



Univerza v Mariboru

Fakulteta za naravoslovje  
in matematiko

### UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>Predmet:</b>	<b>Atomistične simulacije biomolekul</b>
<b>Course title:</b>	<b>Atomistic simulations of biomolecules</b>

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
FIZIKA		1. ali 2.	1., 2. ali 3.
PHYSICS		1. or 2.	1., 2. or 3.

**Vrsta predmeta / Course type**

Izbirni za modul Biofizika 3, Fizika 1, 2 in 3

**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
7	3				290	10

**Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:**

Franci Merzel

**Jeziki /**

**Languages:**

**Predavanja /**

**Lectures:**

**Vaje / Tutorial:**

slovenski/Slovenian

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

Ni posebnih zahtev.

**Prerequisites:**

No special prerequisites.

**Vsebina:**

- Opis kvantnih in klasičnih prostostnih stopenj ter interakcij pri biomolekularnih sistemih
- Simulacije različnih statistično-mehanskih porazdelitev
- Napredne metode in algoritmi za

**Content (Syllabus outline):**

- Description of quantum and classical degrees of freedom and corresponding interactions in biomolecular systems
- Simulating various statistical-mechanical ensembles - Advanced simulation methods and algorithms

<p>simulacije</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Struktura, dinamika in funkcija biomolekul</li> <li>• Analiza normalnih načinov nihanja</li> <li>• Povezava z glavnimi eksperimentalnimi tehnikami za določanje strukture (rentgenska kristalografija, NMR spektroskopija) in dinamike (IR in nevtronska spektroskopija)</li> <li>• Računanje proste energije pri biokemijskih procesih (vezava ligandov)</li> <li>• Problem zvijanja proteinov</li> <li>• Simulacije agregacije polipeptidov</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure, dynamics and function of biomolecules</li> <li>• Normal mode analysis</li> <li>• Simulation methods versus experimental techniques for structure determination (X-ray crystallography, NMR) and for studying dynamics (light and neutron spectroscopy)</li> <li>• Calculating free energies in biochemical processes (ligand binding)</li> <li>• Protein folding problem</li> <li>• Simulating polypeptide aggregation</li> </ul>
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### Temeljni literatura in viri / Readings:

- 1) A. R. Leach, Molecular Modelling: Principles and Applications, Prentice Hall, 2001.
- 2) D. Frenkel, B. Smit, Understanding Molecular Simulation: From Algorithms to Applications, Academic Press, 2002.
- 3) M. Daune, Molecular biophysics: Structures in motion, Oxford, University Press, 1999.

### Cilji in kompetence:

Študenti poglobijo znanje s področja modeliranja v molekularni biofiziki. Študenti so sposobni uporabiti metode molekularnega modeliranja pri konkretnih problemih iz molekularne biofizike. Spoznajo pomembnost povezanosti računalniških simulacij z eksperimentalnimi metodami. Spoznajo najnovejše raziskave in delo raziskovalnih skupin na tem področju po svetu in v regiji.

### Objectives and competences:

Students acquire advanced knowledge in the field of modeling in molecular biophysics. Students are able to apply methods of molecular modeling to solve various problems in molecular biophysics. They learn about the importance of the link between computer simulations and experimental methods. Students get familiar with up-to-date research work and research teams working in that field in the region and worldwide.

### Predvideni študijski rezultati:

Znanje in razumevanje:

Poglobljeno razumevanje in sposobnost formulacije problemov iz molekularne biofizike na atomskem nivoju ter njihovo reševanje s sodobnimi računalniškimi metodami.

Prenosljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:

### Intended learning outcomes:

Knowledge and understanding:

Deeper understanding of - and abilities to formulate - problems in molecular biophysics on atomic-detail level and solving these problems using modern computational methods.

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

Sposobnost razvoja in uporabe izvirnih znanstvenih rešitev pri konstruiranju matematičnih modelov molekularne biofizike ter njihova predstavitev v mednarodni znanstveni periodiki.	Skills for development and implementation of original scientific solutions in constructing mathematical models of molecular biophysics. Presentation of acquired knowledge and research results in international scientific journals.
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**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

Predavanja, seminar in izdelava samostojnih raziskovalnih/seminarskih nalog.

**Learning and teaching methods:**

Lectures, seminar and work out of individual research seminars.

Načini ocenjevanja:	Delež (v %) / Weight (in %)	Assessment:
Način (pisni izpit, ustno izpraševanje, naloge, projekt)		Type (examination, oral, coursework, project):
Seminarska naloga	<b>50%</b>	Coursework
Ustni izpit	<b>50%</b>	Oral exam

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

- MIRTIČ, Andreja, MERZEL, Franci, GRDADOLNIK, Jože. The amide III vibrational circular dichroism band as a probe to detect conformational preferences of alanine dipeptide in water. *Biopolymers*, ISSN 0006-3525, Jul. 2014, vol. 101, iss. 7, str. 814-818, ilustr. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/bip.22460/pdf>, doi: 10.1002/bip.22460. [COBISS.SI-ID 5482522]
- PODOBNIK, Marjetka, SIDDIQUI, Nida, REBOLJ, Katja, NAMBI, Subhalaxmi, MERZEL, Franci, VISWESWARIAH, Sandhya S. Allostery and conformational dynamics in cAMP-binding acyltransferases. *The Journal of biological chemistry*, ISSN 0021-9258, Jun. 2014, vol. 289, iss. 23, str. 16588-16600. <http://www.jbc.org/content/289/23/16588.abstract>, doi: 10.1074/jbc.M114.560086. [COBISS.SI-ID 5463578]
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