

Cursus	Sem.	Type
Biomedical technologies minor	H	Opt.
Life Sciences Engineering	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Microtechnics	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Neuro-X minor	H	Opt.
Neuro-X	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Photonics minor	H	Opt.
Photonics		Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	Winter
Semester	Fall
Exam	Oral
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
Hours	3 weekly
Lecture	2 weekly
Exercises	1 weekly
Number of positions	

Summary

This course addresses the principles governing the interactions between light and biological tissue, their optical properties and basic concepts of radiometry. Illustrative diagnostic and therapeutic applications of light in medicine and photobiology will also be described.

Content

Introduction

Brief history
 Introduction to general optics and tissue optics
 Radiometry and Photometry
 Light dosimetry
 Light-tissues interactions
 Introduction to molecular spectroscopy
 Photosensitizers

Principles and techniques

Absorption, fluorescence and vibrational spectroscopies and imaging.
 Time-resolved spectroscopy and imaging.
 Light sources, detectors and optical systems.

Applications

Analytical techniques, oxymetry, optical biosensors, Photodetection of early cancers with exogenous and endogenous dyes, Angiography, Phototherapy and Photodynamic therapy, optical coherence tomography.

Keywords

Biomedical photonics, tissue optics, light-tissue interactions, photodiagnosis, phototherapy, light dosimetry, dyes, photosensitizers.

Learning Outcomes

- Design simple systems used for phototherapy and photodiagnosis.
- Characterize the spectral design of apparatus used in biomedical optics.
- Compute the light dose in biological tissues.
- Identify the optical components to develop an apparatus used in phototherapy.
- Explain the working principles of apparatus used in biomedical optics.
- Model the propagation of light in biological tissues.
- Quantify the light dose in phototherapy.
- Interpret data obtained or published in photomedicine.

Transversal skills

- Access and evaluate appropriate sources of information.
- Collect data.
- Make an oral presentation.
- Summarize an article or a technical report.
- Communicate effectively with professionals from other disciplines.

Teaching methods

Lectures, Exercises, recent literature review papers, classroom discussion + oral presentation.

Expected student activities

Exercises, lecture of review papers, classroom discussion + oral presentation.

Assessment methods

Oral exam (1/2) + presentation (3/8) + exercises (1/8).

Supervision

Office hours	Yes
Assistants	Yes
Forum	No

Resources**Bibliography**

- Optics / Hecht EBOOK
- Optics / Hecht
- Optical-Thermal Response of Laser Irradiated Tissue / Welch
- Photosensitisers in Biomedicine / Wainwright
- Optics / Hecht
- Handbook of Photomedicine / Hamblin
- Quantitative Biomedical Optics / Bigio
- Handbook of Biomedical Fluorescence / Mycek
- Principles of Fluorescence Spectroscopy / Lakowicz
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- <https://go.epfl.ch/BIOENG-445>

Prerequisite for

Master. Academic research and R/D activities in the industry of this field