

COURSE OUTLINE

(1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	NATURAL SCIENCES		
ACADEMIC UNIT	DEPT. OF PHYSICS		
LEVEL OF STUDIES	UNDERGRADUATE		
COURSE CODE	220	SEMESTER	7
COURSE TITLE	BIOPHYSICS		
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES <i>if credits are awarded for separate components of the course, e.g. lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If the credits are awarded for the whole of the course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits</i>	WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS	
	4	3	
<i>Add rows if necessary. The organisation of teaching and the teaching methods used are described in detail at (d).</i>			
COURSE TYPE <i>general background, special background, specialised general knowledge, skills development</i>	Special background		
PREREQUISITE COURSES:			
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:	Greek, or English in case foreign students attend the class		
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Yes		
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	https://ecourse.uoi.gr/course/view.php?id=1597		

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

<p>Learning outcomes</p> <p><i>The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate level, which the students will acquire with the successful completion of the course are described.</i></p> <p><i>Consult Appendix A</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Description of the level of learning outcomes for each qualifications cycle, according to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area</i> • <i>Descriptors for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and Appendix B</i> • <i>Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes</i> 								
<p>The course provides highly specialized state-of-the-art knowledge in topics of Biophysics to the student, with emphasis on the physical processes involved in living biosystems, biomimetic systems and the advanced experimental techniques for their study. Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the detailed quantum mechanical principles and thermodynamics of biological processes • analyze quantitatively images and spectra from various techniques • perform simple simulations of molecules • use the basic functions of optical microscopes • propose suitable experimental techniques, combinations and modifications for the study of certain biological systems 								
<p>General Competences</p> <p><i>Taking into consideration the general competences that the degree-holder must acquire (as these appear in the Diploma Supplement and appear below), at which of the following does the course aim?</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><i>Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology</i></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><i>Project planning and management</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><i>Adapting to new situations</i></td> <td style="border: none;"><i>Respect for difference and multiculturalism</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><i>Decision-making</i></td> <td style="border: none;"><i>Respect for the natural environment</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><i>Working independently</i></td> <td style="border: none;"><i>Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology</i>	<i>Project planning and management</i>	<i>Adapting to new situations</i>	<i>Respect for difference and multiculturalism</i>	<i>Decision-making</i>	<i>Respect for the natural environment</i>	<i>Working independently</i>	<i>Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues</i>
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<i>Team work</i> <i>Working in an international environment</i> <i>Working in an interdisciplinary environment</i> <i>Production of new research ideas</i>	<i>Criticism and self-criticism</i> <i>Production of free, creative and inductive thinking</i> <i>Others...</i>
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(3) SYLLABUS

Thermodynamics of biomacromolecules.
 Structure of proteins and other biomacromolecules.
 FTIR, Raman and Circular Dichroism spectroscopy (incl. lab exercise).
 Macromolecular crystallography (incl. lab exercise).
 Optical and magnetic tweezers.
 Optical and confocal microscopy (incl. lab exercise).
 Super-resolution microscopy: Stimulated emission depletion (STED), Ground state depletion (GSD), single molecule localization.
 Solid-state NMR.
 Magnetic Resonance and CT Imaging techniques.
 Introduction to Computational Biophysics, algorithms used in imaging.
 Biomimetic systems: active swimmers, molecular machines, molecular motors.

(4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

DELIVERY <i>Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.</i>	Face-to-face	
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY <i>Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education, communication with students</i>	Most lectures are given as Powerpoint presentations. Lecture presentations and other material are available to the students through the ecourse website of the University of Ioannina. The same system is used for uploading weekly homework and communication with students.	
TEACHING METHODS <i>The manner and methods of teaching are described in detail.</i> <i>Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice, fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography, tutorials, placements, clinical practice, art workshop, interactive teaching, educational visits, project, essay writing, artistic creativity, etc.</i> <i>The student's study hours for each learning activity are given as well as the hours of non-directed study according to the principles of the ECTS</i>	Activity	Semester workload
	Lectures	42
	Laboratory practice	10
	Study of bibliography	3
	Independent study	5
	Essay writing	5
	Preparation of presentation	7
	Final exams	3
	Course total	75
STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION <i>Description of the evaluation procedure</i> <i>Language of evaluation, methods of evaluation, summative or conclusive, multiple choice questionnaires, short-answer questions, open-ended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral examination, public presentation, laboratory work, clinical examination of patient, art interpretation, other</i>	Weekly homework (50%), Oral presentation (20%), Written final exam with multiple-choice questions (30%).	

<p><i>Specifically-defined evaluation criteria are given, and if and where they are accessible to students.</i></p>	
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(5) ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Suggested bibliography:

"Principles of Physical Biochemistry", Kensal E van Holde, Curtis Johnson, Pui Shing Ho, Prentice Hall 2005

"Biophysics, an Introduction" R. Glaser, Springer 2012, 2nd edition

"Physical models of living systems", P. Nelson, W. H. Freeman 2015

- Related academic journals:

Biophysical Journal, Nature, New Journal of Physics, Soft Matter