

# Advanced Exercise Physiology

APK6170 | Class # 16575 | 3 Credits | Spring 2025

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## Course Info

### INSTRUCTOR

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### OFFICE HOURS

Office hours will be posted on the Canvas page

### MEETING TIME/LOCATION

FLG 245 - Tuesday period 7 (1:55P – 2:45P)  
FLG 245 - Thursday periods 7-8 (1:55P – 3:50P)

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF ACUTE AND CHRONIC RESPONSES TO EXERCISE. PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS PLACED UPON UNDERSTANDING THE PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO EXERCISE AT BOTH A SYSTEMS AND CELLULAR LEVEL. EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON MUSCLE CONTRACTILE PROPERTIES, MUSCLE BIOENERGETICS AND THE ENDOCRINE RESPONSES TO EXERCISE.

## PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

APK4112 or APK6116C or equivalent or instructor approval

## REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

The instructor will post lecture slides, videos, and reading material as appropriate on Canvas. The student does not need to identify additional resources to complement the material provided or solve problems posed in the course.

Lecture notes and materials posted on the class website are the property of the instructor or the publishers of the material. They are posted solely for students in this course, for educational purposes, and to facilitate note-taking and studying. No part of the materials may be re-distributed, reproduced, or used for any purpose other than note-taking and studying.

Textbook: The course modules will be based on specific chapters from the ACSM's Advanced Exercise Physiology textbook (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, ISBN: 9780781797801) and current literature. Students are HIGHLY encouraged to purchase this textbook and complete the suggested readings. Literature sources will be provided in the form of PDF.

There will be reading assignments from the book's chapters and other sources as needed. Topics covered in the reading assignments will be in exams or quizzes even if not covered in lecture or discussions. Questions on reading topics not covered in lecture or discussions will be general and assess the students' ability to define and describe concepts in bioenergetics and exercise physiology. Questions on topics covered in lectures or class discussions will involve in-depth concepts and problem solving.

Access to computer and CANVAS.

### **COURSE FORMAT**

The course includes two meetings per week. One day of the week will be dedicated to live lectures, the other day the class will meet for a quiz followed by active learning. Active learning sessions include discussion of questions and presentation of concepts or solving applied problems related to physiology.

**COURSE LEARNING GOALS:** By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Define, describe, and illustrate basic and advanced bioenergetics and physiological processes involved in the regulation of metabolism, skeletal muscle contraction and fatigue, blood flow and blood pressure, and breathing.
- Explain the integration of multiple systems in response to exercise and solve problems in that context
- Interpret and propose explanations for the metabolic, muscle, and cardiovascular responses to exercise in health, disease, and environmental challenges
- Defend and critique material or ideas related to bioenergetics, performance, and integrative exercise physiology

## **Course & University Policies**

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Make every effort to attend all class meetings. Missing classes will likely have an impact on participation grade. The rubric for participation points is included below under 'GRADING'. Students called for participation in lectures or discussion sessions and not present will receive a zero for participation. Students who receive a zero in participation for unexcused absence will not be able to earn full credit for participation. Students who need to miss a class should communicate and discuss with the instructor, in advance of missing a class, to avoid penalties on participation.

### **PERSONAL CONDUCT POLICY**

Students are expected to exhibit behaviors that reflect highly upon themselves and our University.

University of Florida students are bound by the Honor Pledge. On all work submitted for credit by a student, the following pledge is required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The [Student Honor Code and Conduct Code \(Regulation 4.040\)](#) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code, as well as the process for reported allegations and sanctions that may be implemented. All potential violations of the code will be reported to Student Conduct and Conflict

Resolution. If a student is found responsible for an Honor Code violation in this course, the instructor will enter a Grade Adjustment sanction which may be up to or including failure of the course.

