

BIO-472

**Cancer biology II**

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| <b>Cursus</b>             | <b>Sem.</b> | <b>Type</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Life Sciences Engineering | MA2, MA4    | Opt.        |

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| Language of teaching       | English             |
| Credits                    | 5                   |
| Session                    | Summer              |
| Semester                   | Spring              |
| Exam                       | During the semester |
| Workload                   | 150h                |
| Weeks                      | 14                  |
| <b>Hours</b>               | <b>5 weekly</b>     |
| Courses                    | 3 weekly            |
| Exercises                  | 2 weekly            |
| <b>Number of positions</b> |                     |

**Summary**

The course covers in detail the interactions of cancer cells with their environment with an emphasis on tumor-angiogenesis, inflammation, adaptive and innate immunity and cancer-induced immune suppression. Additional topics are cancer metabolism, cancer stem cells and metastasis.

**Content**

The 2x5 credit course Cancer Biology I+II starts in the winter semester and continues throughout the summer semester.

**Cancer Biology II covers:**

- complex oncogenic signaling networks and hierarchical tumor organization
- tumor metabolism
- cell death signaling and apoptosis
- cancer histology with practical training
  
- inflammatory signaling in cancer
- tumor angiogenesis
- tumor cell dissemination and metastasis
- innate immunity: pro-tumorigenic roles of inflammation, NK cells
- adaptive immunity: immuno editing, immune evasion, immunotherapy

The weekly lectures will be followed by exercises. The task for these exercises will be student presentations of scientific articles which illustrate the course in order to consolidate the knowledge of the course topics.

**Learning Prerequisites****Recommended courses**

Cancer Biology I  
Immunology

**Assessment methods**

Continuous evaluation during the semester with two intermediate exams

**Resources**

### **Bibliography**

The Biology of Cancer, Robert A. Weinberg

### **Ressources en bibliothèque**

- [The Biology of Cancer, Robert A. Weinberg](#)

### **Moodle Link**

- <https://go.epfl.ch/BIO-472>