KD2270 Biomaterials 6.0 credits

Biomaterial

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

Establishment

Course syllabus for KD2270 valid from Autumn 2007

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

Second cycle

Main field of study

Biotechnology

Specific prerequisites

4H1065 Materials Science for Materials Design and Engineering, or equivalent.

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

After completion of the course the student will be able to:

- Give examples of application areas for different types of biomaterials.
- Apply knowledge from basic material courses to identify material properties that are critical for metallic, polymer and ceramic biomaterials, or their combination.
- Explain basic physical, chemical and mechanical processes that may occur on biomaterials in use.
- Describe corrosion and degradation processes that occur for different biomaterials and their consequences.
- Select proper type of biomaterial for given applications, taking into account function, health risk and economic aspects.

Course contents

Various types of biomaterials for a wide range of biomedical applications. Basic function and performance of passive and active implant materials. Physical, chemical and mechanical aspects of bulk and surface properties of metallic, polymer and ceramic biomaterials. Principles of surface engineering and combination of different materials. Corrosion and degradation mechanisms of biomaterials in different applications. Choice of biomaterials based on function, biological environments, toxicity and economic aspects. Examination of examples of biomaterials and implant objects and devices, or study visit. Presentation of current research trends.

Course literature

Selected chapters in “Biomaterials Science, An Introduction to Materials in Medicine", edited by B.D. Ratner, A.S. Hoffman, F.J. Schoen and J.E. Lemons. Academic Press. (1996)

Other lecture materials (handouts, compendia).

Examination

- SEM1 - Seminars, 1.5 credits, grading scale: P, F
- TEN1 - Examination, 4.5 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH’s coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years.

Other requirements for final grade

Written exam (TEN1; 4,5 cr)
Seminar (SEM1; 1,5 cr)

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.