

Course Information



**ANA6003 | Teaching and Learning
in Anatomy**

Spring 2024

Dates: Jan. 8 - May 5

Meeting Day/Time: Online

Location: Canvas

Credit Hours: 1

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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PLNU MISSION

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will gain a theoretical understanding of the skills and pedagogical approaches needed for the teaching of human anatomy using evidence-based approaches.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILO)

1. Learning, Informed by our Faith in Christ

Students will acquire knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world while developing skills and habits of the mind that foster lifelong learning.

2. **Growing, In a Christ-Centered Faith Community**

Students will develop a deeper and more informed understanding of others as they negotiate complex professional, environmental, and social contexts.

3. **Serving, In a Context of Christian Faith**

Students will serve locally and/or globally in vocational and social settings.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

The Point Loma Nazarene University MS-KIN graduate will be able to

1. Appraise current research data in Kinesiology and integrate it into professional practice to solve relevant problems and make effective decisions.
2. Work independently and with a team to persuasively communicate essential information in their discipline.
3. Demonstrate appropriate breadth of knowledge of the background and principle research in their specialization to conduct an independent research project.
4. Serve various populations, integrating compassionate care and the Christian faith with their professional practice.
5. Pursue an active and growing involvement in their discipline by achieving advanced certification and/or membership in a related professional organization.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLO)

The following learning outcomes will be achieved by students in this course:

1. Examine some key theories of teaching and learning in higher education
2. Discuss these theories in the practice of anatomy teaching.
3. Demonstrate how a chosen aspect of theory works in practice.
4. Participate in virtual discussions related to anatomy teaching and learning
5. Hold a professional commitment to teaching and student learning.

CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. As a graduate course, students can expect the work in this class to be significant, and students should plan on spending more than 2.5 hours a week engaged in the course.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Your grades will be posted in the Canvas Grades area no later than midnight on Tuesday of each week beginning in Week Two of this course. It is important to read the

comments posted in the Grades as these comments are intended to help you improve your work. Final grades will be posted within one week of the end of the class. Grades will be based on the following:

Points Possible

Assessment	Possible Points
Weekly Online Discussion 15 X 10	150
Reflections	0
Point Total	150

GRADING SCALE

Final grades are calculated based on the final total points earned. There is no curve and no extra credit assignments. You will receive the grade that you earn. The point total will be converted to a percentage to assign a letter grade; therefore there will be no rounding of percentages.

Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages

A	B	C	D	F
A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F Less than 59
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State](#)

[Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

ATTENDANCE

Students taking hybrid/online courses lasting over 16 weeks are expected to attend each week of the course. Attendance is defined as logging into the course each calendar week to check on updates and announcements. In addition, students must participate in the academic graded activities during the calendar week the assignments/activities are due.

Students who do not attend at least once in any given calendar week will be issued an attendance warning. Students who do not attend at least once in any two consecutive weeks in an online course will be dropped from the course retroactively to the last date of recorded attendance.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and make arrangements to complete the required coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

- All assignments are to be submitted by the due date and time listed in Canvas.
- While there are due dates for weekly assignments, you are welcome to post your work earlier in the week. In our discussions, late work means that others may not have the opportunity to respond to your comments. It also means that you will not have the benefit of as much interaction with other students as you will have if your assignment is posted on time. If you know you will be away on the day your assignment is due, please post your work before you leave.
- Missed exams or quizzes may **ONLY** be made up with a legal, written excuse.
- Late work will **NOT** be accepted or graded; assignments will be considered late if posted **after midnight Pacific Standard Time on the day they are due**

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the

course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) in the Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

SPIRITUAL CARE

PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our graduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. You'll find faith integration activities throughout this course. In addition, there are resources for your Christian faith journey available on the [Graduate Student Life](#) webpage. At the Balboa Regional Center, College of Health and Sciences, Rev. Kevin Portillo, M.Div. serves as Graduate Chaplain. If you have questions, have a desire to meet, or share a prayer request with Rev. Portillo, you can contact him directly at kevinportillo@pointloma.edu

INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK

Assignments will be graded as soon after the due date as possible and grades will be posted to the Canvas gradebook. If an immediate response is needed, email or phone the instructor.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the [Title IX](#)

[Office](#). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors at the [Title IX Office | Get Help Now](#)

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

To be successful in the online or hybrid environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](#) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphone, or webcams compatible with their computer available to use. Please note that any course with online proctored exams requires a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

GPS Academic Resources

PLNU offers the following free academic resources virtually for Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) Students. Visit myPLNU through the links below for more information.

- [The GPS Writing Center](#) offers:
 - **Zoom Writers Workshops** offered each quad on a variety of helpful topics
 - **One-to-one appointments** with the Writing Coach
 - **Microlearning YouTube Video Library** for helpful tips anytime
- [Research Help Guide](#) to help you start your research
 - The physical office is located on the third floor of the [Mission Valley Regional Center](#) off the student lounge
- [Academic Writing Resources Course](#): Found on your Canvas Dashboard, this course is non-credit with 24/7 access, no time limits, and self-paced



content. [Watch a quick video run-through](#) and take time now to explore!

- **Tutoring:** Students have access to 24/7 live or scheduled subject tutoring through Tutor.com, including a Paper Drop-Off Service with feedback within 12 hours.

We are here to support you! Contact us anytime: GPSWritingCenter@pointloma.edu

ASSIGNMENTS AT-A-GLANCE

The course summary below lists our assignments and their due dates. Click on any assignment to review it.