



Univerza v Mariboru

Fakulteta za naravoslovje  
in matematiko

**UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS**

<b>Predmet:</b>	<b>Izbrana poglavja iz molekularne biofizike</b>
<b>Course title:</b>	<b><i>Selected Topics in Molecular Biophysics</i></b>

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
Doktorski študij Ekološke znanosti, 3. stopnja		1. ali 2.; 1st or 2nd	1. 2. ali 3. ; 1st, 2nd or 3rd
Doctoral Study Ecological Sciences, 3rd degree			

**Vrsta predmeta / Course type**

**Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University course code:**

Predavanja Lectures	Seminar Seminar	Vaje Tutorial	Lab. vaje Laboratory work	Terenske vaje Field work	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
5	5				140	5

**Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:**

<b>Jeziki /</b>	<b>Predavanja / Lectures:</b>	slovenski / slovene
<b>Languages:</b>	<b>Vaje / Tutorial:</b>	slovenski / slovene

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

Poznavanje fizike na ravni douniverzitetnega in biologije na ravni univerzitetnega programa

**Prerequisites:**

Knowledge of physics at undergraduate and biology at graduate level

**Vsebina:**

Obravnavana so izbrana poglavja iz naslednjih sklopov.

- Kemijske vezi, medatomske in medmolekularne interakcije. Struktura biotskih makromolekul (beljakovine, nukleinske kisline, polisaharidi) in supramolekularnih kompleksov (lipoproteini, biotska membrana). Kooperativna vezava ligandov na makromolekule in alosterični

**Content (Syllabus outline):**

Selected topics in the following chapters are discussed.

- Chemical bonds, intra- and intermolecular forces.

Structure of biotic macromolecules (proteins, nucleic acids, polysaccharides) and supramolecular complexes (lipoproteins, biological membrane). Cooperative ligand binding to macromolecules and allosteric

pojavi.

Encimske reakcije. Zveza med strukturo in biotsko funkcijo makromolekularnih in supramolekularnih sistemov ter regulacija biotske aktivnosti. Voda, njena struktura in pomen za biotske sisteme. Dinamika konformacijskih sprememb makromolekul.

- Biofizika celicnega skeleta in molekularnih

mehanizmov subcelicnih dimenzij. Mikrotubuli, mikrofilamenti. Pogonski proteini: miozini, kinezini, dineini; krčenje mišice, mitoza, transport organelov, gibanje bickov in migetalk.

- Biofizika celicne membrane in celice. Struktura

biotske celice. Osmozno ravnovesje in kislinsko-bazno ravnotežje. Metabolizem celice.

Mehanske lastnosti celicne membrane, oblika celice in njene transformacije. Transport skozi celicno membrano. Električne osnove vzdražnosti celice in prenos električnega impulza. Znotrajcelicna in medcelicna signalizacija in komunikacija.

- Pregled nekaterih eksperimentalnih metod v

molekularni biofiziki: rentgenska kristalografija, absorpcijska in fluorescencna spektroskopija, spektroskopske metode NMR in EPR.

phenomena. Enzymatic reactions. Relation between structure and function of macromolecular and supramolecular systems, regulation of biotic activity. Water, its structure and meaning for biotic systems. Dynamics of conformational changes of macromolecules.

- Biophysics of cytoskeleton and molecular

mechanisms of subcellular scales. Microtubules, microfilaments. Motor proteins: myosins, kinesins, dyneins; muscle contraction, mitosis, transport of organelles, cilia and flagella movement. protein motors

- Cell and cell membrane biophysics. Structure of the biotic cell. Osmotic and acid-base

equilibrium. Cell metabolism. Mechanical properties of cell membrane; cell shape and its transformation. Transmembraneous transports. Electrical base of the cell excitability and propagation of the nerve pulse. Intra- and intercellular signalisation and communications.

- Overview of selected experimental methods in

molecular biophysics: X-ray crystallography, absorption and fluorescence spectroscopy, spectroscopic methods NMR and EPR.

### Temeljni literatura in viri / Readings:

Dill, K. A., S. Bromberg, 2003: Molecular Driving Forces: Statistical Thermodynamics in Chemistry and

Biology, Garland Science, New York. – Uvodna poglavja / introductory chapters.

Flyvbjerg, H., J. Hertz, M. H. Jensen, O. G. Mouritsen, K. Sneppen (Eds.), 1997: Physics of Biological Systems from Molecules to Species; Springer, New York.

Glaser, R., 2012: Biophysics, Springer, New York.

Univerzitetni ucbeniki biokemije in celicne biologije / university textbooks of biochemistry and cell biology.

**Cilji in kompetence:**

Študent se podrobno seznani s strukturo in funkcijo biotskih sistemov oziroma njihovih gradnikov na molekularni in makromolekularni ravni, na stopnji supramolekularne organiziranosti, na ravni celice in interakcije med njimi. Celoten kurz temelji na konceptih in metodah teoreticne biofizike.

**Objectives and competences:**

The main aim of the course is to present advanced structure and function of biotic systems with respect to different levels of organisation and complexity, from molecules to the cell and tissue. The approach is based on concepts and methods of theoretical biophysics.

**Predvideni študijski rezultati:**

Znanje in razumevanje:

- Študenti usvojijo podrobno znanje o strukturi biotskih sistemov in razume njihovo delovanje na osnovi fizikalnih konceptov in zakonitosti

Prenesljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:

- Študenti znajo uporabiti zahtevna matematična in fizikalna orodja in modele za kvantitativno obravnavo strukture in funkcije biotskih sistemov

**Intended learning outcomes:**

Knowledge and Understanding:

- Students get advanced knowledge of structure and function of selected biotic systems based on fundamental principles and concepts of physics

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

- Students are able to use complex mathematical and physical tools and models for quantitative studies of structure and function of biotic systems

**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

Predavanja  
Seminar; seminarska naloga z izbranega področja iz biofizike  
Seminarske vaje

**Learning and teaching methods:**

Lectures  
Seminar; coursework from selected field in biophysics  
Tutorials

**Načini ocenjevanja:**

Seminarska naloga  
Pisni kolkvij  
Ustni izpit

Delež (v %) /

Weight (in %)

**Assessment:**

Seminar essay  
Written partial exam  
Oral exam

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**Reference nosilca / Lecturer's references:**

DOBOVIŠEK, Andrej, ŽUPANOVIĆ, Paško, BRUMEN, Milan, JURETIĆ, Davor. Maximum entropy production and maximum Shannon entropy as Germane principles for the evolution of enzyme kinetics. V: DEWAR, Roderick C. (ur.). Beyond the second law : entropy production and non-equilibrium systems, (Springer complexity), (Understanding complex systems, ISSN 1860-0832). Berlin; Heidelberg: Springer, cop. 2014, str. 361-382, graf. prikazi. [COBISS.SI-ID 20311048]

BOHINC, Klemen. Including solvent-mediated interactions into the Poisson-Boltzmann theory : doctoral dissertation. [Maribor: K. Bohinc], 2012. 124 str., ilustr. <http://dkum.uni-mb.si/Dokument.php?id=48710>. [COBISS.SI-ID 262942464]

DOBOVIŠEK, Andrej, ŽUPANOVIĆ, Paško, BRUMEN, Milan, BONAČIĆ LOŠIĆ, Željana, KUIĆ, Domagoj, JURETIĆ, Davor. Enzyme kinetics and the maximum entropy production principle. Biophysical chemistry, ISSN 0301-4622. [Print ed.], 2011, vol. 154, iss. 2/3, str. 49-55, doi: 10.1016/j.bpc.2010.12.009. [COBISS.SI-ID 18206984]

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