

**Course Contents:**

Overview of resting membrane, action potential and synaptic transmission; Structure and mechanisms in ion channels; Biosynthesis of neurotransmitters; Neurotransmitters actions at synaptic receptors. Neurosecretions and neurotransmitters in higher nervous system activity.

Molecular mechanisms in transduction of sensory stimuli into impulse; photochemistry and transduction of photoreceptor; Color vision, Auditory reception, Chemoreception (taste and smell).

Overview of endocrine glands, their hormones and roles; Chemistry and biosynthesis of hormones of adenohypophysis, thyroid, parathyroid, endocrine pancreas, adrenal medulla and steroidogenic tissues; Metabolism of thyroid and steroidogenic tissues; Structure of hormone receptors.

**Teaching-Learning Strategies**

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**Assignments**

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**Assessments and Examination**

Sessional Work: 25 marks

Midterm Exam: 35 marks

Final term Exam: 40 marks

**Books Recommended:**

1. Randall, D., Burggren, W., French, K. and Fernald, R., 2002. Eckert Animal Physiology: Mechanisms and Adaptations, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. W.H. Freeman and Company, New York
2. Bullock, J., Boyle, J. and Wang, M.B., 2001. Physiology, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.. Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins, Philadelphia.
3. Berne, R.M. and Levy, M.N., 2000. Principles of Physiology, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.. St. Louis, Mosby.
4. Guyton, A.C. and Hall, J.E., 2000. Textbook of Medical Physiology, 10<sup>th</sup> Ed.. W.B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia.
5. Withers, P.C., 1992. Comparative Animal Physiology. Saunders College Publishing, Philadelphia.
6. Schmidt-Nelsen, K., 1997. Animal Physiology, Adaptation and Environment, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
7. Tharp, G. and Woodman, D., 2002. Experiments in Physiology, 8<sup>th</sup> Ed.. Prentice Hall, London.

**Course Contents:**

Study of post synaptic receptor mechanisms in neuromuscular preparation of frogs; Experiments to study the molecular responses to hormones. Study of hormones receptors in differing hormonal circulation levels; Ultra-structure study of muscle structure for muscle contraction. Effect of chemicals and drugs on cardiac activity of prepared frogs; Study of drugs on reflexes and local circulation models.

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