9. Biomechanics and Locomotion

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Pre-class materials

Read ahead

Before class, you can prepare by reading the following materials:

- 1. Tuesday we will finish Muscle Discussion and move on to biomechanics and locomotion
- 2. Thursday we will continue locomotion.
- 3. Lab this week is on [human EMG]! Pay attention to refining your prelab.

Announcements/Reminders

- Halloween Extra Credit come dressed up, stop by lab on Tuesday (or Monday)
- Design 2 Rewrite due Friday by midnight into the "Final" folder. [turn in]
- Do discussion TEAMMATES eval, released each Thursay, due by Monday.
- Getting to the end, folks!

Week 10 Discussion Groups

Group	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3
1	Mohamad	James	Vivian
2	Hao	Abby	Kylee
3	Adam	Ilan	Sean
4	Ashton	Christian	Veronica

Tuesday

• Finish Muscle Discussion [discussion] [slide deck 2]

Muscle Design podcast

https://youtu.be/XPgHg2lmc5M

• Begin Biomechanics and Locomotion [discussion] [slide deck 1]

Thursday

- Biomechanics and Locomotion [discussion] [slide deck 1]
 - Support vs. Locomotion
 - Material properties and functional design
 - * stress and strain
 - * posture
 - Muscle architecture
 - Lever arms and gear ratios
- Terrestrial Locomotion [discussion] [slide deck 2]
 - Cursorial adaptations
 - Trends in posture
 - Limb cycles and gaits (kinematics)
 - Ground reaction forces and joint forces (biomechanics)
 - Conservation of energy in running, walking jumping

https://youtu.be/YlyaASmy-1E

Coming up Next Week

• Homework 5 Muscles & Biomechanics due Thursday 11/07 [schedule]

Reminders and materials