### APPROPRIATE USE OF AI TECHNOLOGY

The UF Honor Code strictly prohibits *cheating*. The use of any materials or resources prepared by another person or Entity (inclusive of generative AI tools) without the other person or Entity's express consent or without proper attribution to the other person or Entity is considered *cheating*. Additionally, the use of any materials or resources, through any medium, which the Faculty / Instructor has not given express permission to use and that may confer an academic benefit to a student, constitutes *cheating*.

### EXAM MAKE-UP POLICY

For all planned absences, a student in a situation that allows an excused absence from a class, or any required class activity must inform the instructor as early as possible prior to the class. For all unplanned absences because of accidents or emergency situations, students should contact their instructor as soon as conditions permit.

A student experiencing an illness should visit the UF Student Health Care Center or their preferred healthcare provider to seek medical advice and obtain documentation. If you have an illness, family emergency or death, please provide any documentation to the instructor regarding illness or family emergency.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

### ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center by visiting their Get Started page at <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

### COURSE EVALUATIONS

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://my-ufl.bluera.com/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://my-ufl.bluera.com/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

## Getting Help

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

- **U Matter, We Care:** If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu), 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- **Counseling and Wellness Center:** Visit the [Counseling and Wellness Center website](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- **Student Health Care Center:** Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit the [Student Health Care Center website](#).

- **University Police Department:** Visit [UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- **UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center:** For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; or visit the [UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website](#).
- **GatorWell Health Promotion Services:** For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing, including Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, visit the [GatorWell website](#) or call 352-273-4450.

## ACADEMIC RESOURCES

- **E-learning technical support:** Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu).
- **Career Connections Center:** Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.
- **Library Support:** Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- **Teaching Center:** Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
- **Writing Studio:** 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
- **Student Complaints & Grievances:** Students are encouraged to communicate first with the involved person(s), but [here](#) is more information on the appropriate reporting process.

## APK ADMINISTRATORS

For suggestions or concerns related to APK courses or programming, please reach out to any of the following:

- Dr. David Vaillancourt (he/him), APK Department Chair, [vcourt@ufl.edu](mailto:vcourt@ufl.edu)
- Dr. Demetra Christou (she/her), APK Department Vice Chair, [ddchristou@hhp.ufl.edu](mailto:ddchristou@hhp.ufl.edu)
- Dr. Steve Coombes (he/him), APK Graduate Coordinator, [rachaelseidler@ufl.edu](mailto:rachaelseidler@ufl.edu)
- Dr. Joslyn Ahlgren (she/her), APK Undergraduate Coordinator, [jahlgren@ufl.edu](mailto:jahlgren@ufl.edu)

## Civility, Accessibility, and Community Resources

This is a science-based course, which should ideally be objective in its presentation, interpretation, and valid for everyone. However, much of science is subjective and is historically built on a small subset of privileged voices. I acknowledge that the readings for this course were authored by white men and women. Furthermore, the course relies heavily on findings from experiments mostly conducted by white men. The interpretation and presentation are modified, as feasible, by the instructor. I will make an effort to acknowledge whenever possible the contribution that people from several races, sexes, and backgrounds have given to the field. However, I admit that it is possible that there may be both overt and covert biases in the material due to the lens with which it was written, even though the material is primarily of a scientific nature. Integrating a diverse set of experiences is important for a more comprehensive understanding of science. Please contact me (in person or electronically) or submit anonymous feedback if you have any suggestions to improve the quality of the course materials.

Furthermore, I would like to create a learning environment for my students that supports a diversity of thoughts, perspectives and experiences, and honors your identities (including race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, ability, etc.) To help accomplish this:

- If you have a name and/or set of pronouns that differ from those that appear in your official UF records, let me know as indicated above.
- If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you. Remember that you can

also submit anonymous feedback (which will lead to me making a general announcement to the class, if necessary to address your concerns).

- If you prefer to speak with someone outside of the course, see the list of contacts below.
- I am continuing to learn about diverse perspectives and identities, and still adapting to the cultural differences between countries and regions. If something was said in class (by anyone) that made you feel uncomfortable, please talk to me about it. Again, anonymous feedback is always an option.

