

Draft syllabus: EnvH 405 - Toxic Chemicals and Human Health

Spring quarter, 2016; 3 credits

MWF 11:30 - 12:20, Room HS T739

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TA Office hrs by arrangement only.

Optional Review Session: to be arranged

Course Description

Basic principles governing the behavior and effects of toxic chemicals on biological systems, including: toxicity testing; the disposition of chemicals in the body; modifiers of toxic response; fate and effects of chemicals in the environment; chemicals and cancer; chemicals and birth defects; toxicity risk assessment and government regulation of chemical hazards in the home, the workplace and the general environment. Focus is on human and environmental health impacts of chemicals.

Learning objectives for ENV H 405

The learning objectives for this course are based on fundamental concepts in the science and practice of toxicology. After having taken this course students will be able to:

- Identify significant figures and seminal events important in the history of toxicology, and the professional disciplines, job classifications and scientific fields occupied by toxicologists.
- Explain the principles of chemical dose-response, including quantal vs. continuous measures of response and the descriptors used to define individual susceptibility to toxicants.
- Discuss the different types of testing paradigms used to evaluate the toxicity of chemicals, including tests for acute, subacute and chronic toxicity; the various biochemical assays used to investigate mechanisms by which chemicals cause injury; and the ethical principles surrounding *in vitro* and *in vivo* testing.
- Explain the concepts of absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion, and their integral roles as determinants of toxicity.
- Explain the biochemical basis of toxicant biotransformation including the key enzymes systems involved, phases of metabolism, and their consequences for toxicant disposition.
- Discuss the impact of genetic variation, diet, age, gender, and infectious disease status on toxicant disposition and dose-response relationships.
- Discuss the consequences of toxicant exposure for different organs, especially the liver, the kidneys, the brain, and the cardiovascular and endocrine systems, and why some toxicants target these organs.
- Identify susceptible periods of embryonic/fetal development that predispose to various kinds of chemically-induced birth defects, and explain the value of comparative animal approaches for understanding mechanism of action for developmental toxicants.
- Describe the basic processes of chemical carcinogenesis, including initiation, promotion and progression, and the types of chemically-induced genetic, molecular and cellular changes that lead to cancer.
- Discuss occupational practices and regulations designed to limit chemical exposures and toxicity in the workplace, biomonitoring and the roles of occupational health professionals in workplace safety.
- Categorize toxicants with respect to chemical class, mode of action, and potency, including pesticides, heavy metals, solvents, gases, halogenated hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, drugs, food additives and contaminants, and toxins produced by bacteria, plants and animals.
- Identify toxicants commonly found in the home environment, discuss the design of consumer products that limit chemical exposures and explain how the Poison Control System works.
- Describe the major sources of pollution in air, water and soil, the chemicals of concern in the environment, and the distribution, fate and ecological effects of various pollutants.

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- Integrate the concepts of chemical exposure and hazard as they relate to risk, distinguish between risk assessment scenarios that assume threshold vs. non-threshold responses, and discuss various risk management strategies used to limit toxicant exposures.
- Define the statutory authority governmental agencies use to control toxicant releases to the environment, exposures in the workplace, and clean-up of chemical contamination; describe the means by which exposure criteria and standards are established, and discuss the economic, political, and ethical dilemmas associated with the regulation of toxicants.

Required Textbook:

Casarett & Doull's Essentials of Toxicology, 2nd Edition, Curtis D. Klaassen & John B Watkins III, McGraw Hill, 2010
The text is available as an eBook through the UW Libraries. Or go directly to this website:
<http://accesspharmacy.mhmedical.com.offcampus.lib.washington.edu/book.aspx?bookid=449>

Optional-Introduction to Toxicology, 3rd Edition by John Timbrell, published by Taylor & Francis, 2002

ENVH 405 Website

Canvas Website to be announced.

Prerequisites

2.0 in BIOL 220; either 2.0 in CHEM 224, 2.0 in CHEM 239, or 2.0 in CHEM 337.

Grading

Midterm Exam I	30%
Midterm Exam II	30%
Final Exam	40%

Exams will be worth a total of 105 points each (100 points and 5 points bonus question(s)). The final exam will be approximately 25% content that is comprehensive for the quarter with the remaining 75% of content covering material from May 16 through June 3.

