# Human Physiology, B.S.

## Learning Outcomes

The B.S. degree in human physiology:

- provides students a broad education in the health sciences;
- prepares students to employ their fundamental knowledge of human physiology and health sciences together with the scientific method to solve problems in their chosen professional and/or graduate career fields; and
- instills in students the understanding and appreciation of the relevance of healthy behaviors to a fulfilling and productive life, and the importance of lifelong learning in the rapidly evolving fields of physiology and the health sciences.

## Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in human physiology requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 62 s.h. of work for the major (31 s.h. in health and human physiology and 31 s.h. in required cognate courses). Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

The major in human physiology is designed primarily for individuals who intend to continue their education beyond the B.S. in the health professions, including medicine, dentistry, optometry, physician assistant, physical therapy, and podiatry, and for those who intend to pursue graduate degrees in basic life sciences.

Students may earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in human physiology or a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in health and human physiology, but not both.

Students who major in human physiology may not earn the minor in human physiology or the minor in physical activity and nutrition science.

The B.S. with a major in human physiology requires the following course work:

### Code | Title | Hours
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Human Physiology Courses | 31
Cognate Area Courses | 31
**Total Hours** | **62**

## Human Physiology Courses

### Code | Title | Hours
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HHP:2200 | Physical Activity and Health | 3
HHP:3115 | Anatomy for Human Physiology with Lab | 5
HHP:3550 | Human Physiology with Laboratory | 5

At least 18 s.h. from these, of which at least 12 s.h. must be in HHP course work:

HHP:3230/PSY:3230 Psychopharmacology | 3

### Code | Title | Hours
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HHP:3300 | Human Growth and Motor Development | 3
HHP:3450 | Immunology in Health and Disease | 3
HHP:3900 | Writing for Health and Human Physiology | 3
HHP:4110 | Advanced Human Anatomy Laboratory | 4
HHP:4130 | Skeletal Muscle Physiology | 3
HHP:4150 | Clinical Exercise Physiology | 3
HHP:4200 | Metabolic Exercise Testing and Prescription | 4
HHP:4210 | Musculoskeletal Exercise Testing and Prescription | 4
HHP:4220 | Biomechanics of Human Motion | 3
HHP:4250 | Human Pathophysiology | 3
HHP:4260 | Respiratory Pathophysiology | 3
HHP:4410 | Exercise Physiology | 3
HHP:4440 | Physiology of Nutrition | 3
HHP:4450 | Genetic Basis of Disease | 3
HHP:4460 | Cardiovascular Physiology | 3
HHP:4465 | Environmental Exercise Physiology | 3
HHP:4470 | Physiology of Aging | 3
HHP:4480 | Introduction to Human Pharmacology | 3
HHP:4500 | Undergraduate Independent Study | 3
HHP:4510 | Energy Metabolism in Health and Disease | 3
HHP:4900 | Honors Research II | 3
BIOC:3110 | Biochemistry | 3
BIOL:2211 | Genes, Genomes, and the Human Condition | 3
BIOL:2254 | Endocrinology | 3
BIOL:2512 | Fundamental Genetics | 4
BIOL:2603 | Mechanisms of Aging | 3
BIOL:2723 | Cell Biology | 3
BIOL:2753 | Introduction to Neurobiology | 3
BIOL:3233 | Introduction to Developmental Biology | 3
BIOL:3373 | Human Population Genetics and Variation | 3
MICR:2157 | General Microbiology | 3
MICR:2158 | General Microbiology Laboratory | 2
MICR:3168 | Viruses and Human Disease | 3
PSY:3220 | Behavioral Neuroscience | 3
SOC:3510 | Medical Sociology | 3

## Cognate Areas

Students must earn a minimum of 31 s.h. in cognate areas—subjects outside of human physiology—by completing courses from the following lists.

### Code | Title | Hours
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Biology

This sequence:
BIOL:1411- BIOL:1412 Foundations of Biology - Diversity of Form and Function 8

**Chemistry**
This sequence:
CHEM:1110 & CHEM:1120 Principles of Chemistry I-II 8

**Mathematics**
One of these:
MATH:1460 Calculus for the Biological Sciences 4
MATH:1550 Engineering Mathematics I: Single Variable Calculus 4
MATH:1850 Calculus I 4

**Physics**
This sequence:
PHYS:1511- PHYS:1512 College Physics I-II 8

**Statistics**
One of these:
STAT:2010 Statistical Methods and Computing 3
STAT:3510/ IGPI:3510 Biostatistics 3
STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods 3

**Honors**

**Honors in the Major**
Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must maintain an overall g.p.a. of at least 3.33 in work for their major.

In order to graduate with honors in the major, students must successfully complete the honors research course sequence HHP:4800 Honors Research I and HHP:4900 Honors Research II; write an honors thesis that is deposited with the University of Iowa Honors Program and is judged to be of honors quality; and make an oral or poster presentation of the honors thesis in an approved venue, such as a department research seminar or professional conference.

**University of Iowa Honors Program**
In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the human physiology major.

**Academic Plans**

**Four-Year Graduation Plan**
The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

**Before the fifth semester begins:** calculus and at least six more courses in the major

**Before the seventh semester begins:** at least six more courses in the major (total of 13) and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree

**Before the eighth semester begins:** at least two more courses in the major (total of 15)

**During the eighth semester:** enrollment in all remaining course work in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

**Sample Plan of Study**
Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level
Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5
Elective course 2
Hours 16-17

Spring
PHYS:1512 College Physics II 4
Major: Elective course 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level 4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course 2
Elective course
Hours 16-17

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: Elective course 3
Major: Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Hours 15

Spring
Major: Elective course 3
Major: Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Hours 15
Total Hours 124-130

a Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
b Enrollment in chemistry courses requires completion of a placement exam.
c GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
d Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
e Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
f Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
g Students complete at least 18 s.h. in approved major electives, of which at least 12 s.h. must be in HHP course work.

Career Advancement
The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.