

Syllabus: Marine Physiology (SIO 281)

Instructor

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Office hours

By appointment

Time (Lectures)

Monday/Wednesday 3.30 - 4.50 pm

Location (Lectures)

IGPP 4301

Course Goals

To educate about physiological adaptations in diverse marine organisms, covering a wide spectrum from the biochemical to the cellular to the whole-organism level. To understand and be able to predict how adaptations are relevant in the natural environment and in relation to anthropogenic activities.

Learning Objectives

By the conclusion of the course, the students should be familiarized with biochemical and physiological adaptations in marine organisms. In particular, they should have learned principles on essential topics such as:

- ATPases (sodium/potassium, proton, calcium)
- Carbonic anhydrase
- Carbon concentrating mechanisms
- CO₂, pH and HCO₃⁻ sensing and regulation
- Epithelial ion transport
- Physiological responses to Ocean Acidification in phytoplankton, corals, mollusks and fish.
- Aerobic and anaerobic metabolism
- Comparative immunology
- Oxygen transport by respiratory pigments (hemocyanin, hemoglobin)

SIO 281 discusses classic and modern experimental techniques and research papers.

Course Website

Course materials will be available through the course website (<http://ted.ucsd.edu>). All students will need to be able to access this site. Be sure to check the course website frequently for announcements and updates.

Grading

Grades will be based on a 5-page (+references) research project due on June 6th (70%), quizzes and homework (30%).

Student choice

Undergraduate students: letter grade or Pass/No Pass

Graduate students: Letter grade or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Schedule

Mon March 28	Introduction to the course
Wed March 30	Aerobic and anaerobic metabolism
Mon April 4	Cellular and molecular adaptations to hypoxia
Wed April 6	Hypoxia in the aquatic environment (Horst Felbeck)
Mon April 11	Ecophysiology of the deep sea environment (Tony Koslow)
Wed April 13	Solute transporting proteins (ions, glucose, amino acids)
Mon April 18	ATPases (e.g. Na ⁺ /K ⁺ -ATPase, V-H ⁺ -ATPase)
Wed April 20	Carbonic anhydrase
Mon April 25	pH in biological systems
Wed April 27	Signal transduction-molecular sensors of CO ₂ , pH and HCO ₃ ⁻
Mon May 2	<i>Osedax</i> and hagfish physiology
Wed May 4	Fish cell biology and physiology
Mon May 9	Effects of OA on fish
Wed May 11	Effects of OA on invertebrates
Mon May 16	Coral cell biology and physiology
Wed May 18	Effects of OA on corals
Mon May 23	Effects of OA on phytoplankton
Wed May 25	Comparative Immunology (Lena Gerwick)
Mon May 30	Memorial day
Wed June 1	Respiratory pigments
Mon June 6	Research project due

Note: 1.20 h lectures

*Guest lecturer, exact date to be confirmed

Required Reading material (uploaded to TED)

(Casey et al., 2010; Clifford et al., 2015; Hamilton et al., 2013; Heuer and Grosell, 2014; Hochachka and Somero, 2002; Maren, 1967; Tresguerres et al., 2014; Tresguerres et al., 2016; Tresguerres et al., 2010a; Tresguerres et al., 2013; Tresguerres et al., 2011; Tresguerres et al., 2010b)

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