

# BIOENG-399 Immunoengineering

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Bioengineering	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Life Sciences Engineering	BA6, MA2, MA4	Opt.
Sciences du vivant	MA2, MA4	Opt.

Language of	English	
teaching		
Credits	4	
Withdrawal	Unauthorized	
Session	Summer	
Semester	Spring	
Exam	Written	
Workload	120h	
Weeks	14	
Hours	4 weekly	
Courses	2 weekly	
Exercises	2 weekly	
Number of	60	
positions		
It is not allowed to withdraw from this subject after the		

registration deadline.

### **Summary**

Immunoengineering is an emerging field where engineering principles are grounded in immunology. This course provides students a broad overview of how engineering approaches can be utilized to study immunology, model immune systems, modulate immune response, and develop novel immunotherapies.

#### Content

### Part 1. Understanding immunology with engineering tools

Introduction of the course and expectation
Overview of the fundamentals of immunology
Definition and scope of immunoengineering
Engineering tools and new technologies to understand immunology
Modeling lymphoid tissues

### Part 2. Engineering novel immunotherapies for diseases

Cancer and cancer immunotherapies
Concept and overview of drug delivery
Materials engineering in the advancement of immunotherapies
Immune cell engineering and genetic engineering
Metabolic engineering and immune modulation
Overview of adaptive immunity and vaccines
Design of immunogenic vaccines
Cell based vaccines
Autoimmunity and tolerogenic vaccines
Protein and antibody engineering

## Part 3. Applications and practical issues

Considerations on immune drug discovery and development

## Keywords

immunology, immunoengineering, vaccines, infectious diseases, autoimmunity, cancer, materials engineering, drug delivery, protein engineering, drug discovery and development

### **Learning Prerequisites**

### Required courses

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### **EPFL**

### Physiologie par systèmes I

## **Learning Outcomes**

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

- Describe the concept of immunoengineering
- Make examples of how engineering approaches has led to advancements in immunotherapy
- Take into consideration how to apply engineering principles to immunology research and applications

### Transversal skills

- · Summarize an article or a technical report.
- · Communicate effectively, being understood, including across different languages and cultures.
- Write a scientific or technical report.

### **Teaching methods**

Lectures integrated with exercises

## **Expected student activities**

Attending lectures, analysing figures from research papers, completing exercises, paper discussion, reading and presenting scientific literatures.

### **Assessment methods**

Exercise: 30%

Final written exam: 70%

### Supervision

Office hours Yes
Assistants Yes
Forum Yes

# Resources

### Bibliography

#### Library resources

How the immune system works: Lauren Sompayrac. 3e

Kuby Immunology: Owen, Pung, Stranford. 7e

Cellular and Molecular Immunology: Abbas & Lichtman. 8e

Janeway's immunobiology: Kenneth Murphy; Charles A. Janeway; Allan Mowat. 8e

## Ressources en bibliothèque

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