

CH-403

Mass spectrometry

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Chimiste	MA2	Opt.
UNIL - Sciences forensiques	E	Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Oral
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
Hours	2 weekly
Courses	2 weekly
Number of positions	

Summary

Become familiar with principles of mass spectrometric techniques and their applications in particular in proteomics and metabolomics.

Content

- Mass spectrometry history
- Isotopes and molecular weight
- Mass analyzers
- Ion sources, ion detectors
- Mass spectrometers
- Combination with liquid separation
- Tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS)
- Gas-phase ion chemistry/physics
- Organic mass spectrometry
- Biological mass spectrometry, proteomics
- Mass spectrometry in medical research
- Mass spectrometry in environmental science
- Mass spectrometry in forensics

Keywords

mass
isotopes
electrons
protons
peptide
electrical fields
ionization

Learning Prerequisites**Required courses**

physics
thermodynamics
basic biology
basic chemistry

Important concepts to start the course

atomic structure
molecular structure
peptide structure
ion motion in electrical/magnetic field
ion-molecule collisions
vacuum

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Analyze mass spectra
- Work out / Determine molecular mass
- Choose ionization method
- Propose mass analyzer
- Select appropriately ion detector
- Distinguish charge states
- Reconstruct peptide sequence
- Distinguish types of dissociation

Transversal skills

- Use a work methodology appropriate to the task.

Teaching methods

lecturing
solving problems

Expected student activities

listening lectures
solving problems
asking questions

Assessment methods

oral exam
activity at lectures

Resources**Ressources en bibliothèque**

- [Spectrometrie de masse : Cours et exercices corriges / Hoffmann](#)
- [Mass Spectrometry : Principles and Applications / Hoffmann](#)
- [Mass Spectrometry : A Foundation Course / Downard](#)

Websites

- http://scgc.epfl.ch/telechargement_cours_chimie