



School of Medicine

Course: Medical physiology (2025./2026.)

53 hours of lectures, 87 hours of seminars, 40 hours of exercises, total 180 hours

Week 1 – General physiology, muscles

Date	Time	Class type and topic	Group	Hall	Lecturer
Monday 23. 2. 2026.	13.00-13.30	Introduction: Physiology course plan and examination procedure	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	13.30-15.00	(L1) Functional organization of human body; transport through cell membranes	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
	15.30-16.15	(L2) Basic physics of membrane potentials	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
	16.30-18.00	(S1) Membrane and action potentials	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
Tuesday 24. 2. 2026.	14.30-15.15	(L3) Excitation of skeletal muscle	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
	15.30-17.00	(L4) Contraction of skeletal muscle	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
	17.30-19.00	(L5) Excitation and contraction of smooth muscle	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
Wednesday 25. 2. 2026.	14.30-16.00	(L6) Physiology of cardiac muscle	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
	16.30-18.00	(S2) Cardiac cycle, regulation of heart pumping	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
Thursday 26. 2. 2026.	14.30-16.45	(E1) Prosig	A-B	PP	Assistants
	17.15-20.15	(S3-S4) Rhythmic excitation of the heart; ECG	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
Friday 27. 2. 2026.	14.30-16.45	(S5) Integration (general physiology, potentials, muscles and heart)	ALL	LH	T. Kelava
	17.00-20.45	(E2) Recording and vectorial analysis of ECG	A-B	PP	Assistants

Week 2 – Circulation

Date	Time	Class type and topic	Group	Hall	Lecturer
Monday 2. 3. 2026.	12.30-13.00	TEST 1	ALL	LH	Assistants
	13.30-15.00	(L7) Overview of the circulation: physics of pressure, flow and resistance	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	15.30-17.00	(L8) Vascular distensibility, functions of the arterial and venous systems, the structure of microcirculation	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Tuesday 3. 3. 2026.	14.00-15.30	(S6) Capillary fluid exchange, local control of tissue blood flow	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	16.00-17.30	(S7) Humoral and nervous regulation of circulation, rapid control of arterial pressure	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić

Wednesday 4. 3. 2026.	14.00-15.30	(L9) Long-term control of arterial pressure: integrated system for arterial pressure regulation	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	16.00-17.30	(S8) Cardiac output and venous return	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	17.45-19.15	(S9) Muscle blood flow and coronary circulation	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Thursday 5. 3. 2026.	14.00-15.30	(L10) Hemorrhagic shock and physiological principles of treatment	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	15.45-18.00	(E3) Interactive physiology 9.0: Cardiovascular system	A-B	PP	Assistants
Friday 6. 3. 2026.	13.30-15.45	(S10) Integration (circulation)	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	16.00-19.00	(E4) Measuring of the arterial pressure and peripheral pulse rate, heart sounds	A-B	PP	Assistants

Week 3 - Body fluids and kidneys

Date	Time	Class type and topic	Group	Hall	Lecturer
Monday 9. 3. 2026.	13.30-14.00	TEST 2	ALL	LH	Assistants
	14.30-15.15	(L11) Kidneys: physiological anatomy and function	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
	15.30-17.00	(S11) The body fluid compartments and volumes and their balance; edema	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
	17.15-18.45	(S12) Glomerular filtration, renal blood flow and their control	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Tuesday 10. 3. 2026.	12.00-13.30	(S13) Tubular reabsorption and secretion	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
	14.00-15.30	(S14) Regulation of reabsorption in tubules	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	15.45-16.30	(L12) Micturition and diuretics	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
Wednesday 11. 3. 2026.	13.30-15.00	(S15) Regulation of extracellular fluid osmolarity and sodium concentration	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	15.30-17.00	(S16) Regulation of renal potassium, calcium and magnesium excretion	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
	17.15-18.45	(L13) Thirst, integration of renal mechanisms for control of blood volume and extracellular fluid volume	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
Thursday 12.3.2026.	14.00-17.00	E5 – Electrocardiogram repetition, orthostatic test	A-B	PP	Assistants
	17.30-20.30	(S17) Acid-base regulation: respiratory and renal regulation, acidosis and alkalosis	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
Friday 13.3.2026.	14.00-16.15	(S18) Integration (kidneys and body fluids)	ALL	LH	I. Ćavar
	16.30-19.30	(E6) Kidneys problem solving, ABS cases and problems	A-B	PP	Assistants
Monday 16.3.2026.	8.30-9.00	TEST 3	ALL	FP	Assistants

