



Academic Policy

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Policy Summary: Students' increased education in anatomy results from an experience made possible by the selfless acts of thoughtful individuals who have voluntarily chosen to donate their bodies to scientific study. These donated cadavers are gifts that must be accorded the dignity and respect they deserve.

Scope: This policy applies to the science department, its faculty and students connected with human specimens.

Definitions:

Here, "cadaver" will refer to plastinated or wet human remains donated for scientific study.

Policy Statement:

1. Use is restricted to enrolled students and instructors of Jackson College. Cadavers on loan from University of Michigan are loaned specifically for the study of anatomical sciences of Jackson College. All policies related to the use, secure storage, and transport of the cadaver and other specimens are set by contract between the University of Michigan Anatomical Donations Program and Jackson College.
2. Rules outlining appropriate and inappropriate behavior in the lab will be provided to students.
3. Students will have a learning contract in any course using human materials. Students will acknowledge that they have read a copy of the lab rules and agree to abide by the rules. Violation of the rules will result in the student receiving an automatic 0.0 in the course.
4. This contract will emphasize respect for not only the plastinated or wet cadaver, but also skeletal material, human organs and any other previously living organism (e.g. cats).
5. No photographs may be taken of human remains, by other than full-time, anatomy and physiology instructors; and use of such photos may only be in Jackson College sessions or posted in secure, electronic locations that are password protected and intended solely for educational purposes.
6. In the event that the cadaver is ever transported to/from the lab, the specimen will not be exposed to public view. Also, not more than one whole body will be placed on one cart/or container and whole bodies will not be stacked one on top of another without adequate external support between them.
7. The cadavers will be kept in locked containment structures (cabinets, gurneys, etc.) inside a locked room or storage area. Access to that room/area will be limited to full-time anatomy and physiology instructors, the department chair and any other individual(s) deemed appropriate by the Human Specimen Use Committee. Any access by others (for cleaning, etc.) must be supervised by an individual with authorized access.



Reference(s):

1. Laboratory Rules for Human Anatomy and Physiology are attached.
2. The Learning Contract can be found in the appendix of the Laboratory Rules for Human Anatomy and Physiology.

Change Log:

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