

**ANSC (FSTC) 607 SYLLABUS AND SCHEDULE
PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY
OF MUSCLE AS A FOOD
MW 3:00 – 4:15
Kleberg 123**

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Office hours: Drop in or by appointment

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe muscle metabolism both antemortem and postmortem.
2. Demonstrate familiarity with the various models of muscle contraction.
3. Describe the conversion of muscle to meat.
4. Discuss growth, development, and innervation of muscle.
5. Describe the relationship between the motor unit and strength of contraction.

REQUIRED READING MATERIAL:

TEXT. None required.

REPRINTS. Copies of reprints relevant to the class lectures will be distributed to the students by e-mail as pdf files. **Portions of this material will be included in the exams.**

GRADING: A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; F = 59% or lower

EXAMS:	Midterm I*	50 points
	Midterm II	50 points
	Midterm III	50 points
	Midterm IV	50 points
	Quizzes**	40 points
	Course evaluation***	5 points
	Final (20% new, 80% review)	100 points
TOTAL		345 points
TOTAL FOR GRADE BASIS****		295 points

*There will be four midterms, each covering the material from five lectures. The final exam will cover lecture material from the last section plus material from the previous midterms.

Twenty, two-point quizzes will be given throughout the semester. The quizzes are designed to encourage students to study ahead for class and reinforce exam material. **There are no make-up quizzes, but students will not be penalized for missing quizzes due to excused absences (total quiz score will be adjusted accordingly). Excused absences include illnesses, scientific meetings in which the student is required to attend, and unavoidable laboratory research.

***Course evaluation will be on-line. Students will be rewarded 5 points for completing the on-line course evaluation.

****Students are allowed to drop one midterm (Midterms I – IV). **Students are required to take all midterms and the final, but students are allowed to miss one midterm for excused absences.** Students who do not miss any midterms may drop the midterm with the lowest score. **Students who miss two midterms (excused or otherwise) are required to take a midterm that includes information from both missed midterms.**

***AGGIE CODE OF HONOR:** An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, and will not tolerate those who do.*

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LECTURE OUTLINE

SECTION I. MUSCLE STRUCTURE AND METABOLISM

August

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30 Introduction to class. General cell structure. Muscle structure and fiber types.

September

4 Muscle ultrastructure

6 Motor innervation and contraction

11 The motor unit, force of contraction, and muscle fiber recruitment

13 Models and kinetics of muscle contraction

18 **MIDTERM I (Muscle Structure and Contraction)**

SECTION II. MUSCLE CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM

20 Enzyme kinetics and control reactions

25 Glycolysis

27 The tricarboxylic acid (Krebs) cycle

October

2 Glycogen synthesis

4 Glycogen degradation

9 **MIDTERM II (Carbohydrate Metabolism)**

SECTION III. CONVERSION OF MUSCLE TO MEAT

11 Postmortem muscle metabolism; normal and abnormal

16 Postmortem proteolysis and the resolution of rigor (aging)

18 Ionic strength and the resolution of rigor

23 β -Adrenergic agonists: effects on quality grade and the resolution of rigor

25 Breed type and animal age: effects on meat quality

30 **MIDTERM III (Conversion of Muscle to Meat)**

SECTION IV. GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNERVATION OF MUSCLE

November

- 1 Embryonic growth and myogenesis
- 6 Satellite cells and primary, secondary, and tertiary myotubes
- 8 The origin of sarcomeres
- 13 Innervation, denervation, and development of muscle; polyneuronal innervation
- 15 **MIDTERM IV (Innervation and Development of Muscle)**

SECTION V. MARBLING AND MEAT

- 20 Conversion of muscle satellite cells to marbling adipocytes
- 22 **Reading day, no classes. Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 27 Special topic – class choice
- 29 Contribution of marbling to healthfulness of beef

December

- 4 Redefined day. Students attend their Friday classes. No class.
- 6 Last day of classes. Muscle as food
- 12 **FINAL EXAMINATION (10:30 – 12:30) (20% new material; 80% review)**