

# Introduction to Biosensor Technology

Programme course

6 credits

Introduktion till biosensorteknik

TFYA62

Valid from: 2017 Spring semester

**Determined by**

Board of Studies for Electrical Engineering,  
Physics and Mathematics

**Date determined**

2017-01-25

## Main field of study

Applied Physics, Physics, Biomedical Engineering

## Course level

First cycle

## Advancement level

G2X

## Course offered for

- Biomedical Engineering, M Sc in Engineering
- Industrial Engineering and Management - International, M Sc in Engineering
- Industrial Engineering and Management, M Sc in Engineering

## Entry requirements

Note: Admission requirements for non-programme students usually also include admission requirements for the programme and threshold requirements for progression within the programme, or corresponding.

## Prerequisites

Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Materials for Biomedical Engineering

## Intended learning outcomes

The purpose of the course is to provide a broad introduction to biosensor technology including:

- Working principle of the biosensors,
- Biosensors classification,
- Use of biological macromolecules as sensing elements,
- Presenting how engineering and biology can be used to perform diagnosis.

After finishing the course the student should be able to:

- Describe the working principles of biosensors,
- Explain the nature and mechanism of the biorecognition event,
- Describe and explain the main transduction techniques used in biosensor technology,
- Evaluate a sensor based on standard performance criteria and appropriateness for a given application.

## Course content

- Introduction to biosensors,
- Biorecognition elements,
- Transduction principle,
- Surface functionalization in biosensors,
- Surface plasmon resonance biosensors (Biacore),
- Catalytic biosensors (glucosensor),
- Antibodies based biosensors,
- DNA based biosensors,
- Nanomaterial in biosensor technology,
- Microsystem working principles and their application to biosensor technology,
- Analytical parameters for sensor evaluation.

## Teaching and working methods

The course includes tutorial sessions, seminars, lectures, group works and laboratory work.

Laboratory work:

Laboratory tasks/demonstrations will be held at the IFM: students will be asked to prepare, for each demonstration/exercise, a report or to answer to a questionnaire.

Group work

Students will be divided in teams, and each team will be assigned a research article. Each team will be asked to prepare a presentation (to be present in front of the class).

Moreover each student will be asked to prepare a individual assay to demonstrate her/his understanding of the assigned article.

## Examination

UPG1	Group work of exercise	U, G	2.5 credits
LAB1	Laboratory work and reports	U, G	1 credits
TEN1	Written tests	U, 3, 4, 5	2.5 credits

Grading will be based on final written test, laboratory reports and group work exercise. When all assignments are approved a final grade will be calculated as a weighted mean where the written examination gives 60% of the final mark and the group work will contribute with 40%.

## Grades

Four-grade scale, LiU, U, 3, 4, 5

## Department

Institutionen för fysik, kemi och biologi

## Director of Studies or equivalent

Magnus Boman

## Examiner

Edwin Jager

## Course website and other links

<http://www.ifm.liu.se/edu/coursescms/tfya62/>

## Education components

Preliminary scheduled hours: 80 h  
Recommended self-study hours: 80 h

## Course literature

Föreläsningsanteckningar, artiklar och senare bestämt litteratur Handbook of Biosensors and Biochips; Robert S. Marks, Christopher R. Lowe, David C. Cullen, Howard H. Weetall, Isao Karube, (2007) Wiley (e-book). Chemical sensors and biosensors; Brian R.

Eggins (2002) Wiley (tillgänglig i biblioteket). Biosensors. The Practical Approach Series,  
Cooper, Jonathan M.; Cass, Anthony E. G. (2004), Volume 268 (tillgänglig i biblioteket).

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