Partial Exam (P1): Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 9am

Week 4 – Respiratory system

Date	Time	Class type and topic	Group	Hall	Lecturer
Monday 23.3.2026.	14.00-14.45	(L14) Mechanics of lungs, Laplace's law, functions of the respiratory passageways	ALL	LH	Vesna LŠ
	15.00-16.30	(S19) Pulmonary ventilation	ALL	LH	Vesna LŠ
Tuesday 24.3.2026.	14.00-15.30	(S20) Pulmonary circulation, pulmonary edema and pleural fluid	ALL	LH	Vesna LŠ
	16.00-18.15	(S21) Physical principles of gas exchange; diffusion of gases through the respiratory membrane	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Wednesday 25.3.2026.	13.00-14.30	(S22) Transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide in blood and tissue fluids	ALL	LH	Vesna LŠ
	15.00-16.30	(L15) Regulation of respiration	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Thursday 26.3.2026.	12.00-12.45	(L16) Methods for studying respiratory abnormalities	ALL	LH	Vesna LŠ
	13.00-14.30	(L17) Physiological problems of high altitude and deep-sea diving	ALL	LH	Vesna LŠ
	14.45-17.00	(E8) The Astrand cycle test; Effect of exercise on arterial pressure	A-B	PP	Assistants
Friday 27.3.2026.	14.00-16.15	(S23) Integration (respiratory system)	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	16.30-19.30	(E7) Spirometry test	A-B	PP	Assistants

Week 5 – Gastrointestinal system, metabolism, body temperature

Date	Time	Class type and topic	Group	Hall	Lecturer
Monday 30.3.2026.	14.00-15.30	(L18) The autonomic nervous system and the adrenal medulla	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	15.45-16.30	(L19) General principles of gastrointestinal function	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	17.00-18.30	(L20) Propulsion and mixing of food in the alimentary tract	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	13.30-14.00	TEST 5	ALL	LH	Assistants
Tuesday 31.3.2026.	14.00-15.30	(S24) Secretory functions of the alimentary tract: secretion of saliva, gastric and pancreatic secretion	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	16.00-17.30	(S25) Secretory functions of the alimentary tract: bile secretion and intestinal secretion; absorption of water and ions	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	17.45-19.15	(L21) Review and regulation of carbohydrate metabolism, formation of ATP	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
Wednesday 1.4.2026.	14.00-15.30	(L22) Review and regulation of lipid and protein metabolism	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	15.45-16.30	(L23) The liver as an organ	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	17.00-18.30	(L24) Dietary balance, regulation of feeding, obesity and starvation, vitamins and minerals	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
Thursday 2.4.2026.	12.30-14.00	(S26) Energetics and metabolic rate	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
	14.30-16.00	(L25) Body temperature regulation	ALL	LH	A. Šućur

Friday 3.4.2026.	14.00-16.15	(S27) Integration (alimentary tract and metabolism)	ALL	LH	A. Šućur
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Week 6 - Endocrinology

