

Which Anatomy and Physiology Course is Right for Me?

With 8 different classes comprising the Kinesiology and Nutrition department's Anatomy and Physiology course offerings, students sometimes have questions about which is the proper course or sequence of courses to take. This guide is intended to help students understand the different courses, what they involve, and for whom they are intended.

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Which A&P is right for me?

KN 251 & KN 252. Human Physiological Anatomy I and II

5 semester hours each, hybrid format. Includes lecture (online), discussion (on campus) and a human cadaver laboratory (on campus). KN 251 is offered every fall, and KN 252 is offered every spring. The courses may not be taken out of sequence unless a student has previously completed an undergraduate A&P part 1 course at another school. KN 251 requires completion of BIOS 110 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or better, and a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 2.5.

KN 251 & 252 is the primary undergraduate anatomy and physiology sequence at UIC. It can accommodate over 700 students and is taken by Kinesiology and Nutrition majors as well as students applying for admission to professional programs in Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and other fields.

KN 253 & 254. Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II

4 semester hours each, fully online format, no laboratory. KN 253 and 254 are both offered every fall and spring as well as most summers. The courses may not be taken out of sequence unless a student has previously completed an undergraduate A&P part 1 course at another school. KN 253 requires completion of BIOS 110 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or better, and a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or better.

KN 253 and 254 are small classes serving 30-35 students each semester. They are typically taken by students pursuing careers in health care that do not involve direct interaction with patients or human research subjects, such as health information management or medical billing and coding. They are also taken by non-traditional students who have already taken A&P but are looking for a refresher before returning to graduate or professional school.

KN 255 & 256. Anatomy Laboratory I and II

1 semester hour each. KN 255 and 256 are stand-alone human cadaver laboratory courses intended for students who have completed an anatomy and physiology course or courses that did not include a laboratory or did not include a human cadaver laboratory. These classes are most frequently taken by transfer students majoring in Kinesiology but are also open to students from other programs who have completed A&P without a lab or without a cadaver lab. The classes require credit or concurrent enrollment in an A&P I or II course.

KN 350 & 351. Cadaver Dissection I and II

2 or 3 semester hours each (variable credit). KN 350 and 351 are laboratory courses that train students in the hands-on dissection of human cadavers. The courses require a grade of B or better in KN 251 and/or KN 252. These courses are typically taken by Kinesiology majors interested in advanced anatomy topics as well as students from other programs preparing for professional programs in the health sciences.

Note: Most Kinesiology courses are restricted to students in the college of Applied Health Sciences. Students from other colleges may request seats by placing themselves on the waitlist found here: go.uic.edu/kn-waitlist.