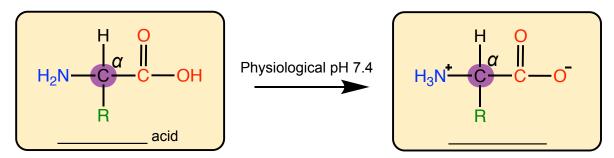
## **CONCEPT: INTRO TO AMINO ACIDS**

• Amino acids: molecules containing an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_ functional group, in addition to an \_\_\_ side chain.



- □ **Zwitterion**: molecule bearing two groups of \_\_\_\_\_ charge.
- \_\_\_\_ α-amino ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) acids make up the building blocks of \_\_\_\_ in living organisms.
  - They possess \_\_\_\_\_ R side chains attached to the  $\alpha$ -carbon.

PRACTICE: What makes every standard amino acid unique?

- a) presence of amino functional group
- b) number of R groups bonded to the  $\alpha\text{-carbon}$
- c) types of proteins they form
- d) type of R group bonded to the  $\alpha$ -carbon