Date	Time	Class type and topic	Group	Hall	Lecturer
Tuesday 7.4.2026.	12.00-12.30	TEST 4			Assistants
	13.00-14.30	(L26) Introduction to endocrinology; principles of secretion, transport, action and clearance of hormones	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
	14.45-16.15	(L27) Pituitary gland-hypothalamus relation, posterior pituitary hormones	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Wednesday 8.4.2026.	12.00-13.30	(S28) Anterior pituitary hormones	ALL	LH	A. Markotić
	14.00-15.30	(S29) Thyroid hormones	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Thursday 9.4.2026.	12.00-13.30	(S30) Insulin and glucagon	ALL	LH	A. Markotić
	14.00-15.30	(S31) Blood glucose regulation, diabetes mellitus	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Friday 10.4.2026.	14.00-16.15	(S32 + S33) Calcium and phosphate metabolism, Bone and teeth physiology. Parathyroid hormone, calcitonin and vitamin D	ALL	LH	A. Markotić
	16.30-18.45	(S34 + S35) Synthesis of adrenocortical hormones, functions of mineralocorticoids; adrenocortical hormones; stress	ALL	LH	D. Pravdić
Monday 13.4.2026.	14.00-16.15	(S36) Integration (endocrinology)	ALL	LH	A. Markotić
	16.30-19.30	(E9) OGTT- Oral Glucose Tolerance Test	A-B	FP	Assistants

Week 7 – Reproductive system and Blood

Date	Time	Class type and topic	Group	Hall	Lecturer
Tuesday 14.4.2026.	13.00-13.30	TEST 6			Assistants
	13.30- 15.45	(S37) Reproductive and hormonal function of the male	ALL	LH	J. Božić
	16.00-18.15	(S38) Female physiology before pregnancy and female hormones	ALL	LH	J. Božić
Wednesday 15.4.2026.	12.30-14.00	(L28) Pregnancy, parturition, lactation	ALL	LH	J. Božić
	14.30-16.00	(L29) Erythrocytes and blood types	ALL	LH	J. Božić
Thursday 16.4.2026.	11.00-11.45	(L30) Resistance of the body to infection; leucocytes	ALL	LH	J. Božić
	12.00-13.30	(L31) Hemostasis and blood coagulation	ALL	LH	J. Božić
	13.45-15.15	(E10) Blood typing	A-B	PP	Assistants
Friday 17.4.2026.	12.30-14.00	(S39) Integration (reproduction)	ALL	LH	J. Božić
	14.00-16.15	(V11) Hematology (erythrocyte count, hemoglobin and hematocrit; hematological indices)	ALL	PP	Assistants

Partial Exam (P2): Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 9am

Practical and Final Exam: Wednesday and Thursday, April 29-30, 2026 at 9am

II. PHYSIOLOGY

A. TEACHING STAFF AND COLLABORATORS

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B. TEACHING MATERIAL

1. A. C. Guyton. J. E. Hall: Medical physiology. 14th. Edition. Elsevier, Philadelphia, USA, 2020. Or A. C. Guyton. J. E. Hall: Medical physiology. 13th. Edition. Elsevier, Philadelphia, USA, 2016
2. Exercises in physiology. Internal edition. Faculty of Medicine in Mostar, 2026.
3. Lecture notes (synopsis).

C. LECTURE TOPICS (A. C. Guyton. J. E. Hall: Medical physiology. 14th. Edition. Elsevier, Philadelphia, USA, 2020.). Lectures last 1 or 2 hours. Ch.=Chapter

