

Greetings!

This list has been prepared for the distance sites currently enrolled in Mrs. Elkins' Anatomy/Physiology ITV classes. These materials will need to be ordered/organized for your student(s) - either borrowing from your science department or purchasing sets of for use in this class. Dissections take place in the spring semester, generally in March-April. Some of the materials, especially specimens, tend to take some time to arrive so please consider ordering ahead of time. Dissection specimens are chemically preserved and do not require refrigeration or any other special storage accommodations, so they are easy to order ahead of time and pack away until needed.

Each classroom will be divided into lab groups of two, if possible, and each lab group needs the following:

- 1 14-18" feline (**with skin**) specimen - here's the item I ordered, please try to get the same for your students if not something similar: https://www.biologyproducts.com/specimendetail.cfm?S_UID=FAB9A82B-BDB9-0F7E-634CF0E75E7903FD, IF you can purchase one pregnant female that is usually an interesting 'surprise'/experience for your students. Those tend to be a little more expensive so, use your discretion!
- 1 pair of dissecting sheers
- 2 dissecting probes
- 2 scalpels with extra blades
- Rubber bands
- Lab goggles
- Lab aprons
- Non-latex gloves
- Dissecting trays or large plastic bags to cover the ITV tables
- 1 large garbage bin with thick plastic trash bags
- 1 first aid kit available in ITV room for the class

***Clean-up** - Please have a large, rubber garbage bin available in the room on dissection days. All biological materials will be thrown in this receptacle so that the janitors only have to empty one bin, immediately after class, to cut-down on the smell. Also, please make your student(s) aware of where they should be washing tools, etc. and have lysol wipes/spray, air-freshener, etc. available if the ITV room is used after our class hour or as a multi-purpose room throughout the day.

***First-aid/accidents**- It is important that the students are aware where to go if there is an accident during lab, or they have injured themselves, to seek medical attention. Please make a plan to pop into the room several times during dissection days just to ensure that they are safe and that they have everything they need. There is only so much I can do when I am not in the physical classroom. I would appreciate your help on these days!

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***Storage** - I would advise having a plastic tote available to store the specimens when we are not working with them. Each cat will be in a bag that we will reseal (w/rubber bands) after working with them and it's best to stand them, rubber-band end up, in that tote to prevent spills and leakage. If you have a closet or an isolated corner of a room somewhere, to keep them out of the way of others that would be best. The specimens DO NOT require refrigeration or other special storage requirements.

***Timeline** – Once dissections begin, we will be working with the specimens for about 2-3 days a week for 3 weeks. Once spring semester arrives and lab days are planned, I will send you a list of the days we'll be 'in lab' so that your staff/janitorial staff is in the loop (the lingering smell should be a 'dead' give-away, however!)

Please contact me with any questions or concerns,

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