## Grading

The following table outlines the point-accruing components of this course.

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Assessment</i>			
	<i>Written Exams</i>	<i>Participation</i>	<i>Research Article Presentations</i>	<i>Oral Exam</i>
MS	60%	10%	20%	10%
PhD	60%	10%	10%	20%

**Written Exams** – Exams will be based on reading assignments and content covered in discussions and lectures. Students will take the exams in location and times determined in an agreement with the students and instructor.

MS Students: Exams will be at the end of each module (three exams, one per module). Each exam will contain 20-25 questions and last 50-100 minutes. Questions will be fill in the blank, multiple choice, short essay, and true/false.

PhD Students: Exams will follow a “qualification exam” style, with 4-5 questions and last 100 minutes. All questions will be essay type and involve explanation in writing, graphs, and diagrams.

**Oral Exam** – The oral exam will be taken with all students at the same time and will last ~3 hours. Each student will have to answer 1-2 questions per oral exam with minimal assistance from classmates.

**Participation**– This will be determined based on the student’s preparedness assessed by quality and correctness of submission of hand-written answers (submitted online) and drawings to discussion questions, involvement in class activities or lectures, and contribution in classroom discussions. Students are required to participate through presentation of a lecture slide, providing answers on the board, and discussion of applied questions in front of class. Students should participate at least once in each module to receive all points. Students can be called for further participation in each module, after earning full points, at the discretion of the instructor. The instructor will select a student to participate, but students can also volunteer to participate. There are no pre-arrangements of questions or topics for specific students. Students should be prepared to present all slides, answer all questions, and discuss all problems assigned for the day.

Students will receive participation points for presenting their understanding of concepts, complementing comments from other students, or responding to questions from the instructor following the rubric outlined below. If the instructor calls a student who is absent, the student will receive a zero on participation unless the absence is justified according to UF policies as outlined above. If there are hindrances for students to participate in class, the instructor will meet with the student (individually or in small group) to discuss the topic, or rely on the online submission of hand-written answers and drawings to assign participation points.

**Research Articles** – Students will be assigned research articles for reading and will be responsible for leading a discussion of their assigned article. There will be 1-4 articles per module.

**Grading Scale:** Students take exams and quizzes using Canvas and scores are available immediately upon submission. Students should contact the instructor as soon as possible if they feel there is an error in the grading of individual questions or submission of final grades. Final course grades will be assigned based on the table below. The grade achieved by the student and showing on Canvas is final. There is no rounding of grades in any circumstance. Any requests for additional extra credit or special exceptions to these grading policies will be interpreted as an honor code violation (i.e., asking for preferential treatment) and will be handled accordingly.

More detailed information regarding current UF grading policies can be found here:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>.

Letter Grade	Percent of Total Points Associated with each Letter Grade	GPA Impact of Each Letter Grade
A	90.00 – 100%	4.00
B+	87.00 – 89.99%	3.33
B	80.00 – 86.99%	3.00
C+	77.00 – 79.99%	2.33
C	70.00 – 76.99%	2.00
D+	67.00 – 69.99%	1.33
D	60.00 – 66.99%	1.00
E	0.00 – 59.99%	0.00

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## Weekly Course Schedule

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE (updates and/or changes will be announced via CANVAS)

The course includes three modules: I) Energetics, Metabolism, and Endocrine Exercise Physiology; II) Skeletal Muscle Excitation, Contraction, and Fatigue; and III) Cardiovascular and Hemodynamics Regulation. The modules emphasize exercise and physiological responses to environmental challenges in health and disease.

