



UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / SUBJECT SPECIFICATION

Predmet:	Biofizika I
Subject Title:	Biophysics I

Študijski program Study programme	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Year	Semester Semester
FIZIKA PHYSICS		1	1

Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University subject code:

Predavanja Lectures	Seminar Seminar	Sem. vaje Tutorial	Lab. vaje Labor work	Teren. vaje Field work	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
30	20				250	10

Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:

Jeziki / Languages:	Predavanja / Lecture:	slovenski/Slovenian in/and angleški s slovenskim prevodom/English with translation in Slovenian
	Vaje / Tutorial:	<input type="text"/>

Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje študijskih obveznosti:

Ni posebnih zahtev.

Prerequisites:

No special prerequisites.

Vsebina:

Strukturiranje vode:  
- tekmovanje interakcij v različnih lokalnih okoljih  
- pogled na različnih časovnih skalah  
Kompleksne strukture na osnovi DNK molekul:  
- osnove kvadrolekskov in drugih kompleksnih DNK struktur,  
- energetski, kinetični in dinamični vidiki,  
- DNK kvadroleksi v biologiji in človeškem genomu  
- G-kvartet v supramolekularni kemiji in nanotehnologiji.  
Raziskovanje struktur proteinov:  
- dinamika različnih strukturnih elementov proteinov  
- vpliv okolja proteinov na njihove lastnosti  
- moč in slabosti klasičnih visoko ločljivih eksperimentalnih metod za določanje proteinskih struktur  
- alternativne metode in njihove kombinacije za določanje proteinskih struktur  
Samoorganizacija proteinskih molekul v virusih:  
- življenski cikel virusa  
- energetika virusov, urejenost proteinskih mrež  
Molekularni stroji:  
- ATPase, miozinski motorji  
- funkcija mikrotubulov  
- ionski kanali v delovanju  
Pomen lateralne heterogenosti bioloških membran:  
- fazni diagrami hidriranih lipidnih mešanic, koesistenca faz in njihova dinamika, tekmovanje energije in entropije

Content (Syllabus outline):

Water Structure:  
- Interaction competition in various local environments, at  
- View through different time scales  
DNA-based complex structures:  
- Basics of quadruplex and other DNA structures  
- Energy, kinetic, dynamic view  
- DNA quadruplex in biology and human genome  
- G-quartet in supramolecular chemistry and nanotechnology  
Protein structure exploration:  
- Dynamics of different protein structural elements  
- Environmental impact on protein structural properties  
- Advantages / disadvantages of classical high-resolution experimental methods for protein structure determination  
- Alternative methods and their combinations for protein structure determination  
Self-organization of protein molecules in viruses:  
- Virus life cycle  
- Energetics of viruses, ordering in protein networks  
Molecular machines:  
- ATPase, myosin motors,  
- Function of microtubule  
- Ion channels in action  
The importance of biomembrane lateral heterogeneity:  
- Phase diagrams of hydrated lipid mixtures, phase coexistence and their dynamics, energy / entropy competition

- interakcija peptidov in toksinov z membranami  
 - membranske domene in rafti - pogled skozi različne eksperimentalne metode  
 Ekstracelularne polisaharidne mreže:  
 - samoorganizacija polisaharidnih mrež  
 - biološko/biofizikalno relevantne posledice strukturiranosti prostora in usmerjene difuzije

- Peptide-membrane / toxin-membrane interaction  
 - Function role of membrane domains and rafts – an overview through different experimental methods  
 Extra-cellular polysaccharide networks:  
 - Self-assembly of polysaccharide networks  
 - Biologically / biophysically relevant consequences of spatial structure / rheology and constrained diffusion

**Temeljni literatura in viri / Textbook:**

1. J. Israelaschvili: Intermolecular Interactions & Surface Forces. Academic Press, London, 1992.
2. R.J. Nossal in H. Lecar: Molecular and Cell Biophysics. Addison Wesley, NY, 1991.
3. S. Kauffman: At home in the universe: the search for laws of complexity. Penguin Science, London 1995.
4. Ahmed H. Zewail: Physical Biology: From Atoms to Medicine (Paperback), Imperial College Press, 2008
5. Tom Waigh: Applied Biophysics: A Molecular Approach for Physical Scientists, Willey-Interscience, 2007
6. Martin Beckerman: Molecular and Cellular Signaling, Springer, 2005

**Cilji:**

Študenti poglobijo znanje s področja molekularne biofizike na trenutno najbolj vročih problemih. Razumejo pomembnost in moč interdisciplinarnih znanj ter način razmišljanja pri reševanju struktur in funkcij kompleksnih bioloških sistemov. Nadgradijo svoje poznavanje o najnovejših raziskavah in delu raziskovalnih skupin na tem področju v regiji.

**Objectives:**

Students acquire advanced knowledge on molecular biophysics on the current hot topics. Students learn an importance and power of the interdisciplinary skills as well as the way of thinking while resolving structure and function of complex biological systems. Students get familiar with up-to-date research work and research teams working in that field in the region.

**Predvideni študijski rezultati:**

Znanja in razumevanja:  
 Poglobljanje in nadgradnja interdisciplinarnih znanj s področij molekularne biofizike in mejnih področij molekularne biologije ter fizikalne biokemije.  
 Prenosljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:  
 - sposobnost reševanja konkretnih interdisciplinarnih raziskovalnih problemov v molekularno bioloških vedah s fizikalnimi orodji, univerzalnosti v fiziki in celostnim pristopom k reševanju biofizikalnih problemov,  
 - sposobnost oblikovanja in implementacije izvirnih znanstvenih rešitev v danih biofizikalnih in interdisciplinarnih problemov,  
 - poglobljeno razumevanje teoretskih in metodoloških molekularno biofizikalnih konceptov.

**Intended learning outcomes:**

Knowledge and Understanding:  
 Gaining additional knowledge and upgrading interdisciplinary approach in the fields of molecular biophysics, molecular biology and physical biochemistry.  
 Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:  
 - ability of solving interdisciplinary problems in molecular biology sciences with physical tools, universalities in physics and gained global approach on solving a biophysical problem,  
 - ability of defining and implementing unique scientific solution within defined biophysical and interdisciplinary problems  
 - deeper understanding of theoretical and methodological molecular biophysical concepts.

**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

Predavanja, seminar in izdelava seminarske naloge iz področja molekularne biofizike.

**Learning and teaching methods:**

Lectures, seminar and work out of seminar work from the field of molecular biophysics.

**Načini ocenjevanja:**

Delež (v %) /  
 Weight (in %)

**Assessment:**

Seminarska naloga	<b>50</b>	Coursework
Ustni izpit	<b>50</b>	Oral exam