

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*)

Eckart 227

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

70% of the grade is based on a research project due on June 6 (2,500-word +references). The remaining 30% is based on quizzes and homework.

Student choice

Undergraduate students: letter grade or Pass/No Pass

Graduate students: Letter grade or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Schedule

Mon April 2	Introduction to the course
Wed April 4	Aerobic and anaerobic metabolism
Mon April 9	Respiratory pigments
Wed April 11	Physiological adaptations to hypoxia
Mon April 16	Carbonic anhydrase
Wed April 18	ATPases (e.g. Na ⁺ /K ⁺ -ATPase, V-H ⁺ -ATPase)
Mon April 23	Comparative Immunology (Lena Gerwick)
Wed April 25	pH in biological systems
Mon April 30	Signal transduction-molecular sensors of CO ₂ , pH and HCO ₃ ⁻
Wed May 2	<i>Osedax</i> physiology
Mon May 7	Hagfish physiology
Wed May 9	Fish physiology
Mon May 14	Effects of OA on fish
Wed May 16	Physiology of fish larvae (Garfield Kwan)
Mon May 21	Coral cell biology and physiology
Wed May 23	Coral photophysiology (Daniel Wangpraseurt)
Mon May 28	Memorial day
Wed May 30	Effects of OA on corals
Mon June 4	Effects of OA on phytoplankton
Wed June 6	Research project due

Note: 1.20 h lectures

Required Reading material (uploaded to TED)

(Casey et al., 2010; Clifford et al., 2015; Hamilton et al., 2014; Heuer and Grosell, 2014; Hochachka and Somero, 2002; Kwan et al., 2017; Maren, 1967; Tresguerres, 2016; Tresguerres and Hamilton, 2017; Tresguerres et al., 2014; Tresguerres et al., 2010a; Tresguerres et al., 2013; Tresguerres et al., 2011; Tresguerres et al., 2010b)

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