

BIOENG-399

Immunoengineering

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Biotechnology minor	H	Opt.
Life Sciences Engineering	BA5, MA1, MA3	Opt.
Materials Science and Engineering	MA1, MA3	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	4
Session	Winter
Semester	Fall
Exam	Written
Workload	120h
Weeks	14
Hours	4 weekly
Lecture	2 weekly
Exercises	2 weekly
Number of positions	

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

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
 Other vaccines
 Protein engineering in vaccine design

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**

This class requires a basic knowledge in biology, physics, chemistry, and materials science. BIO-310 Immunology or an equivalent is required

Learning Outcomes

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

- Specify 1. Understand how to apply engineering principles to immunology research and applications
- 2. Show examples of how engineering approaches has led to advancements in immunotherapy and diagnosis
- 3. Describe the discovery or development of new immunotherapies from recent scientific literatures

Transversal skills

- Communicate effectively with professionals from other disciplines.
- Write a scientific or technical report.

Assessment methods

Scientific essay writing: 30%

Final written exam: 70%

Supervision

Office hours Yes

Assistants Yes

Forum Yes

Others *Library resources*

How the immune system works: Lauren Sompayrac. all versions

Kuby Immunology: Owen, Pung, Stranford. all versions

Cellular and Molecular Immunology: Abbas & Lichtman. all versions

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Resources

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Ressources en bibliothèque

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Notes/Handbook

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