COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Learn to do meaningful literature search.
2. Learn how to read and interpret scientific research articles
3. Demonstrate your knowledge and understanding in current topics in Exercise Science
4. Develop an integrative approach in understanding metabolic defects (e.g. obesity, type 2 diabetes) and how diet and/or exercise training impacts insulin sensitivity and skeletal muscle metabolism. Student will be required to demonstrate critical thinking skills throughout the course.

COURSE MATERIAL: Research Articles, Class Presentations and Handouts

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS           %GRADE         GRADING SCALE*
1. Quizzes                          20%            A = 90-100%
2. Exams                            60%            B = 80-89.99%
3. Article summary                  20%            C = 70-79.99%
                                      D = 60-69.99%
                                      F = below 60%

(Please see detail description of each section, later in the syllabus)
*Course Instructor reserves the right to change the grading criteria, if needed

HOW DO I GET AN “A” IN THIS CLASS?
• Come to all classes, come on time, pay attention – don’t miss pop quizzes
• Read articles and submit article summary before each class
• Actively participate in-class discussions throughout the semester
• Contact your Professor early in the semester if you have any problems/confusion.

Broad Topic: The overall focus of the class will be to learn the metabolic diseases such as obesity, insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes and to understand the effects of diet and exercise training on insulin sensitivity, mitochondrial content/functions and lipid metabolism.
EXAMS AND QUIZZES (60% and 20% of grade):
You will be tested on the materials presented in the class in the form of lectures, journal articles, and discussions in class. Each student **MUST** complete quizzes and exams during the designated class period. Students will not be allowed to make-up a missed quiz or exam without prior arrangement made in case of emergency. Quizzes will be given unannounced throughout the semester. If you come late/leave early – you will not be allowed to make up for the quiz.

INSTRUCTION FOR ARTICLE SUMMARY SUBMISSION (20% of grade)
Before each class you are required to read the article to be discussed in class and prepare a bulleted list (or few sentences) reflecting the main findings of the study in your own word (copy-paste from the article is not acceptable). Completion of this assignment is the reflection of your preparation for the class.

*Article summaries are due midnight before each class when an article is scheduled to be discussed and should be submitted on blackboard. Submission after midnight will not be graded – no exceptions. Article summaries will be graded on random days throughout the semester*

Please include student name, title of the article, and author information in your article summary file
Please name the file as:  
*Author’s last name et al_year of publication_Your initial*  
*Example: Moro et al._2016_AR*

COURSE REQUIREMENT AND POLICIES:
- Students are required to check the Blackboard site for the course on a daily basis for announcements and assignments.
- Quizzes and exams will be conducted on blackboard. **Students are required to bring a working laptop/notebook to the classroom and take quizzes/exams using secure respondus lock-down browser.** If you need to upgrade the software on your laptop/notebook, please contact Steven Varela, Academic Technologies, stvarela@utep.edu, 915-747-5963 during the first week of the class. If you do not have a laptop/notebook, contact the Professor during the first week of the class to make alternative arrangement.
- Students are required to check their emails daily. Student must use their UTEP email ID, put their full name, course name and be professional over email. Emails without these information will not be acknowledged.
- Questions related to course material should be discussed in classroom (this can also benefit other students). Request one-on-one meeting for topics that cannot be discussed in classroom.
- Read all assignments before coming to class. Take appropriate notes during class. Be prepared with questions and to contribute to the discussions. Ask questions during or after the class. Remember, "no question is a stupid question".
- Take all exams and quizzes at designated times. There will be no make-up quizzes or exams. For the following documented circumstances, please contact your professor: 1) illness/hospitalization; 2) death of family member; 3) official university business; 4) legal matter.
- Review of exam is allowed within a week from the grade posted.
• **Use of cell phone** is not allowed in the classroom. Cell phone should not be visible in the classroom. Students are not allowed to text or answer calls. You will lose points if seen on the phone. If you require an exception, email or speak to the professor in advance.

• **Laptops and tablets** are only allowed for students to take notes and to refer to the textbook and class materials. You will lose points if seen using the electronic device for any purpose other than the relevant class materials.

• Students are not allowed to record the class (video and/or audio).

• Students are expected to **clean up and dispose of their garbage**.

• Leaving class early is not allowed without previous permission from the professor, except for emergencies.

• If a student is late or absent, it is **not the professor's responsibility** to give him or her the materials or deliver a personal lecture/tutoring session for the student. Instead, it is the student’s responsibility to keep up with the material from the lecture materials provided in class. If necessary, he or she can borrow notes from a fellow student.

• Students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures.

*Failure to follow any of these rules may result deduction of points and/or in disciplinary action, including being asked to leave the class or an instructor-initiated drop from the course.*

**Scholastic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another person’s as ones’ own. And, collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act.

Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations will be taken seriously and will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for possible disciplinary action. Students may be suspended or expelled from UTEP for such actions.

*Instances of unintended plagiarism include copy/pasting something and “forgetting” to cite the source. Although seen as ‘not a big deal’ by many students, you need to be aware that the faculty and administration of UTEP will treat it as plagiarism.*

**Special Services**

If you feel that you may have a disability that requires accommodations, contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services at 747-5148, go to the Union Building, East, Room 106, or e-mail cass@utep.edu.

Being a university student is not always easy. At times you may feel overwhelmed by your workload or your personal life. If you feel you need help, please contact the University Counseling Center at 747-5302, go to the Union Building, West, Room 202, or visit their website at [http://sa.utep.edu/counsel/](http://sa.utep.edu/counsel/)
# KIN 4323 - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

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| Exam Dates (Subject to change) | See exam dates on Google doc shared with you | **Tentative Schedule**
| 01/21  | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No Class)                                                 |
| 03/15  | Advisor Mania                                                                            |
| 03/18-3/22 | Spring Break (No Classes)                                         |
| 04/05  | Advisor Mania                                                                            |
| 04/05  | Course Drop Deadline                                                                    |

## Module 1
- Introduction
- Goals and objectives
- Requirements
- Review of literature
  - Contact Harvey Castellano if you need help with finding full text of an article [hcastell@utep.edu](mailto:hcastell@utep.edu)
- Lectures
  - Review of energy metabolism (Glycolysis, TCA cycle, ETC)
  - Basics of Insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes; Methods for measuring insulin sensitivity
  - Substrate Utilization and Metabolic Flexibility – Relevance of exercise
- Advanced topics
- Assignments –
  - Article Summary (due before each class) – Read, understand and submit a brief summary of the articles posted on blackboard before coming to each class. Note any relevant comments/questions you may have about the article and discuss in class.

## Module 2
- Lectures
  - Articles on exercise and nutrition
  - Advanced topics
- Assignments –
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- Lectures
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