L1 - Functional organization of human body (Ch. 1); transport through cell membranes (Ch. 4)
L2 - Basic physics of membrane potentials (Ch. 5)
L3 - Excitation of skeletal muscle (Ch. 7)
L4 - Contraction of skeletal muscle (Ch. 6)
L5 - Excitation and contraction of smooth muscle (Ch. 8)
L6 - Physiology of cardiac muscle (Ch. 9)
L7 - Overview of the circulation: physics of pressure, flow and resistance (Ch. 14)
L8 - Vascular distensibility, functions of the arterial and venous systems, the structure of microcirculation (Ch. 15, 16)
L9 - Long-term control of arterial pressure: integrated system for arterial pressure regulation (Ch. 19)
L10 - Hemorrhagic shock and physiological principles of treatment (Ch. 24)
L11 - Kidneys: physiological anatomy and function (Ch. 26)
L12 - Micturition and diuretics (Ch. 26 pp. 327-332, Ch. 32 pp. 427-429)
L13 - Thirst, integration of renal mechanisms for control of blood volume and extracellular fluid volume (Ch. 29, 30)
L14 - Mechanics of lungs, Laplace's law, functions of the respiratory passageways (Ch. 38)
L15 - Regulation of respiration (Ch. 42)
L16 - Methods for studying respiratory abnormalities (Ch. 40 and Ch. 43 pp. 549-551)
L17 - Physiological problems of high-altitude and deep-sea diving (Ch. 44, 45)
L18 - The autonomic nervous system and the adrenal medulla (Ch. 61)
L19 - General principles of gastrointestinal function (Ch. 63)
L20 - Propulsion and mixing of food in the alimentary tract (Ch. 64)
L21 - Review and regulation of carbohydrate metabolism, formation of ATP (Ch. 68)
L22 - Review and regulation of lipid and protein metabolism (Ch. 69, 70)
L23 - The liver as an organ (Ch. 71)
L24 - Dietary balance, regulation of feeding, obesity and starvation, vitamins and minerals (Ch. 72)
L25 - Body temperature regulation (Ch. 74)
L26 - Introduction to endocrinology; principles of secretion, transport, action and clearance of hormones (Ch. 75)
L27 - Pituitary gland-hypothalamus relation, posterior pituitary hormones (Ch. 76)
L28 - Pregnancy, parturition, lactation (Ch. 83)
L29 - Erythrocytes and blood types (Ch. 33, 36)
L30 - Resistance of the body to infection; leucocytes (Ch. 34)
L31 - Hemostasis and blood coagulation (Ch. 37)

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D. SEMINAR TOPICS (A. C. Guyton. J. E. Hall: Medical physiology. 14th. Edition. Elsevier, Philadelphia, USA, 2020.). Seminars last 2 or 3 hours.

- S1 - Membrane and action potentials (Ch. 5)
- S2 - Cardiac cycle, regulation of heart pumping (Ch. 9)
- S3 - Rhythmic excitation of the heart (Ch. 10)
- S4 - ECG (Ch. 11 and Ch. 12 pp. 139-150)
- S5 - Integration (general physiology, potentials, muscles and heart)
- S6 - Capillary fluid exchange, local control of tissue blood flow (Ch. 16, 17)
- S7 - Humoral and nervous regulation of circulation, rapid control of arterial pressure (Ch. 17, 18)
- S8 - Cardiac output and venous return (Ch. 20)
- S9 - Muscle blood flow and coronary circulation (Ch. 21)
- S10 - Integration (circulation)
- S11 - The body fluid compartments and volumes and their balance; edema (Ch. 25)
- S12 - Glomerular filtration, renal blood flow and their control (Ch. 27)
- S13 - Tubular reabsorption and secretion (Ch. 28)
- S14 - Regulation of reabsorption in tubules (Ch. 28)
- S15 - Regulation of extracellular fluid osmolarity and sodium concentration (Ch. 29)
- S16 - Regulation of renal potassium, calcium and magnesium excretion (Ch. 30)
- S17 - Acid-base regulation: respiratory and renal regulation, acidosis and alkalosis (Ch. 31)
- S18 - Integration (kidneys and body fluids)
- S19 - Pulmonary ventilation (ch. 38)
- S20 - Pulmonary circulation, pulmonary edema and pleural fluid (Ch. 39)
- S21 - Physical principles of gas exchange; diffusion of gases through the respiratory membrane (Ch. 40)
- S22 - Transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide in blood and tissue fluids (ch. 41)
- S23 - Integration (respiratory system)
- S24 - Secretory functions of the alimentary tract: secretion of saliva, gastric and pancreatic secretion (Ch. 65)
- S25 - Secretory functions of the alimentary tract: bile secretion and intestinal secretion; absorption of water and ions (Ch. 65, 66)
- S26 - Energetics and metabolic rate (Ch. 73)
- S27 - Integration (alimentary tract and metabolism)
- S28 - Anterior pituitary hormones (Ch. 76)
- S29 - Thyroid hormones (Ch. 77)
- S30 - Insulin and glucagon (Ch. 79)
- S31 - Blood glucose regulation, diabetes mellitus (Ch. 79)
- S32 - Calcium and phosphate metabolism, Bone and teeth physiology (Ch. 80)
- S33 - Parathyroid hormone, calcitonin and vitamin D (Ch. 80)
- S34 - Synthesis of adrenocortical hormones, functions of mineralocorticoids (Ch. 78)
- S35 - Adrenocortical hormones; stress (Ch. 78)
- S36 - Integration (endocrinology)
- S37 - Reproductive and hormonal functions of the male (Ch. 81)
- S38 - Female physiology before pregnancy and female hormones (Ch. 82)
- S39 - Integration (reproduction)

