

Dear student,

I hope we will soon meet in academic environment, but so far we have to avail of remote communication.

Based on recommendations regarding COVID-19 prevention and our civil as well as professional responsibilities, before embarking on a fully-fledged learning process, we are sending you, in advance, PDF files of several fragments from the textbook of **Physiology 1**, which represents the teaching course of the curriculum of the spring semester, 2019-2020, and which was to be accomplished in two weeks' time (Phys 1-1, Phys 1-2, Phys 1-3). Material is largely based on already acquired prerequisite knowledge of biophysics, physics as well as histology and anatomy.

Phys 1-1 introduction underscores the role of human physiology in developing professional expertise of medical specialists. *Phys 1-2 homeostasis, etc.* acquaints you with the principles of regulation of human body, physiologic and functional systems and etc. *Phys 1-3 rest. and action poten.* is the physiology of excitable cells and encompasses basics of the topics dealt with during current semester. The material is not sizeable. Therefore, taking into consideration the reality in which we turned out to be, your abilities and our mutual effort, it is not unlearnable at all inasmuch as the department of physiology is arranging for a webinar over the given topics after March 30 you'll have opportunity to address your questions concerning mentioned topics to the professors.

You'll get link for the webinar 15-30 minutes prior to the beginning of your scheduled classes.

To make material more tractable, we are also sending you target questions corresponding to the given topic which are also available on the website.

In future we will resume our traditional learning process or adhere to this type of communication in accordance with epidemiological data and recommendations of the competent agencies by that time. We'll keep you further updated on decisions and possibilities.

We'll go on with the discussion of every issue that you consider significant, complicated and/or debatable during classes. I hope we'll soon have that opportunity.

So, we are expecting you at the webinar.

Best wishes,

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