FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *I can't enroll in your class because both sections are full. Can you please put my name on a waitlist?*

   No, I do not waitlist students for my classes. It is to your advantage to enroll in another open section of the course you need to take. Only if all sections are already full, should you try to crash the course section of mine that you prefer.

2. *Do you allow crashers?*

   Yes, of course. To successfully crash my course you should attend the first meeting of the class section that you are most interested in attending. You will be permitted to stay for lecture, and will be asked to sign a “crasher’s signup” sheet. The order that you signup does not matter. I treat all crashers equally.

3. *When will I know if I am admitted to the course?*

   During the break between lecture and lab, I will conduct a lottery to prioritize students on the crash list. Once I take roll, I will decide how many crashers I will allow to stay, and the rest of the crashing students will be asked to leave. I will sign add cards to fill vacant seats in the class at the very end of the lab.

4. *What if someone drops the class after the first day? Can’t I hang around in order to fill that vacant seat?*

   It is to your advantage to fill your class roster as soon as possible. If you are not allowed to stay on the first day of my class, you will be better served if you exercise other options. Look at the big picture: what other courses do you need? The sooner you get admitted to courses, the better your chances of succeeding in them this semester.

5. *May I stop by your class after the first meeting to see if any vacant spots have opened up yet?*

   Certainly. If you have no other options to pursue, feel free to return to my class. You may be allowed to sit through lecture, but come lab time I cannot overfill the laboratory, especially with students that are not enrolled in the class. I keep the signup sheet of crashers, and if you gave me good contact information, I will try to get a hold of you if spots open up.

6. *If I want to keep up with the class reading and assignments, just in case I am admitted to the course, where can I obtain this information since I’m not permitted on your course Blackboard site?*

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You may access my public website at:

My course syllabus & schedule of lectures and labs can be accessed here. Also, many anatomy resources including textbooks and lab atlases are on reserve in the library at both campuses. This will keep you from purchasing expensive books before you actually enroll in the course. You can even do lab work in the library, since bones, models, and histology slides with microscopes are all available for student use at the reserve desk on the second floor of the library.

7. I am enrolled in someone else’s section of anatomy (perhaps at the San Elijo Campus, or in the afternoon or evening), but I prefer to take your class (because it is closer to where I live, or it fits my work/childcare schedule better). Can I switch with one of your students?

I do not condone switching sections of anatomy. If you are already enrolled in another anatomy class, consider yourself fortunate. If it truly doesn’t work in your schedule, drop it and let one of the crashers fill your spot. You should only enroll in a section that you are willing to take. You can learn anatomy in any setting, with any instructor. It is your personal level of motivation and dedication to a demanding study schedule that will allow you to be successful at learning the complex morphology of Homo sapiens.

8. I keep hearing how hard Human Anatomy is. What should I do to guarantee that I not only pass the class but also earn the ‘A’ or ‘B’ grade that I need to gain entry to my program of choice (e.g. nursing, P.A., chiropractic, pharmacy, medical school)?

Look at your overall weekly schedule. Consider the time you must spend at work, caring for family members, taking other classes, and meeting personal needs. If you can find a minimum of 20 hours each week (8 hours of class time, 2-4 hours of open lab time, 8-10 hours of additional reading & study time) to commit to anatomy on a regular basis, then you are well on your way to successfully passing the course with an above average grade.

Secondly, take note of the weekly open lab hours, and the expanded hours on Fridays before exams. Make sure that you adjust your personal schedule so that you can attend 2-4 hours of open lab each week. You will need this time to review lab materials that you were introduced to during class time, but need more exposure to in order to effectively learn them.

9. I can’t make it to any of the open lab times that are scheduled. Can you add additional hours (for example at night)?

Unfortunately, the biology labs are almost fully scheduled with classes this semester. We have done our best to accommodate students by providing a
morning, an early afternoon, and a late afternoon time slot. Unfortunately, it is impossible to meet the needs of every student’s class and work schedule. To better accommodate all students’ needs, we are working to place many of our anatomical models and learning resources in the library on closed reserve. Whenever the library/info HUB is open for business, you may access these materials with a student I.D. card. These resources are available on both the Oceanside and the San Elijo Campus. This allows students to access many anatomy resources on Monday through Thursday evenings and also on Saturdays.