Students should study the materials carefully before the seminar.

Halls: LH – Large Hall

E. EXERCISE TOPICS (A. C. Guyton. J. E. Hall: Medical physiology. 14th. Edition. Elsevier, Philadelphia, USA, 2020.) + (Exercises in physiology. Internal edition. Faculty of Medicine in Mostar, 2026.). Exercises last 2-5 hours.

- E1 - Transport through cell membranes (EP; GH: Ch. 4); Basic physics of membrane potentials (Ch. 5)
- E2 - Recording and vectorial analysis of ECG (EP; GH: Ch. 11, 12)
- E3 - Interactive physiology 9.0: Cardiovascular system (EP; GH Ch. 9 and 10)
- E4 - Measuring of the arterial pressure and peripheral pulse rate, heart sounds (EP. GH: Ch. 15)
- E5 - Electrocardiogram repetition, orthostatic test (EP. GH: Ch. 17)
- E6 - Kidneys problem solving, ABS cases (EP. GH: Ch. 31)
- E7 - Spirometry test (EP. GH: Ch. 38)
- E8 - The Astrand cycle test; Effect of exercise on arterial pressure (EP. GH: Ch. 21)
- E9 - OGTT- Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (EP; GH: Ch. 79)
- E10 - Blood typing (EP. GH: Ch. 33 and 36)
- E11 - Hematology (erythrocyte count, hemoglobin and hematocrit; hematological indices) (EP: GH: Ch. 33)

Halls: Physiological practicum (PP)

Students should study the material carefully before the exercise!

THE LIST OF CHAPTERS AND PAGES FROM THE TEXTBOOK (A. C. Guyton, J. E. Hall: Medical physiology. 14th. Edition. Elsevier, Philadelphia, USA, 2020.) THAT ARE NOT AN EXAMINATION MATERIAL.

Chapter 2 in full.*

Chapter 3 in full.*

Chapter 12 from “Coronary Ischemia as a Cause of Injury Potential” (p. 154) until the end of Chapter. Chapter 13 in full.

Chapter 19 from “Other Types...” (p. 224) until “Primary (Essential) Hypertension” (p. 241).

Chapter 21 from “Ischemic Heart Disease” (p. 264) until the end of Chapter. Chapter 22 in full.

Chapter 23 from “Valvular Lesions” (p. 284) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 24 from “Neurogenic shock...” (p. 299) until “Physiology of treatment...” (p.300).

Chapter 32 from “Kidney Diseases” (p. 423) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 35 in full.

Chapter 36 from “Transplantation of Tissues and Organs” (p. 475) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 43 in full.

Chapter 46-60 in full.

Chapter 62 in full.

Chapter 67 in full.

Chapter 69 from “Atherosclerosis” (p. 862) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 77 from “Diseases of the Thyroid” (p. 950) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 78 from “Abnormalities of Adrenocortical Secretion” (p. 969) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 80 from “Pathophysiology of Parathyroid Hormone...” (p. 1004) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 84 from “Special Functional Problems in the Neonate” (p. 1066) until the end of Chapter.

Chapter 85 in full.

* It is recommended to read these Chapters before studying the mandatory material.

All changes and announcements, including additional materials for the Exercises, can be found on the web page:
https://mef.sum.ba/med/?page_id=3826 or at the SUMARUM

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