

# Unit 5 - The Muscular System

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Course(s): **Anatomy, Physiology, and Kinesology**  
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## Transfer Skills

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Students will understand the relationship between structure and function of muscle, the interdependence of the muscular and skeletal systems, and how muscles control the movement in the human body.

## Vocabulary

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Joints, anaerobic, complete tetanus, cross-bridges, glycolysis, insertion, isometric, isotonic, lactic acid, motor unit, myofibril, myoglobin, neuromuscular junction, origin, insertion, sarcomere, sarcoplasmic reticulum, synergist, tendon, transverse tubule, acetylcholine, actin, myosin

## Learning Objectives

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Students will be able to:

- Accurately label the gross anatomy of a muscle
- Correctly identify the microscopic anatomy of a skeletal muscle
- Distinguish among the three types of muscle - skeletal, smooth, and cardiac
- Describe the gross structure of a muscle: endomysium, perimysium, epimysium, tendon, aponeurosis
- Explain the role of actin and myosin containing myofibrils
- Describe how an action potential is initiated in a muscle cell
- Describe the events of muscle contraction
- Define graded response, tetanus, and muscle tone as they apply to a skeletal muscle
- Define oxygen debt, muscle fatigue and list the causes of muscle fatigue
- Define origin, insertion, prime mover, antagonistic muscle
- Demonstrate/identify the different types of body movements
- Name/locate the major assigned muscles of the human body and state the action of each
- Describe/name the major muscle actions

## Enduring Understandings

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- The muscular system is the active partner to the more passive skeletal system. Muscles interact with bones to maintain posture and produce movement.
- All skeletal muscles are stimulated by motor neurons. When the neuron releases a neurotransmitter the

permeability of the sarcolemma changes, allowing sodium ions to enter the muscle. This produces an electric current (action potential) , which flows across the entire sarcolemma, resulting in contraction of the muscle cell.

- On the basis of their general functions in the body, muscles are classified as prime movers, antagonists, synergists, and fixators.

## **Essential Questions**

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1. How does the muscular system work together with the skeletal system to allow for movement?
2. What role do tendons play in the collaborative efforts of the skeletal and muscular system?
3. Does connective tissue have a significant role in the overall function of the human body?
4. How does ATP provide energy for muscle contraction?
5. How do nerve impulses translate into action potential?
6. What effect does aerobic and strength training have on different muscle sets?
7. What are the overall long term and short term effects of anabolic steroids and “nutritional performance enhancers” on the body?
8. What do striations of skeletal muscles tell us?

## **Resources**

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**Text: Hole's Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology 2012**

[PBS LearningMedia](#)

[KhanAcademy: Health and Medicine](#)

[YouTube: Crash Course: Anatomy & Physiology](#)

[Get Body Smart](#)

[Discovery: www.unitedstreaming.com](#)

[NBC Learn Videos: www.nbclearn.com](#)

[eLibrary science: http://science.bigchalk.com/sciweb/science/do/search](http://science.bigchalk.com/sciweb/science/do/search)

[Web simulators: www.phet.colorado.edu](http://www.phet.colorado.edu)

[Web Video Clips: www.Learning4mastery.com\(Flipped Learning\)](http://www.Learning4mastery.com)

[Case studies - http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/](http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/)

## **Standards**

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### **Science and Engineering Practices**

#### **Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

- Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)
- Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)
- Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-4),(HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)

#### **Planning and Carrying Out Investigations**

- Planning and carrying out in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.
- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)

#### **Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

- Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources

of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.

- Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-1)
  - Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)
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## Disciplinary Core Ideas

### LS1.A: Structure and Function

- Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. (HS-LS1-1)
- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. (HS-LS1-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS3-1.)
- Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a component of the next level. (HS-LS1-2)
- Feedback mechanisms maintain a living system's internal conditions within certain limits and mediate behaviors, allowing it to remain alive and functional even as external conditions change within some range. Feedback mechanisms can encourage (through positive feedback) or discourage (negative feedback) what is going on inside the living system. (HS-LS1-3)

### LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms

- In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)

### LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms

- The process of photosynthesis converts light energy to stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen. (HS-LS1-5)
  - The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)
  - As matter and energy flow through different
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## Crosscutting Concepts

### Systems and System Models

- Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2), (HS-LS1-4)

### Energy and Matter

- Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6) § Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)

### Structure and Function

- Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-LS1-1)

### Stability and Change

- Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)

SCI.9-12.HS-LS1-1	Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins, which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.
SCI.9-12.HS-LS1-2	Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.
SCI.9-12.HS-LS1-3	Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.
SCI.9-12.HS-LS3-3	Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.
SCI.9-12.HS-LS3-1	Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring.
SCI.9-12.HS-LS3-2	Make and defend a claim based on evidence that inheritable genetic variations may result from (1) new genetic combinations through meiosis, (2) viable errors occurring during replication, and/or (3) mutations caused by environmental factors.
SCI.9-12.HS-LS1-4	Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.