#### Module 1

- Topic 1 – Enzyme Kinetics
- Topic 2 – Energy Systems and Bioenergetics
- Topic 3 – Glucose Uptake
- Topic 4 – Glycogen Metabolism
- Topic 5 – Glycolysis
- Topic 6 – Pyruvate and Lactate Metabolism
- Topic 7 – Lipolysis
- Topic 8 – Citric Acid Cycle and Oxidative Phosphorylation

#### Module 2

- Topic 1 – Skeletal Muscle, Macro, Micro, and Molecular Structure
- Topic 2 – Sarcomere and SR Structure-Function
- Topic 3 – Neuromuscular Junction, Neuromuscular Transmission, and EC Coupling

Topic 4 – Calcium-activated force and cross-bridge cycle

Topic 5 – Passive Muscle Mechanics

Topic 6 – Active Contractile Properties

Topic 7 – Muscle Fatigue

### Module 3

Topic 1 - Cardiovascular Autonomic and Hormonal Control

Topic 2 – Baroreflex and Exercise Blood pressure

Topic 3 – Smooth Muscle: Structure-Function and Extrinsic Control

Topic 4 – Intrinsic Control and Exercise Hyperemia

Tentative dates and course plan are below. Any changes to schedule will be announced on Canvas.

Date	Class Activity	Module
14-Jan	Course Introduction	Module 1
16-Jan	Lecture - Topic 1	
21-Jan	Lecture - Topic 2	
23-Jan	<b>Discussion</b> – Topics 1-2	
28-Jan	Lecture - Topics 3-4	
30-Jan	<b>Discussion</b> – Topics 3-4	
04-Feb	Lecture - Topics 5-6	
06-Feb	<b>Discussion</b> – Topics 5-6	
11-Feb	Lecture - Topics 7-8	
13-Feb	<b>Discussion</b> – Topics 7-8	
18-Feb	Exam Review and Labster Simulations Due	
20-Feb	<b>EXAM 1 DUE</b>	
25-Feb	Lecture – Topics 1-2	Module 2
27-Feb	<b>Discussion</b> - Topics 1-2	
04-Mar	Lecture – Topics 3-4	
06-Mar	<b>Discussion</b> - Topics 3-4	
11-Mar	Lecture – Topics 5-6	
13-Mar	<b>Discussion</b> - Topics 5-6	
18-Mar	SPRING BREAK	
20-Mar	SPRING BREAK	
25-Mar	Lecture – Topic 7	
27-Mar	<b>Discussion</b> - Topic 7	
01-Apr	Exam Review and Labster Simulations Due	
03-Apr	<b>EXAM 2 DUE</b>	
08-Apr	Lecture – Topics 1-2	Module 3
10-Apr	<b>Discussion</b> – Topic 1-2	
15-Apr	Lecture – Topics 3-4	
17-Apr	<b>Discussion</b> – Topics 3-4 and <b>Exam Review</b>	
22-Apr	<b>EXAM 3 DUE</b>	

### SUCCESS AND STUDY TIPS

The instructor encourages you to learn to UNDERSTAND the material by listening, reviewing the lectures and performing the reading. Take the extra time to understand underlying mechanisms and worry less about memorizing. Terms are important because they are holding places for new concepts but they can always be looked up or googled. Concepts are harder to master and more important for this class. Additional tips for success are below:



- Read the textbook and other reading assignments BEFORE coming to lectures and discussions. Do not take notes, underline, highlight, or attempt to memorize anything. Just READ and enjoy!
- There will be material in the reading assignments that is not covered in lecture which WILL appear on quizzes and exams. There is simply not enough lecture time to cover all materials.
- Do not attempt to memorize all materials. The best grades are usually obtained by focusing efforts on full comprehension of the materials and developing critical thinking skills.
- Examine quiz and exam questions carefully. Some questions involve multiple parts. Taking complex questions and breaking them down to identify exactly what the question is REALLY asking for is very helpful.
- Do not fall behind. This course moves at a FAST pace and covers advanced topics. You can easily get overwhelmed if you procrastinate.
- Stay organized – keep track of important due dates.
- Check CANVAS announcements and emails daily! The instructor will post important and helpful information here.
- Don't be afraid to be incorrect during discussions. The goal of these sessions is to develop full comprehension of the materials (rather than short-term memorization) so that you can discuss your thought process and how you came to your conclusion.