

Western University  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
**School of Kinesiology**

**KIN 4471B Physiological Function in Physical Activity & Aging**

**Winter 2021**

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**NOTE:** All course information including grades, assignment outlines, deadlines, etc. are available via OWL. Check the website regularly for course announcements.

**Calendar Course Description (including prerequisites/anti-requisites):**

Selected topics in the areas of sport, exercise, play and dance. Topic and course description available in the Undergraduate Program Office. Antirequisites and/or additional prerequisites to be determined based on the topic offered.

**Prerequisite(s) (KIN students only):** [Kinesiology 2230A/B](#)

**Extra Information:** 3 lecture hours.

*You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course pre-requisites, and that you have not taken an anti-requisite course.*

*Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.*

**NOTE: If you wish to enroll in this course without the stated pre-requisite(s), you must obtain written approval from the course instructor. The approval should then be forwarded to your academic counsellor.**

**My Course Description**

Physiological changes with advanced will be the focus of this class. The function of different physiological systems (e.g. cardiorespiratory, neuromuscular, cognitive) will be discussed, with a focus on relationships among the systems and their contributions to function and health. The impact of factors such as disuse, disease and physical activity on the aging process will be examined to understand best practices for healthy aging.

## Learning Outcomes/Schedule:

The goal of this course is to examine the physiological changes with advanced age, with attention to the relationship to physical activity, disuse and disease. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Compare and contrast the theories and biomarkers of aging
- Understand the psychological changes associated with aging, and explain relationships among changes in different physiological systems
- Describe the impact of physiological changes on cognitive and physical function
- Compare and contrast the role of disease, disuse and physical activity in altering the physiological changes with advanced age
- Articulate strategies to promote healthy aging

WEEK	TOPIC
1	Introduction, Myths and Facts about Aging
2	Theories and biomarkers of aging
3	Stress and hormones
4	Cardiorespiratory function
5	Skeletal system
6	Mid-term in class
7	READING WEEK Feb 13 – Feb 21/21
8	Neuromuscular system
9	Brain health and cognition
10	Disuse and disease
11	Physical activity benefits and adaptations I
12	Physical activity benefits and adaptations II
13	Course wrap-up and exam review

**\*Note: This is a tentative list of topics. Timing, order and/or topics may change.**

### Required Course Material/Text:

There is no required text book for this course. All required readings will be posted on OWL.

### Course Evaluation:

Grade Source	Percentage of Course Grade
Mid-term (in class)	25%
Final exam (final exam period)	35%
Team project	25%
Individual Project	10%
Quizzes (Best 5 of 6)	5%

The exam format consists of multiple choice, true/false, case study and short answer. The mid-term will be held in class. **There will be no make-up mid-term exam.** If the mid-term is missed and appropriate documentation is provided, the grade will be redistributed to the final exam (i.e. the final exam will be worth 60%). The final exam will be scheduled for 2 hours (date and location to be set by the registrar's office).

Mini-Project: TBD.

Team Project: TBD

Quizzes: 5% - Quizzes will be completed through OWL, with a time limit. They will be available from Wednesday evening until Friday at midnight on weeks when they are assigned. Best 5 of 6 will count. Quiz dates are listed below. There will be **no make-up quizzes.**

Assignments are due as stated in the course syllabus and will not be accepted late, except under medical or other compassionate circumstances. Submitting a late assignment without appropriate documentation will result in a zero (0) grade. A missed mid-term examination, without appropriate documentation will result in a zero (0) grade. Acceptable reasons might include hospital stays, serious illness, family emergencies (like serious accidents, illness or death) or similar circumstances.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Mon Jan 4/21	<b>First Day of Class</b>
TBD	<b>Quiz 1 due by midnight</b>
TBD	<b>Quiz 2 due by midnight</b>
TBD	<b>Individual project Due</b>
TBD	<b>Quiz 3 due by midnight</b>
TBD	<b>Quiz 4 due by midnight</b>
TBD	<b>Midterm Exam (in class)</b>
Sat Feb 13 – Sun Feb 21/21	<b>Reading Week No Class</b>
TBD	<b>Quiz 5 due by midnight</b>
TBD	<b>Quiz 6 due by midnight</b>
TBD	<b>Team Project Due</b>
Wed Mar 31/21	<b>Last Day of Class</b>

## Course/University Policies

### 1. Statement on Use of Personal Response Systems (“Clickers”)

If Personal Response Systems (“Clickers”) are used in the course, a reference to the Guidelines for their use (Guidelines are shown below). Instructors are to communicate clearly to students information on how clickers are used including: how the student’s privacy will be protected, how clickers may be used by the instructor for data gathering and for evaluating the students, and why they cannot be used by anyone but the student (since the students involved in misuse of a clicker may be charged with a scholastic offence).

2. **Academic offences:** They are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

A) Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>

B) Computer marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

### 3. Electronic Device Usage:

**During Exams** - Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any of the following electronic devices during ANY of the tests, quizzes, midterms, examinations, or other in-class evaluations: cellphones, smart phones, smart watches, smart glasses, audio players or recorders of any sort, video cameras, video games, DVD players, televisions, laptop/notebook/netbook computers, flashlights or laser pointers.

