroenterology. The course is informal and requires the students to attend GI function related seminars and read basic and clinical science articles related to gastroenterology. In addition, the students will be given the opportunity to present a lecture on a GI physiology topic covered in the medical physiology (Block 3) curriculum.

Textbook & Readings: No textbook is required. Students will be assigned articles based on the upcoming seminar topic.

Examinations: There will be no formal examinations. Students will be evaluated on their participation in seminar sessions and on their end-of-semester lecture.

Office Hours: The Course Director is available during the normal work day hours. Other instructors are available on the same terms. Students may always use email to address issues.

COURSE LECTURE SCHEDULE: Variable, depending upon the previously scheduled Gastroenterology Department seminar series.