Course Absence Policies

- It is your responsibility to notify the instructors **by the end of the first week** of any conflicts you may have with the exam schedule.
- There will be no make-up examinations unless approved by the instructor in advance. If a test is missed because of an unexcused absence, it will not be rescheduled. Contact your instructors **prior to or same day** to notify them that you are unable to take the exam.
- Your instructor will then set a date for a makeup exam, contingent on the test taking person showing **as soon as possible**, a **valid medical note issued by a medical professional**, on the original exam date. Other reasons for missing the exam (car accident, death in the family etc.), arrange to speak with the instructors to explain the circumstances. Within reason we will expect to be notified prior to or day of the exam for these instances.
- If you have any concerns about the class or the TA, please see the TA about these concerns as soon as possible. If you are not comfortable talking with the TA or not satisfied with the response that you receive, you may contact Drs. Gallagher by phone or email, to arrange a meeting with either of them. If you are still not satisfied with the response that you receive, you may contact the Department Chair. You may also contact the Graduate School at G -1 Communications Bldg, by phone at (206) 543-5139 or by email at raan@uw.edu.

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[Reference: WAC 478-120-020 Standards of Conduct (2a),<http://www.washington.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html#020>]

For web-resources on understanding and avoiding plagiarism, go to:

<http://courses.washington.edu/hsstudev/studev/plagiarism.htm>

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The UW Disability Resources for Students office is your partner in identifying learning challenges and enabling access to our educational programs. We encourage students with concerns to consult with the office. If you have a letter from the office indicating you have a disability that requires academic accommodations, please contact me as early as possible in order to discuss the accommodations you might need per distance-based delivery of the course content.

If you would like to request accommodations for this course due to a disability, please contact Disability Resources for Students, 448 Schmitz, (206) 543-8924 (Voice), 543-8925 (TTY) or uwdss@u.washington.edu.

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Course schedule

March 28	Introduction/History of Toxicology (Gallagher)	Chapter 1
March 30	Basic Principles of Toxicology (Gallagher)	Chapter 2
April 1	Biological Disposition I-absorption, distribution (Gallagher)	Chapters 5 - 7
April 4	Biological Disposition II - excretion (Kavanagh)	Chapters 5 - 7
April 6	Biological Disposition III - biotransformation (Gallagher)	Chapters 5 - 7
April 8	Factors that Modify Toxic Responses (Schaupp)	Chapter 3
April 11	Testing Procedures/Types and Routes of Exposure (Yeh)	Chapter 2
April 13	Toxicity in the Liver and Kidney (Schaupp)	Chapters 13 & 14
April 15	Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology (Kavanagh)	Chapters 10, 20 & 21
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April 18	Toxicity in the Nervous System (Kavanagh)	Chapter 16
April 20	Basic Processes of Carcinogenesis (Gallagher)	Chapter 8
<u>April 22</u>	<i>Exam I (covers material through April 15)</i>	
April 25	Genetic Toxicology (Kavanagh)	Chapter 9
April 27	Toxic metals 1 (Kavanagh)	Chapter 23
April 29	Toxic Metals II (Kavanagh)	Chapter 23
May 2	Industrial Chemicals; Occupational Toxicology (Kavanagh)	Chapters 24 & 33
May 4	Household Products (Gallagher)	Handout
May 6	Drugs as Toxic Substances/Clinical Toxicology (Kavanagh)	Chapter 32
May 9	Air pollution /respiratory system toxicology (Kavanagh)	Chapters 15 & 28
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May 11	Ecotoxicology (Gallagher)	Chapter 29, handout
May 13	<i>Exam II - (Covers material from April 18 through May 9)</i>	

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May 16	Pesticides I (Gallagher)	Chapter 22
May 18	Pesticides II (Gallagher)	Chapter 22
May 20	Natural Toxins (Yeh)	Chapters 26 & 27
May 23	Food Additives & Contaminants (Kavanagh)	Chapter 30
May 25	Regulation of Toxic Chemicals (Kavanagh)	Handout
May 27	Risk Assessment / Risk Management I (Kavanagh)	Chapter 4
May 30	Memorial Day	
June 1	Risk Assessment / Risk Management II (Gallagher)	Chapter 4
June 3	Summary, course evaluation (Gallagher)	

Final Exam TBD.

**Final Exam determined by UW Spring 2016 Final Exam Schedule
(<http://www.washington.edu/students/reg/S2016exam.html>)**