

## Biology of Sex



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## Textbook

- **There is none!**  
*We're going where few have ever gone. 😊*
- Course Webpage (NOT Blackboard):  
<http://people.fmarion.edu/tbarbeau/biosex.htm>
  - for PDFs of reading assignments
  - for quiz & exam outlines
  - for scores

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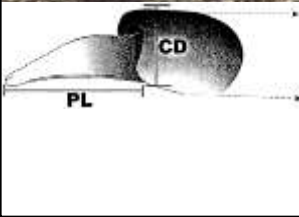
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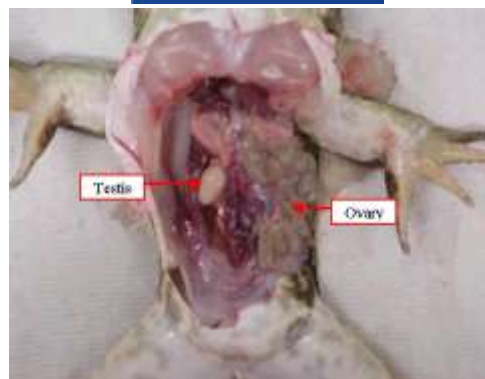
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- Feel free to ask questions (I might not know the ans. but we can discuss it anyway).
- Do NOT belittle other students' questions. This lecture will be a safe space. Be patient with me, and be patient with each other.
- Some subjects might make you uncomfortable. That's okay. You signed up for a class called "Biology of Sex". What did you think would be discussed?

## About me

**Ph.D. studying effects of environmental contaminants on reproductive endocrinology & physiology**



**Environmental Contaminants & Reproductive Endocrinology & Physiology of Amphibians**



**Environmental Contaminants (pesticides, herbicides, industrial chemicals, and others)**



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- *BIOLOGY of sex*
- *Nature* versus *nurture* debate
  - we will examine influence of *biology & evolution* on sex
  - other influences (gender, culture, religion, psychology, sociology, even economics) although important, are NOT covered here. See Gender Studies courses for coverage of topics such as those.

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