**During Lectures and Tutorials:** Although you are welcome to use a computer during lecture and tutorial periods, you are expected to use the computer for scholastic purposes only, and refrain from engaging in any activities that may distract other students from learning. Please be respectful to your fellow students and turn the sound off. If the professor receives complaints from other students regarding noise or other disruptive behavior (e.g. watching videos on YouTube.com, updating your Facebook status, playing Solitaire), your classroom privileges will be revoked. From time to time, your professor may ask the class to turn off all computers, to facilitate learning or discussion of the material presented in a particular class. **Unless explicitly noted otherwise, you may not make audio or video recordings of lectures – nor may you edit, re-use, distribute, or re-broadcast any of the material posted to the course website.**

### 4. Health and Wellness:

Information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at <http://www.health.uwo.ca/>.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<http://www.health.uwo.ca/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

## 5. Support Services

There are various support services around campus and these include, but are not limited to:

1. Student Development Centre -- <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>
2. Student Health & Wellness -- <http://www.health.uwo.ca/>
3. Registrar's Office -- <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>
4. Ombudsperson Office -- <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/>

## 6. Documentation for Academic Accommodation (Illness, Medical/Non-Medical Absences):

[http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_12](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12)

Students who experience an extenuating circumstance (illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstance) sufficiently significant to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

- (i) Submitting a Self-Reported Absence (see below for conditions)
  - (ii) For medical absences exceeding 48 hours, submitting a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner to their Academic Counselling in their Faculty of registration in order to be eligible for Academic Consideration; or
  - (iii) For non-medical absences exceeding 48 hours, submitting appropriate documentation (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to Academic Counselling in their Faculty of registration in order to be eligible for academic consideration. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Counselling unit to clarify what documentation is appropriate.
- Students seeking academic consideration **must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by either the self-reported absence or SMC, or immediately upon their return following a documented absence.

### The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

- a. a maximum of two self-reported absences between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
- b. any absences in excess of the number designated in clause a above will require students to present a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) or appropriate documentation supporting extenuating circumstances to the Academic Counselling unit in their Faculty of registration no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities.
- c. The duration of the excused absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30 am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30 pm;
- d. The duration of the excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period should the student undertake significant academic responsibilities (write a test, submit a paper) during that time;
- e. The duration of an excused absence will terminate at 8:30 am on the day following the last day of classes each semester regardless of how many days of absence have elapsed;
- f. Self-reported absences will not be allowed for scheduled final examinations; for midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term;
- g. Self-reporting may not be used for assessments (e.g. midterm exams, tests, reports, presentations, or essays) worth more than 30% of any given course;

For medical and non-medical absences that are not eligible for self-reporting, Kinesiology students must submit an Academic Consideration Request form found online [https://www.uwo.ca/fhs/kin/undergrad/files/accommodation\\_request.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/fhs/kin/undergrad/files/accommodation_request.pdf) in addition to an SMC or appropriate documentation in the event of a non-medical absence. These documents will be retained in the student's file, and will be held in confidence in accordance with the University's Official Student Record Information Privacy Policy. Health Studies students must contact academic counselling in the School of Health Studies, to make arrangements for accommodations.

7. **Grades:** Where possible assignment objectives and rubrics will be posted on OWL. Should you have a concern regarding the grade you received for an assignment or feel that it is unfair in any way, you must wait 24 hours from the receipt of the assignment to approach the instructor or TA. In doing so, please make an appointment and prepare in writing, with evidence, why you feel your grade is inappropriate. Please be aware that in requesting a grade reassessment, your grade could go up/down/or stay the same. Note that calculations errors (which do occur!) should be brought to my attention immediately.

Generally, students can expect some form of feedback on their performance in a course before the drop date.

- November 12th, 2020 (for first term half-courses)
- November 30th, 2020 (for full-year courses)
- March 7th, 2021 (for second term half-or full year courses)

A+	90-100	<i>One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level</i>
A	80-89	<i>Superior work that is clearly above average</i>
B	70-79	<i>Good work, meeting all requirements and eminently</i>
C	60-69	<i>Competent work, meeting requirements</i>
D	50-59	<i>Fair work, minimally acceptable.</i>
F	below 50	<i>Fail</i>

**Rounding of Grades** (for example, bumping a 79 to 80%):

This is a practice some students request. **This practice will not occur here.** The edges of this course are clear and sharp. The mark attained is the mark you achieved and the mark assigned; there is no rounding to the next grade level, or 'giving away' of marks. Please don't ask me to do this for you; the response will be "please review the course outline where this is presented".

8. **Classroom Behaviour:** Class will begin promptly at the time specified at the top of page one of this syllabus. In the event that you must arrive late, please enter the classroom with a minimal disturbance to the class. Please keep all electronic devices on silent and avoid distracting classmates.

9. **Student Code of Conduct**

The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at Western University, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For more information, visit <https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>