

SEMESTER VI
BSc. (Hons.) Biochemistry

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – (DSC-16)
HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Human Physiology (BCH-DSC-601)	4	2L	0	2P	Class XII with Science and Biology	NIL

Learning Objectives

The objective of the course is to provide a comprehensive study of the molecular and cellular mechanisms that govern the integrative working and regulation of the various organ systems in the human body. The course will provide a foundation of the physiological principles and the application of the same in real-life situations. It will prepare students for higher education in any field related to medical physiology.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the homeostatic control and functioning of the human body systems
2. Discuss the regulatory mechanism regulating different organ system.
3. Describe the functioning of the different organ systems.
4. Explain the basis of various physiological diseases.
5. Perform and analyse various physiological tests that examine the function of various systems of the human body.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-16

BCH-DSC-16 : HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY SEMESTER - VI

2.2 Course Contents Theory (2 Credits)

Total Hours: 30

Unit I: Circulatory system

(7 Hours)

Homeostasis: definition and control mechanisms (negative and positive feedback mechanisms). Blood Composition and Blood coagulation. Anatomy of Heart. Heartbeat Coordination: Cardiac action potential and Pacemaker potential. Cardiac cycle. Cardiac output and its regulation. The role of blood vessels in circulation: Arteries, Veins and Blood capillaries.

Unit II: Life Processes

(15 Hours)

Respiratory physiology: Ventilation and lung mechanics. Inspiration, Expiration, Lung compliance and its determinants. Transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide in blood. Regulation of respiration.

Renal physiology: Cell biology of the Bowmans' capsule. Physiology of glomerular filtration and GFR. Tubular processing of the glomerular filtrate. Urine concentration: The counter current multiplier system. Blood buffer systems.

Gastrointestinal physiology: Propulsion, motility, digestion and assimilation of food. Secretory functions of the gastrointestinal tract. Enteric nervous system. Regulation of GI tract functions. Hepatic physiology and Enterohepatic circulation.

Unit III: Introduction to muscular and neural physiology

(4 Hours)

Molecular mechanisms of skeletal and smooth muscle contraction: role of troponin, tropomyosin, and calcium in contraction, excitation-contraction coupling. Overview of Central and Peripheral Nervous System and neural conduction.

Unit IV: Reproductive Physiology

(4 Hours)

Sex determination and differentiation. Oogenesis, Spermatogenesis, capacitation and transport of sperm, blood-testis barrier. Fertilization, Implantation and Placentation.

2.3 Practical (2 Credits)

Total Hours: 60

1. Hematology:
 - a. Determination of Packed Cell Volume, Bleeding Time and Clotting Time.
 - b. Preparation of blood smear and estimation of differential leucocyte count.
 - c. Enumeration of Blood cells: RBC and WBC
 - d. Estimation of hemoglobin and calculation of blood indices
2. Serum Proteins Electrophoresis
3. Understanding the anatomy/structure of following: Heart, GI Tract, Kidney and Nephron, Neuron, Lung and alveoli, skeletal, smooth and cardiac muscle
4. Pulmonary function tests: Understanding Lung capacities and Lung volumes using Spirometry
5. Determination of the Blood Pressure.
6. Case studies: Renal clearance, Gastrointestinal disorder, Anemia, Jaundice (any two)
7. Virtual Lab on ECG

2.4 Essential Readings:

- Widmaier, E.P., Raff, H. and Strang, K.T. (2019) Vander's Human Physiology 15th ed., McGraw Hill International Publications (New York), ISBN: 978-1259903885
- Fox, S.I. (2018) Human Physiology 15th ed., McGraw Hill International Publications, (New York) ISBN 978-1259864629

Suggested Readings:

- Guyton, A.C. and Hall, J.E., (2016) Reed Textbook of Medical Physiology 13th ed., Elsevier India Pvt. Ltd. (New Delhi). ISBN: 978-1455770052
- Sherwood, L. (2012) Introduction to Human Physiology 8th edition; Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning. ISBN-13: 978-1133104544.
- Gerard G Totor. (2017). Principles of Physiology and Anatomy 15th Edition, Wiley. ISBN: 978-1-119-40006-6

3. Key word:

Physiology, Homeostasis, life processes, heart, neurophysiology, reproduction

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.